

What do I need for Band?

Required Supplies for All Classes:

- *One inch black 3-ring binder*
- *Five Binder Dividers*
- *Music Book*
 - **6th Grade:** Essencial Elements Book One and Blue Solo Book
 - **7th Grade:** Foundations of Superior Performance and Blue Solo Book
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- *An Instrument in good, working condition*
- *Sharpened Pencil*
- *Instrument Supplies*
 - **Flute:** Cleaning rod and cloth. Our local music stores have cleaning kits available for purchase that contain all of these items.
 - **Clarinets and Saxophones:** Vandoren or Rico reeds (I suggest buying a box of ten to start), cleaning swab, cork grease, neck strap (required for saxophones and suggested for clarinet).
 - **Trumpet, Baritone/Euphonium, and Tuba:** Cleaning equipment (snake, mouthpiece brush, and valve brush), valve oil, and tuning slide grease. Our local music stores have cleaning kits available for purchase that contain all of these items.
 - **Trombone:** Cleaning equipment (snake and mouthpiece brush), tuning slide grease, and slide-o-mix. Our local music stores have cleaning kits available for purchase that contain most of these items.
 - **Percussion:** See percussion equipment and supplies below

Suggested Supplies for All Classes:

- Korg CA-2 Chromatic Tunner
- Korg CM300BK Contact Microphoe for Korg Tuners

If you have any questions or concerns about supplies, please contact Mr. Englund.

Instrument Shops

Music Medics, Matt Wilson
(406) 552-0241
333 SW Higgins Ave.

ESP
(406) 728-1117
819 S Higgins

Morgenroth Music Center
(800) 462-0013
1105 W Sussex

Percussion Equipment & Supplies

Percussion is a unique instrument. The fundamentals are different; how we make sound is different; the amount of instruments we have to play is different; and, we don't even get to sit down during rehearsals!

The district provides tens of thousands of dollars in percussion equipment to use every year. To help with the maintenance of these instruments, we require **every percussionist to pay a \$35 percussion fee every year**. This is so that percussionists can use high-quality equipment. Something to note: this is less than a wind instrument rental for the year - and percussionist get to use more instruments.

In addition, percussionists are required to have a certain set of supplies. While the initial investment of these supplies is larger than some other instruments, sticks and mallets should last students well into high school if they are taken care of.

Required Materials

- Stick Bag
- Practice Pad (mostly kept at home, but sometimes used at the school - not included in school rental packs)
- Concert Snare Drum Sticks (NO NYLON TIPS!)
 - Vic Firth SD1 General
- Medium/Hard Rubber Xylophone Mallets
 - Salyers E70 Medium Rubber Mallets or equivalent
- Cord or Yarn Vibraphone/Marimba Mallets
 - Salyers E20 Medium/Hard Yarn Mallets or equivalent

Optional, but good to have:

- General Timpani Mallets
- Hard Plastic/Acrylic Bell Mallets
- Staccato/Hard Timpani Mallets
- Medium Yarn Marimba Mallets
- Brushes (especially if in jazz band)