

What Should I Have In My Case?

So I have my instrument... and I have my book... that's everything I need, right? Not quite. As musicians, we need a number of other tools to help us practice and rehearse more effectively and also keep our instruments in good working order. The following is an instrument-specific list of items that you should have in your case (or with you at rehearsal) **at all times**. There is also a list of other items that you don't necessarily need at rehearsal, but are still good to have. All items listed can be obtained at any local music store. Questions? See Mr. McDonald, and he will be happy to help!

Flute:

- Cleaning rod
- Soft cloth or swab
- Polishing cloth
- **Pencil!**

Clarinet/Saxophone:

- At least three (3) **GOOD** reeds
- Mouthpiece cap
- Reed case(s)
- Cork grease
- Swab
- Cleaning cloth
- Neckstrap (saxophone only)
- **Pencil!**

Trumpet/Horn/Baritone/Tuba:

- Valve oil
- Tuning slide grease
- Cleaning cloth
- **Pencil!** (are you sensing a trend here?)

Trombone:

- Slide lubricant (Trombotine, cold cream, slide-o-mix)
- Small spray bottle filled with water
- Cleaning cloth
- **Pencil!**

Other Items:

- Tuner
- Metronome
- Mouthpiece brush
- Leadpipe snake (brass)
- Pad saver swab (woodwinds)
- Straight/plunger/cup mute (brass)
- Medium timpani mallets (perc.)
- Small screwdriver kit
- Stand for your instrument

Percussion:

I do realize the shock factor regarding the list I am providing and all socioeconomic situations have greatly been considered. If and when needed, I have some ways of providing some of the needs and avoiding cost. However, this is what I recommend for each student. Priority is always given to the first seven items listed (at the very least, regardless of grade level). These supply lists are intended to grow, adding to what has already been purchased prior years.

6th grade percussion:

- **Pencil!**
- Stick bag large enough to safely house personal sticks/mallets
- Black hand towel
- Inexpensive metronome
- Drum pad for practice at home (gum rubber pads work best; tunable pads are not the same & create unwanted complications over time)
- One pair of concert snare sticks: IP-LD (Innovative Percussion – Lalo Davila)
- One pair of medium rubber mallets: Mike Balter Grandioso Unwound Series 104B – Medium light green rubber

- One pair of Xylo/Bell mallets: Innovative percussion James Ross IP902 medium soft

7th grade percussion:

- **Pencil!**
- Stick bag large enough to safely house personal sticks/mallets
- Black hand towel
- Inexpensive metronome
- Drum pad (gum rubber pads work best; tunable pads are not the same & create unwanted complications over time)
- One pair of concert snare sticks: IP-LD (Innovative Percussion – Lalo Davila)
- One pair of medium rubber mallets: Mike Balter Grandioso Unwound Series 104B – Medium light green rubber
- One pair of Xylo/Bell mallets: Innovative percussion James Ross IP902 medium soft
- One pair of medium or medium hard yarn mallets: either Innovative IP-240 or Vic Firth M182
- One pair general timpani mallets: Vic Firth T1-General

8th grade percussion:

- **Pencil!**
- Stick bag large enough to safely house personal sticks/mallets
- Black hand towel
- Inexpensive metronome
- Drum pad (gum rubber pads work best; tunable pads are not the same & create unwanted complications over time)
- One pair of concert snare sticks: IP-LD (Innovative Percussion – Lalo Davila)
- One pair of medium rubber mallets: Mike Balter Grandioso Unwound Series 104B – Medium light green rubber
- One pair of Xylo/Bell mallets: Innovative percussion James Ross IP902 medium soft
- One pair of medium or medium hard yarn mallets: either Innovative IP-240 or Vic Firth M182
- One pair general timpani mallets: Vic Firth T1-General
- One pair Multi-percussion mallets: Innovative percussion IP1M Multi-Percussion drum stick

All percussion students/drum set Recommendation:

- Drumset Stick: Vic firth American Classic 5AN
- Wire Brushes: Innovative WBR1 Medium wire brush. **Any brush chosen must be retractable.**

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