

REED TIPS

Always handle the reed with the bottom end of the reed that is thicker.

The tips of reeds are VERY fragile and should not be handled.



When a reed gets chipped, it is no longer usable.

When not being used, reeds should be stored in either the hard plastic case that it came in or a "Reed Guard" case that can hold up to 4 reeds.



Reeds ALWAYS need to be removed from the clarinet after playing. Otherwise, it can get moldy!!!!



Purchasing Reeds

- The more reeds there are in the box, the less expensive the cost is.
- Plastic reeds are an option! Plastic reeds are more expensive per reed, but will last for a long time.
 - Please ask the director for some recommendations!

Reed Strength

- Clarinet reeds are marked as different strengths. The higher the number, the harder the reed is.
 - 5th grade clarinet players should be using a 2 ½ strength reed.

Reed Lifespan

- A reed averages about 10 hours of playing time.
 - Approximately 3 weeks for 5th grade clarinet players.