

REEDS 101

for parents of reed players

Students need to have many reeds at a time. Ideally they will rotate between four at a time. When a student does not have a reed, they cannot play. It is also unhealthy to play a reed beyond its lifetime. We recommend **Rico Royal** Reeds for their value and playability.

Quinlan and Fabish order by phone (630) 654-4111, or qandf.com
box of 10 delivered to Parker on Tuesdays

Clarinet:	\$19.99
Alto sax:	\$24.99
Tenor Sax:	\$36.99
Bari sax:	\$40.99

Ask your director what number (strength) reed to get. Generally it is as follows:

Clarinet

5 th grade	2 ½
6 th grade	3
7 th /8 th grade	3 or 3 ½

Alto sax

5 th grade	2
6 th grade	2 ½
7 th /8 th grade	2 ½ or 3

Tenor Sax	2 or 2 ½
Bari Sax	2



Reeds can also be purchased at Melody Mart in Homewood.

It is OK to order them from Amazon, but please **do not** buy the really inexpensive reeds. They are knock-offs, and play very flat or not at all.

If you want to pay more for a nicer reed, we recommend VanDoren reeds. You might want to order one strength down, however, as they are harder than Rico Royal reeds.

Students should be keeping their reeds in a **reed guard**.

