

Beginner Band Students "Instrument Demonstration by the U.S. Army Band" on YouTube

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Beginner Band Instruments Demonstration (U.S. Army Band),**To New Band Students and Parents: Selecting an Instrument - Demonstrations**

Welcome to the world of playing an instrument and your school band program. Like many programs, we have been forced to do many things online, like signing up for band classes and renting instruments. The instruments that are selected in our beginner program are listed below. Certainly you may use your own instrument, however many students/parents rent their instrument for the first year. Music and Arts Stores have been selected for the Diocese of Arlington Schools and have a variety of choices of renting and delivering an instrument directly to you. Music and Arts also has a preferred accessory list for every band director at each school. Be sure to purchase our book, **Essential Elements Book 1** for your instrument.

Beginner Instruments include:

Flute

Clarinet

Alto Sax

Trumpet

Trombone

Baritone (director's approval)

Drums

Be sure to watch the informative video with your student about playing all the instruments. Sorry, there are a few instruments not available to beginning 4th grade students, such as bassoon, tuba, French horn or the oboe. All others are open to all students and time should be taken to hear all the sounds of the instruments before choosing just one instrument.

Here is the youtube video of the demonstrations, be sure to be present when watching this video to help with offering the best advice for your student.

<https://youtu.be/CCTeSjpDsIs>

What instrument have you enjoyed listening to?; and what instrument makes you want to play it?

Sincerely, your band director.
Barry Ward