

RMHS Percussion Implements and Supplies

The quality of a percussionist's performance relies in large part on the quality and condition of their instruments and the implements used to play them. A significant portion of a percussionist's training is learning how to properly choose and care for not only the instruments, but also the implements needed to play those instruments. Student percussionists will be required to purchase the following implements and supplies so that they may learn to play with both artistry and discretion.

REQUIRED PERCUSSION IMPLEMENTS AND SUPPLIES	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Example</i>
Concert Snare Drum Stick	Vic Firth SD1
Timpani Mallet: General	Vic Firth T1
Xylophone/Bell Mallet: General	1 pair Vic Firth M133 or Mike Balter 91R
Marimba/Vibe/Suspended Cymbal Mallets: Medium	1 pair Vic Firth M228 or Mike Balter 53R
Metronome	Any model will suffice
Neoprene Practice Pad	12" Real Feel or equivalent
Stick Bag	Any bag capable of holding all implements with room for future expansion

Once a basic set of implements is purchased, additional choices that will benefit the percussionist's pursuit of expanded musicality and expression can include the following:

OPTIONAL PERCUSSION IMPLEMENTS AND SUPPLIES	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Example</i>
Drum set sticks	7A or equivalent
Drum set brushes	Regal Tip 583R "Classic Telescoping Wire" or Regal Tip 595N "Whiskers"
Marching Snare Drum Sticks	Vic Firth Ralph Hardimon
Bell Mallets: Aluminum	1 pair Vic Firth M146 Aluminum Bell Mallet or Mike Balter 9AR
Marimba/Vibe/Suspended Cymbal Mallets: Medium	2nd pair of Vic Firth M228 or Mike Balter 53R to make a full set of 4 mallets.
Timpani Mallet: Staccato	Vic Firth T3
Timpani Mallet: Cartwheel	Vic Firth T2
Timpani Mallet: Ultra Staccato	Vic Firth T4
Timpani Mallet: Wood	Vic Firth T5
Tuning fork (A = 440) or Pitch Pipe	Any

There are a wide range of manufacturers and options when it comes to percussion instruments and the implements used to play them. If you find another choice of implement that you would like to include in your personal set, visit with your band director to see if it would be appropriate before you purchase the item. The basic set of sticks and stick bag are available from Blue Rider music in a discounted pre-package.