

## Necessary Equipment and where to get it

In addition to the online sources listed here, this equipment can also be found at the new Bocal Majority store at 420 N. Coit Rd. in Richardson.

- **Oboe** with case—this will be provided by your school.
- **Swab**—should be available from many music stores. I recommend against getting the kind of swab that goes all the way through the oboe UNLESS it has a tail on it so that you can pull it back out safely if it gets stuck.
- **Reeds**— I recommend (<http://bocalmajoritystore.com/product-category/oboe-reeds-cane/>) or (<https://www.prismreeds.com>). Beginner or basic reeds should suffice for beginners. **Please expect to purchase at least three reeds each month.** I realize that reeds are expensive, but they are vital to any oboist's success.
- **Empty film case** to soak reeds in—should be free at most pharmacies, or anywhere else that develops film. Alternatively, you can buy a reed soaker, but the empty film cases work just as well, and they're free.
- **Reed case**—so all those expensive reeds don't break. The Protec reed case is the most economical (<http://www.amazon.com/Pro-A252-Oboe-Reed-Case/dp/B0051SJ5Z2/>). If you're interested in a higher-end option, Bocal Majority carries several nice options.
- **Book**—Beginners: Belwin/Alfred Student Instrumental Course, Oboe Student level one ([http://www.amazon.com/Student-Instrumental-Course-Oboe/dp/0757982891/ref=pd\\_sim\\_b\\_1](http://www.amazon.com/Student-Instrumental-Course-Oboe/dp/0757982891/ref=pd_sim_b_1))
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders: Belwin/Alfred Student Instrumental Course, Oboe Student level two (<http://www.amazon.com/Student-Instrumental-Course-Oboe-Level/dp/0757994903>)
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders: the Barret Oboe Method (<http://www.amazon.com/Method-Kalmus-Edition-Alfred-Publishing/dp/0739077449>, or available for printing at [http://imslp.org/wiki/Complete\\_Method\\_for\\_Oboe\\_\(Barret,\\_Apollon\\_Marie-Rose\)](http://imslp.org/wiki/Complete_Method_for_Oboe_(Barret,_Apollon_Marie-Rose)))
- **Tuner and Metronome** (available from most music stores, or online. I recommend the small Korg tuners and metronomes. A combination tuner/metronome is fine.)
- **Pencils**
- **Cork grease**
- **Music Stand** to practice with at home.

### Optional:

- **Ungummed cigarette paper**—used for getting water out of tone holes. Don't use anything else for that; the pads on an oboe can be pretty sensitive. (<http://store.mmimports.com/cigarette-papers>, <http://forrestsmusic.com/swabs.htm>)
- **Oboe stand**
- **A notebook or journal** to help the student keep track of his or her progress during lessons and remember what to work on for the upcoming week.
- **A bag** of some sort to carry your music and oboe stuff in. It can be anything, but it should be able to hold your reed case and reed soaker securely, and you should be able to put all your music in it without bending any. If you have a case with a large pocket, this may be unnecessary, but if you have an older hard case, you may find it helpful.