

WHITTHORNE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

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Materials List for Percussion Students

Welcome to band and the world of percussion! There are many different instruments you will be learning to play, but only a couple you need to purchase.

6th Grade Band Required Materials

Instrument (with Name Tag on case)
Instrument Accessories (See below)
Purple WMS Band Polo
Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 (for your instrument)
5 Minute Music Theory (for your instrument)
1 inch 3-Ring Binder & 50 Transparent Sheet Protectors

1. You will need to purchase a **percussion kit**. Percussion kits include a set of bells, a drum pad, and a stand. It usually comes with some sticks and mallets as well. This is all very standard and can be easily purchased by going to a music retailer and telling them you are joining band and are playing percussion.
2. Percussionists use many different types of sticks and mallets and you must have your own **snare drum sticks (SD1)**, **xylophone mallets (plastic or rubber)**, **marimba mallets (yarn)**, and a **stick bag**. (6th graders may have this included in their bell kit. Be sure to check with your music retailer.) In addition, all 7th and 8th grade percussionists are required to have a pair of **timpani mallets** as well. You can get these at music retailers or online. Prices are for reference only.



Liberty I Basic Stick Pack
(includes timpani mallets)
\$49.99



Vic Firth EP2 Intermediate Pack
(includes timpani mallets)
\$69.99

3. Lastly, you will be using many of the instruments owned by Whitthorne Middle School. These instruments are some of the most expensive pieces of equipment at Whitthorne and are very delicate. In order to keep them in good working order and to buy new equipment, we have a percussion fee. **The percussion fee of \$50** (see percussion instrument contract) covers the use of all of this equipment for the entire year. You can pay this up front or you can split it into smaller payments throughout the year. Before you can use our equipment, you must return the instrument contract.