



Rice Middle School 2019-2020 Beginning Band



Percussion

Supply List and Information Packet

This packet contains important information about joining the Rice Raven Beginning Band. Please keep it in a safe place.

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Congratulations! You are playing **PERCUSSION!**

Here Are the Next Steps

Reserve Your Instrument

It is best to go to a music store before the end of the school year to reserve your home keyboard instrument (marimba or xylophone) and other supplies. Plano ISD does not rent or sell keyboard percussion. You can schedule a date to pick the instrument up after school begins (summer lessons only use practice pads-see below). Please do not have a xylophone or marimba delivered to the school. On the following pages, you will find our supply list and a list of local music stores.

Consider Summer Private Lessons

Private lessons are a necessity for success as a percussionist. Some students like to get a head start before the school year with lessons from one of our approved professional percussion specialists. Private lessons are currently \$20 per week for a 25 minute lesson. Updated contact information for private teachers can be found on our website (www.RiceMSBand.com). Our current private instructors for percussion are:

Bob Johnson	jjanduin2@gmail.com	214-850-6996
Steve McDonald	smcdperc@mac.com	214-417-4825
Taylor Keown	taylor.keown@gmail.com	801-895-5679
Brooks Tarkington	brookstarkington@gmail.com	318-518-3333

Note: There are many different approaches to teaching percussion. Our approved instructors teach concepts and techniques aligned with the Plano West Band Cluster Percussion Program. We strongly encourage parents to use one of our approved teachers. Contact Mr. Tucker if you are considering a teacher other than those on our approved list.

Get Excited About Band!

Come to our “Welcome to Band Bash!” on April 12th! Tell your friends about your instrument selection! Watch cool videos of your instrument on YouTube!



Percussion Supply List

You will need to rent or purchase one of the instruments below from a music store. Please do not substitute a different model of instrument without first speaking to Mr. Tucker. Beware of cheap imitation instruments. The instruments approved for use in the Rice Band have been carefully chosen based on the best value of cost versus quality.

You will need one of these wooden practice marimbas:

- Marimba Warehouse MPM Marimba with Stand
- Adams PD30 Academy Marimba with Stand
- Musser M3PM Marimba with Stand

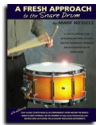


Please note, the following practice xylophones are less costly and are acceptable, but are not as good for home practice as the above models:

- Marimba Warehouse MXM Xylophone with Stand
- Adams XLD35 Academy Xylophone with Stand

Note: Please pick your practice marimba up from the music store or have it delivered directly to your home. We do not have storage for these when delivered to the school.

You will need to purchase the following items from a local music store.



A Fresh Approach to Snare Drum book by Mark Wessels



A Fresh Approach to Mallet Percussion book by Mark Wessels



Innovative Percussion CP-1R or Offworld 12" Outlander Practice Pad



Pearl S-700L Snare Drum Stand (or equivalent)



Innovative Percussion IP-1 General Snare Drum Sticks



Any basic stick bag



Vic Firth M130 Soft Plastic Mallets



Metronome (Recommend model: Boss DB-30)



Malletech CN-14 Corded Marimba Mallets



Music stand for home practice.

The items below can be purchased as a package from the band in the fall. If you prefer, you may also purchase them on your own.



Black Heavy-Duty 3-Ring View Binder (1.5" Thick)



3-Hole Pencil Pouch



8-Tabbed Dividers



Pencil



Instrument Case Tag (for stick bag)

Important Reminders

Our approved instruments have been selected for their quality and value. This includes a combination of factors such as cost, durability, quality of sound, and longevity. Do not purchase a “cheap” instrument. There are a lot of these to be found online and even in department stores, but they seldom last more than a few weeks and are very difficult for students to play well, making them a waste of money rather than a bargain.* If you locate an instrument that is not one of our approved instruments, contact Mr. Tucker. We will be happy to inspect it and give you honest feedback about its quality and suitability before you purchase it.

If you pick up your child’s instrument before starting school or beginning private lessons, it is important to store it in a climate-controlled location.

Do not allow your child to handle his or her instrument before starting school or beginning private lessons. Instruments can be easily damaged if handled incorrectly.

Do not allow your child to try “self-teaching” or to learn from a neighbor, family member, etc. Students who do this almost always learn bad habits which take more time to correct, putting your child behind the class from the very beginning.

Instrument Insurance is available from an independent carrier. Go to our website for more information if you are interested. Many vendors also offer insurance and service plans. We will teach your child how to properly care for his or her instrument.

*For legal purposes, we must disclose that these statements, though based on years of successful teaching experience, are professional *opinions* and are not necessarily factual.

Where to Get Your Instrument

Percussion instruments are not rented or sold by the Plano Independent School District. You will need to rent or purchase your instrument and other items from the supply list.

The businesses listed below are approved vendors for Plano ISD and provided for your convenience. Neither Plano ISD nor the Rice MS Band endorses any specific vendor.

Local Percussion Specialty Store

Lone Star Percussion

10611 Control Place
Dallas, Texas
1-866-792-0143
lonestarpercussion.com

Local Full-Service Music Stores

Music & Arts Frisco Location

3211 Preston Road #14
Frisco, Texas
972-668-1176
musicarts.com

Music & Arts Allen Location

109 Central Expressway, Suite 517
Allen, Texas
214-383-1737
musicarts.com

The Band Connection

1210 West McDermott (Advantage Storage)
Allen, Texas
214-383-4885
band-connection.com

Williamson's/Music 1st Plano Location

701 East Plano Pkwy
Plano, TX
972-516-1331
wm1st.com

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701 East Plano Pkwy
Plano, TX
972-516-1331
wm1st.com

Brook Mays Music Company

6921 Independence Pkwy #120
Plano, TX
972-618-3222
brookmays.com