

Reed Strength Chart

Instrument	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Clarinet*	Vandoren (Blue Box) - 3 Vandoren (V12 Silver Box) - 3	Vandoren (V12 Silver Box) - 3 Vandoren (V12 Silver Box) - 3 ½	Vandoren (V12 Silver Box) - 3 ½ Vandoren (V12 Silver Box) - 4
Bass Clarinet*	Vandoren (Blue Box) - 3	Vandoren (Blue Box) - 3	Vandoren (Blue Box) - 3 Vandoren (Blue Box) - 3½
Alto Sax*,**	Vandoren (Blue Box) - 2 ½ Vandoren (Blue Box) - 3	Vandoren (Blue Box) - 3 Vandoren (Blue Box) - 3 ½	Vandoren (Blue Box) - 3 ½ Vandoren (Blue Box) - 4
Tenor Sax*,**	N/A	Vandoren (Blue Box) - 3 ½ Vandoren (Blue Box) - 4	Vandoren (Blue Box) - 3 ½ Vandoren (Blue Box) - 4
Bari Sax*,**	N/A	Vandoren (Blue Box) - 3 ½ Vandoren (Blue Box) - 4	Vandoren (Blue Box) - 3 ½ Vandoren (Blue Box) - 4
Oboes & Bassoons	Reeds hand-made by private lesson teacher	Reeds hand-made by private lesson teacher	Reeds hand-made by private lesson teacher

* All Single Reed Players should have 4 working reeds at all times. Fewer than that and it is time to get a new box. **Do not wait until you have only 1 reed left to buy a new box.**

** Saxophone players should **not** purchase Vandoren **Java** or **V16** reeds. These reeds are made for a different type of playing that they will be doing at Downing.