



## 2020-2021 Guidelines for Percussionists

Dear students and parents:

Because of the fundamental differences between percussionists and the rest of the band, there are some different expectations for percussion players. I'm hoping that this might give percussionists clearer expectations and guidance.

When the band is playing a song, every percussionist should be playing something. This keeps everyone active, attentive, and helps with the overall sound of the band. For example, if one percussionist is playing snare drum, then the others should be playing an auxiliary part (tambourine, cowbell, etc), xylophone, or bells. Percussionists should take turns playing the different parts for different songs. During rehearsals and performances, all percussionists should be playing a part of some sort.

When band members have a playing test, percussionists will also have a playing test. If the test is over a scale, then **all** percussionists will play the scale on the bells, xylophone, or marimba. (This means that all percussionists need to be able to play and read notes on the staff.) If the test is over a song, then percussionists will play their assigned part for that song for the test.

**Every percussionist should have his/her own pair of drumsticks, yarn mallets, medium rubber mallets, and medium bell mallets.** Middle school students should have their percussion book at school every day. You can purchase the required sticks and mallets through Paige's for a low discounted price of \$74.95 (see back page for more detailed information). This also comes with a free stick bag. Paige's is the music company we work with. You can purchase these over the phone (800-382-1099) or online ([www.PaigesMusic.com](http://www.PaigesMusic.com)), and they will be delivered to school for free. Order forms may also be found at each school for this purpose. You can also purchase them from a dealer of your choice. You are more than welcome to purchase your own through a company of your choice as long as they are the same items detailed on the back page.

- Mr. Shepherd

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Paige's Stick/Mallet Package FP-PG2:

Stick Bag

Innovative Percussion IP-LD Concert Snare Sticks

F12 Medium Plastic Mallets

F8 Medium Rubber Mallets

F1.5 Medium Yarn Mallets

Total: **\$74.95**