



2017-18 Springtown ISD Beginning Percussion Needs List

Learning percussion is a challenging endeavor. Students not only learn to play the drums, but melodic percussion instruments as well. The emphasis in 6th grade is placed on the Snare Drum and the Marimba. These are the two main areas of percussion but have applications in many other areas of percussion as well. For instance, the techniques learned on snare drum will apply to most other drums as well and the techniques learned on Marimba will transfer to the bells, xylophone, chimes, vibraphone and even piano. While all other students are learning one instrument, we are learning two.

I have tried to keep the costs as reasonable as possible. Please understand that the costs involved are the same or less than the other rented instruments of the band. If you have any questions, please email me at cmclellan@springtownisd.net

The following company will be able to assist you at the most reasonable cost. You may call or use the schools link on their website. Either way, they will have a package already put together.

The Band Wagon Music Store – Jeff Henry, Owner (817) 583-0001
Lone Star Percussion in Dallas: 1-(866) 792-0143, www.lonestarpercussion.com
Brook Mays Music – Bryan Ferrell, Representative (940) 736-7255

Required List:

- (1) Concert Height Snare Stand, brands and models vary by store
- (1) 12" Practice Pad – Gum rubber style, Real Feel type
- (1) Salyers Percussion Intermediate Stick/Mallet Pack
- (2) Korg Red Solo Metronome/or a metronome app on phone
- (1) Adams Academy Series Practice Marimba /or comparable– Rent or Purchase
- (1) The Packet Percussion Method Book

If renting a practice marimba is too expensive, the following option is available:

Pearl Beginner Percussion Bell Kit with Bag Model # PK-900

Please understand that this is a minimum requirement and all students MUST have a practice marimba or bell set at home to be successful in this class.

Thank you for allowing your child to learn percussion. I am excited for the new year and can't wait to get started!!!

Sincerely,

Chris McLellan
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