## Band Instrument Characteristics

Characteristics	FLUTE (10-12)	OBOE (4-5)	CLARINET (15-20)	BASSOON (1)	SAX (6-9)
Student traits needed for	small aperture		ability to flatten chin	long fingers	gentle embouchure
success		mouth is closed		coordination	strong work ethic
		gentle embouchure		dexterity	
				focus/concentration	
Student traits that hinder success	"cupid's bow" in lips	short upper lip	cannot close lips		underbite
			around mouthpiece		
Academic rigor of instrument	moderate	high	moderate	very high	high
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Need for private study	moderate	high	moderate	very high	high
Instrument cost	low	low	low	very high	moderate
On-going instrument maintenance	moderate	high	moderate	very high	moderate
Prepatory experiences	any	piano is helpful	any	piano is helpful	piano is helpful
		any		success on another	
				band instr.	
				instructor approval	

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Characteristics	CORNET (12-20)	HORN (4-6)	TROMBONE (8-12)	BARITONE (5)	TUBA (3)	PERCUSSION (5-8)
Student traits needed for	firm corners	small apeture	strong work ethic	open apeture	independence	coordination
success	small apeture	concentration/focus			strong air capacity	keyboard experience
		firm corners				concentration/focus
						independence
Student traits that hinder	large overbite	large overbite				cannot read music
student success	large underbite	large underbite				
Academic rigor of	moderate	very high	moderately to high	moderate	high	very high
instrument		7 8	7 3			7 0
Need for private study	moderate	high	moderate to high	moderate	high	high
Instrument cost	low	high	low	moderate	high	high
					school instruments	
					are available	
On-going instrument	low	low	low	low	low	moderate
maintenance						
Prepatory experiences	any	piano is helpful	any	any	any	2 years formal
		choir is helpful				piano training