



## Favorite Percussion Products

Here are suggestions for some of our favorite and essential PERCUSSION PRODUCTS that you would need for your school. It is divided by grade level according to what is commonly needed for most repertoire. Items listed are my favorite “tried and true” brands and models, a “What Would Bob Buy?” list, if you will. I would recommend always buying the best you can, but of course spend as your budget allows.

Steve Weiss Music also supplies customers with a really great list called “[Back of the Band Room Buying Guide](#)”. Take a look at it, highly recommended!

### Elementary School

#### Percussion Instruments

Snare drum, 5½” x 14” metal or wood shell	<a href="#">Pearl Concert Series Snare Drum - Maple 14x5.5</a>
Concert snare drum stand	<a href="#">Pearl S-1030L Concert Snare Drum Stand</a>
Concert bass drum and stand: 28” or 32” diameter	32"x16" Pearl Concert bass drum with suspended stand
Crash cymbals: 16” pair, medium weight	
Suspended cymbal, 18”, medium-thin	
Crash cymbal cradle and stand	Gibraltar 7614 Concert Cymbal Cradle or Meinl Hand Cymbal Stand
Suspended cymbal stand	Pearl C-830 Straight Cymbal Stand
Orchestra bells	Musser 2.5 Octave Classic Bells (M645) or Yamaha 2.5 Octave Concert Band Bells (YG250D)
Bell stand	Ludwig Black Steel Bell Stand or Majestic Rolling Bell Stand and Accessory Trap Table

#### Accessory Instruments:

Triangle (6” or 8”)	LP 06" Triangle
Triangle clip	Weiss Metal Triangle Clip
Triangle beaters (1-2 pairs, medium and heavy weights)	TreeWorks Triangle Beater
Tambourine (8” or 10” single row)	Rhythm Tech RT1011 Tambourine
Wood Block	Grover Wood Blocks
Cowbell	LP Black Beauty Cowbell
Claves	LP King Klave (LP597) LP Clave - Grenadilla (LP261)
Maracas	LP Maracas - Professional (LP281)
Guiro	LP Super Guiro (LP243)
Shaker	LP Shake-It (LP440)
Sleigh Bells	Ludwig Sleigh Bells

## Sticks/Mallets:

Concert snare drum sticks	Vic Firth American Custom SD1 Drumsticks - General
	Vic Firth Symphonic Tim Genis 2 Signature Snare Drumsticks
	Innovative CL1 Chris Lamb Maple Concert Snare Drumsticks
	Innovative IPJC James Campbell Hickory Concert Snare Drumsticks
Concert bass drum mallets	General playing - Innovative CB2 Soft Concert Bass Drum Mallet
	Rolling (pair) - Vic Firth Tom Gauger TG04 Bass Drum Mallets - Rollers (pair)
Suspended cymbal mallets (pair)	Vic Firth Becken Cymbal Mallets - Soft Yarn
Bell mallets	Vic Firth Orchestral Series Keyboard - Medium Poly
	Balter Glock/Bell Lexan Mallets - Medium Hard

## Middle School

This list is in addition to the list above. An asterisk sign (\*) = Instead of item previously listed above.

### Percussion Instruments

- \*Snare drum, 5½" x 14" metal or wood shell - Pearl Symphonic Concert Snare Drum - Maple 14x5.5
- \*Bass drum and stand: 32" or 36" diameter - 36"x16" Pearl Concert Bass Drum with suspended stand
- Crash cymbals: 18" pair, medium weight (French or Viennese)
- Suspended cymbal, 16", thin
- \*Suspended cymbal stand (gooseneck) - Meinl Suspended Cymbal Stand
- Xylophone: 2.5 to 3 octave, wood or synthetic bars. 3.5 octave if possible - Adams 3.5 Octave Soloist Synthetic Xylophone (XSKV35)
- Vibraphone: 3 octave -
  - Musser 3.0 Pro Vibraphone With Motor, Yamaha 3.0 Octave Gold Studio Vibraphone With Motor
  - or Adams 3.0 Octave Concert Vibraphone with Motor - Voyager Frame
- Chimes - Adams 1.5 Octave Standard Series Chimes (GEN2)
- Gong (Tam Tam): 32" - Weiss Hand Selected Chau Gong
- Gong stand - Gibraltar Gong Stand
- Bongos (set) - LP Galaxy Giovanni Series Wood Bongos
- Bongos stand - LP Bongo Stand - Matador Strap Lock (M245)
- Congas: (pair, Quinto - 11", Conga - 11¾") - LP Aspire Wood Conga Set with Stand
- Conga stand - LP Double Conga Stand with wheels
- Timpani: pair (26" & 29") minimum, 32" (if three) and 23" (if four) - Ludwig Standard Smooth Copper Timpani
- Drum set - standard 5-piece set with hardware - Pearl Export EXX 5 Piece Drum Set with Hardware - 20" Bass Drum

- Drum set (if parts purchased separately) Standard 5-piece set shell pack - Yamaha Stage Custom Birch 5 Piece Shell Pack - 20" Bass Drum
  - High-hat stand - Pearl Direct Drive Hi-Hat Stand (H1050)
  - Snare drum stand - Pearl S-930 Snare Drum Stand
  - Cymbal boom stands - Pearl BC-930 Convertible Boom Cymbal Stand
  - Bass drum pedal –
    - Pearl P-930 Demonator Bass Drum Pedal
    - or DW 5000AD4 Delta Accelerator Bass Drum Pedal
  - Drum throne - Roc N Soc Drum Throne - Nitro With Orignal Seat - Black (NR-O-K)
  - Drum set cymbals
    - 14" high-hat cymbals
    - 16" or 17" medium thin crash cymbal
    - 20" or 22" medium ride cymbal
- Concert tom toms, 10", 12", 13", 14" - Pearl Concert Toms - Concert Series
- Concert tom stands - Pearl T-930 Double Tom Stand

### **Accessory Instruments:**

- \*Tambourine (10" double row with wood shell and calfskin head) Grover 10" Projection-Plus Double Row Tambourine - Silver / Bronze
- Temple Blocks (Granite blocks, synthetic) - LP Granite Block Set (LP1210)
- Castanets (hand held) - Black Swamp 2 7/8" Grenadillo Castanets
- Castanets (with holder) - Danmar Table Top Castanet Instrument
- Wind Chimes (Mark tree, bar chimes) - TreeWorks Tre35 Classic Single-Row 35 Bar Chime
- Finger Cymbals - Zildjian Finger Cymbals - Thick Pair
- Agogo bells - LP Agogo Bells - Standard (LP231A)
- Rain stick - LP Rainstick - Traditional 49" (LP455A)
- Trap table - Pearl PTT1824W, Trap Table with double braced stand, 18"x24"

### **Sticks/Mallets:**

- Concert bass drum mallet –
  - Innovative CB1 Extra Large Concert Bass Drum Mallet
  - Innovative CB3 Medium Concert Bass Drum Mallet
- Gong mallet - Vic Firth Soundpower GB4 Gong Beater – Medium
- Chime mallets - Vic Firth Soundpower Chime Hammer
- Drum set sticks –
  - Vater Fusion Wood Tip Drumsticks
  - Vic Firth Signature Series - Harvey Mason "The Chameleon"
  - Vic Firth Signature Series - Peter Erskine Ride Wood Tip Drumsticks
- Drum set brushes –
  - Vic Firth Heritage Brush
  - Vic Firth Jazz Brush
  - Vic Firth Legacy Brush
- Drum set bundle sticks –
  - Vic Firth Rute
  - Vic Firth Rute 505
- Multi-application mallets
  - Vic Firth American Custom SD12 Drumsticks - Swizzle G
  - Vic Firth American Classic 5A Dual Tone Stick/Mallet
  - Liberty One LTB Bell / Timpani Combo Mallet
  - Regal Tip Conga Sticks - Pair (542L)

- Xylophone mallets –
  - Innovative James Ross IP901 Soft Xylo/Bell Mallets
  - Innovative James Ross IP902 Med Soft Xylo/Bell Mallets
  - Innovative James Ross IP904 Hard Xylo/Bell Mallets
- Vibraphone mallets –
  - Innovative Rattan Series RS201 Soft Rattan Vibe/Marimba Mallets
  - Innovative Rattan Series RS251 Medium Rattan Vibe/Marimba Mallets
  - Vic Firth Gary Burton Keyboard - Yarn
  - Balter Pro Vibe Series Rattan 23R Medium Blue Cord
  - Balter Pro Vibe Series Rattan 22R Med. Hard Green Cord
- Timpani Mallets –
  - Innovative Concert Series CT2 Medium Soft Timpani Mallets
  - Innovative Concert Series CT3 Medium General Timpani Mallets
  - Innovative Concert Series CT4 Medium Hard Timpani Mallets
  - Innovative Concert Series CT5 Hard Timpani Mallets

## High School

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### Percussion Instruments

- Snare Drum: 6½" x 14" metal or wood shell - Pearl Philharmonic Concert Snare Drum - Maple 14x6.5
- \*Bass Drum and stand : 36" diameter - 36"x18" - Pearl Concert Bass Drum with Suspended Stand
- Crash Cymbals: 18" pair, medium-heavy (Germanic)
- Marimba: 4.3 octave to 5 octave, wood or synthetic bar - Adams 4.3 Oct. Concert Padouk Marimba with Voyager Frame
- Crotales: 1 or 2 octaves –
  - Zildjian High Octave Crotales
  - Zildjian Low Octave Crotales
- Crotales stand: Liberty One Crotale Stand Base
- Timbales - LP Tito Puente Timbale Set - 13/14 Solid Brass (256B)
- \*Timpani: Set of four – 23", 26", 29", 32" - Adams Professional Generation II Hammered Copper Timpani
- Additional drum set cymbals
  - 10" or 12" splash
  - 17" or 18" china
  - 18" crash
- Additional boom cymbal stands - Pearl BC-930 Convertible Boom Cymbal Stand

### Accessory Instruments:

- Mambo cowbell - LP Mambo Cowbell
- Salsa cowbell - LP Salsa Sergio Bongo Cowbell
- Cha cha cow bell - LP Salsa Cha Cha Low Cowbell
- Jam Block - LP Jam Block - Medium Pitch Red (LP1207)
- Afuche/Cabasa - LP Afuche/Cabasa - Standard Wood (LP234A)
- Bell Tree - Weiss Bell Tree - Mountable with Steel Frame
- Shekere - LP Pro Shekere (LP483)

- Vibra slap - LP Vibra-Slap II - Deluxe Wood (LP209)
- Djembe - Remo 14" Key-Tuned Djembe
- Cajón - LP Cajón
- Slide whistle - American Metal
- Police whistle - Acme Thunderer Whistle
- Ocean drum - Weiss Brand Ocean Drum

#### Sticks/Mallets:

- Concert bass drum mallet (articulate) - Innovative CB4 Hard Concert Bass Drum Mallet
- Marimba Mallets -
  - Innovative Soloist Series IP200 Med Soft Birch Marimba Mallets
  - Innovative Soloist Series IP240 Medium Birch Marimba Mallets
  - Innovative Soloist Series IP275 Med Hard Legato Birch Marimba Mallets
  - Innovative Soloist Series IP300 Med Hard Birch Marimba Mallets
  - Innovative Soloist Series IP400 Hard Birch Marimba Mallets
- Timpani Mallets -
  - Innovative Concert Series CT1 Legato Timpani Mallets
  - Innovative Concert Series CT6 Hard Felt Ball Timpani Mallets
- Timbale Sticks
  - Vic Firth World Classic - Alex Acuna Red Conquistador
  - Vic Firth World Classic - Alex Acuna Purple El Palo

## Marching Percussion

#### Battery Percussion

- Marching snare drum - 14" - Pearl Championship Marching Snare Drum
  - Snare harness - Pearl CX Air Frame Snare Drum Carrier
  - Snare stand - Pearl MSS-3000 Marching Snare Drum Stand
  - Snare case - Pearl Marching Snare Drum Case
  - Snare scoop - Pearl Sound Projector
  - Drum cover - Pearl Marching Snare Drum Cover
  - Stick bag - Pearl Marching Stick Bag (MSB1) – Single
- Marching tenors (quints) - 6", 10", 12", 13" and 14" - Pearl Championship Series Marching Tenor Set
  - Tenor rack bar - Pearl Black Backbar for CXT-1 Tenor Carriers
  - Tenor harness - Pearl CX Air Frame Tenor Carrier
  - Tenor stand - Pearl MTS-3000 Advanced Marching Tenor Stand
  - Tenor case - Pearl Marching Tenor Case
  - Drum cover - Pearl Marching Tenor Cover
  - Stick bag - Pearl Marching Stick Bag (MSB2) – Double
- Marching bass drums, 20", 22", 24" and 26" - Pearl Championship Series Marching Bass Drum
  - Bass harness - Pearl CX Air Frame Bass Drum Carrier
  - Bass stand - Pearl MBS-3000 Advanced Marching Bass Drum Stand
  - Bass case - Pearl Marching Bass Drum Case
  - Bass cover - Pearl Marching Bass Drum Cover
  - Mallet holder - Mallet Minder Marching Bass Drum Mallet Holder
  - Bass drum head muffling - Pearl Tone Foam - 2 Eight Foot Strips (TS14)

#### Battery Percussion Sticks/Mallets

- Vic Firth Corpmaster Signature Snare Drumstick - Thom Hannum

- Innovative Field Series FSPR Paul Rennick Marching Snare Drumsticks
- Vic Firth Corpmaster MTS1 Tenor Sticks
- Vic Firth Corpmaster MT1A Multi-Tenor Mallets - X.Hard
- Vic Firth Corpmaster MT2A Multi-Tenor Mallets – Hard
- Vic Firth Corpmaster MT3A Multi-Tenor Mallets – Soft
- Vic Firth Corpmaster MB1H Hard Bass Drum Mallets - Small to X-large
- Vic Firth Corpmaster MB1S Soft Bass Drum Mallets - Small to X-large

#### Field Mallet Percussion

- Field xylophone - Adams 3.5 Octave Soloist Synthetic Xylophone W/ Field Frame (XSKF35)
- Field marimba - Adams 4.3 Oct Concert Synthetic Marimba w/ Field Frame
- Field Vibraphone - Adams 3.0 Octave Concert Vibraphone with Field Frame & No Motor
- Field Bells - Adams 3.3 Octave Artist Series Glockenspiel Field Frame
- Mallet bag - Vic Firth Keyboard Mallet Bag

#### Field Mallet Percussion Sticks/Mallets

- Bells
- Xylophone
- Marimba
- Vibraphone
- Timpani

### Miscellaneous Percussion Essentials

- Practice xylophone - Majestic Gateway Series 2.5 octave Padouk Bar Xylophone
- Practice drum pad –
  - Tap Space, Tap Off
  - Tap Space, Tap Off Mini
  - OffWorld Percussion Invader V3 Gum Rubber Practice Pad
- Metronome –
  - Boss DB-30 Dr. Beat Metronome
  - Boss DB-60 Dr. Beat Metronome
  - Boss DB-90 Dr. Beat Metronome
  - Boss PSA-120 Power Adapter for Metronomes
- Tuning fork - Planet Waves Tuning Fork - Key of A
- Pitch pipe - Kratt Master Key Pitch Pipe
- Folding music stand - Yamaha Black Folding Music Stand with Carry Bag
- Drummer's headphones - Vic Firth DB22 Drummer's Isolation Headphones
- Stick bag - Humes & Berg Galaxy Stick Bag (GL8000)
- Mallet bag - Liberty One Half Size Tour Mallet Bag
- Tambourine bees wax - Grover Tambourine Bees Wax
- Drum spin key - Yamaha High Tension Drum Key
- Timpani key - Yamaha Timpani Key
- Drum head dampening - Moongel Damper Pads - Set of 6 with Case
- Concert bass drum dampening - Kolberg Muffling Glove

### Stick & Mallets – Bob’s Picks of the Sticks!

Drum Set Sticks

Keyboard Mallets

Timpani Mallets

Other Mallets

- Innovative JC1M James Campbell Soft Chamois Multi-Percussion Mallets
- Innovative JC2M James Campbell Hard Chamois Multi-Percussion Mallets

## Drum Heads

Drum Set Heads

Concert Bass Drum Heads

Timpani Heads

Marching Heads

## Cymbals

High Hat

Ride

Crash

Splash

China/Effects

Orchestral



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