

It is expected that all percussionists in the Alvarado High School Band will own and use a certain amount of their own personal equipment when at school. The most important items that a percussionist can own are sticks, mallets and a stick bag to keep them in. The school does, of course, provide specialty sticks and mallets when certain sounds are necessary, but this does not mean that any percussionist will be allowed to borrow sticks and mallets without ever having to own their own. Bringing and being prepared with your own equipment is part of your daily band grade. To help ensure that you have the proper equipment daily, here are some examples of what you will need.

As a **Freshman**, you should at least have the following items:

### **Elementary Pro-Pack**

This includes Snare Sticks, Xylophone Mallets, Marimba Mallets and a Carry Bag. If you previously own these items from Junior High, they will still work. If you need to add to what you already own, follow the links provided or ask Mr. Rindom.



This pack is available from Steve Weiss Music for \$29.95 + shipping.

<http://www.steveweissmusic.com/product/elementary-stick-pack/stick-mallet-pack>

As a **Sophomore** or **Junior**, you should at least have the following items:

### **Basic Stick Pack**

This includes Snare Sticks, Timpani Mallets, Xylophone and Marimba Mallets and a Carry Bag. The only addition in this pack is the Timpani Mallets. They can also be purchased

separately and added to your previously owned equipment.



This pack is available from Steve Weiss Music for \$49.95 + shipping.  
<http://www.steveweissmusic.com/product/stick-pack/stick-mallet-pack>

If you are a **Sophomore, Junior** or **Senior** that considers yourself to be a serious percussionist, or if you are planning on being a **Music Major** in college you should have the following items:

#### **Advanced/College Primer Pre-Pack**

This pack Includes Snare Drum Sticks, Timpani Mallets, Medium Xylophone Mallets, Hard Xylophone Mallets, 2 pair of Medium Marimba Mallets, 2 pair of Rattan Hard Vibe Mallets and a Carry Bag. As you advance, you will need more and more sound choices. You will also need multiple pairs of the same mallets to perform 4-mallet parts. Of course, these items can also be purchased separately and added to your previously owned equipment.



This pack is available from Steve Weiss Music for \$119.95 + shipping.

<http://www.steveweissmusic.com/product/32708/stick-mallet-pack>

As a general rule, any mallet, stick or bag can be purchased at a much cheaper price online than it can be purchased through the school. The examples here are from Steve Weiss Music, but there are many other companies online that offer high quality equipment at discounted prices. A few of those companies are:

<http://www.columbuspercussion.com/>

[lonestarpercussion.com](http://lonestarpercussion.com)

[musiciansfriend.com](http://musiciansfriend.com)

I would suggest that you also consider purchasing any other percussion equipment, including extra marching sticks, through online companies as well. **The most important thing is that you are prepared with good quality equipment every class period.**