

KENNEDY JUNIOR HIGH BAND

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THINGS THAT YOU WILL NEED FOR BAND

District 203 Music Text and Binder: All band students need their own copy of the appropriate level (contact directors if unsure which text) of **Essential Elements** or **Essential Technique**, and a **hardcover 3-ring binder with two inside pockets**. All band students will need this binder to be separate from other school binders/folders and use it only for band materials. The binder needs to be no more than ½” thick for everyone except percussionists (1” thick because their method book is bigger).



Instrument

Band students need a **working instrument** for rehearsals and lessons. Reed players should have a supply (minimum of 3) of **working reeds**. A working reed is one free of chips or cracks and has been tested to ensure it works. Brass players should have rotor oil, slide oil, and tuning slide lubricants in their case for regular maintenance. Percussionists should have a **snare drum or pad** and a **beginning bell set** at home for practice. Percussionists will build skills on mallets and drums. **Percussionists will not need to bring their instruments to school**, only their stick bags and appropriate contents. Their personal instruments will be used at home for weekly assignment practice.



Pencils

Students need a **pencil** (*not pen, erasable pen, or marker*) at all lessons and rehearsals. Much of our practice and rehearsing involves trial and error, which requires us to make notations on the music as reminders. Permanent marks from pens/markers damage the music, which will require replacement. In order to make the best use of our resources, we require all students to use pencils when making notations to music. Any damage to music caused by the use of permanent writing tools will be assessed and charged to the students and parents.



Accompaniment Recordings

The most important elements of developing musicianship are **listening and practicing**. Having an auditory model of practice assignments will reduce frustration and make practice more efficient. All band students will need the Essential Elements (EE) accompaniment recordings for the appropriate Essential Elements book. Most of the books come with some of the accompaniment recordings, and the Hal Leonard website (publisher of EE) has downloadable mp3 accompaniment recordings for EE Books 1 and 2 at the following links:

Book 1 all exercises:

<http://www.halleonard.com/ee2000Band.jsp>

Book 2 exercises #56-the end of the book

<http://www.halleonard.com/EE2000Bk2Accomp.jsp?subsiteid=6>

Students in EE Book 1 may receive a cd and a cd-rom/dvd with the purchase of their book. The cd is for exercises #1-58. The rest of the exercises can be found by using the dvd/cd-rom. All 6th grade students will begin the year in EE Book 1. If your book comes with an accompaniment cd-rom or dvd, the accompaniment exercises can be

accessed by doing the following:

- Inserting the disc into your dvd player or computer
- Selecting “**Play Video**” and then selecting “**Play-Along Tracks**”
- Select the range of exercises that corresponds with the number(s) you intend to practice

Students in EE book 2 will need accompaniment recordings after the completion of exercises #1- 55. Exercises #1-55 are included on the cd with the book. This same cd will be used for exercises #187 through the end of the book. Exercises #56-186 can either be purchased as 2-disc set from your local music vendor or downloaded in mp3 format from the Hal Leonard website.

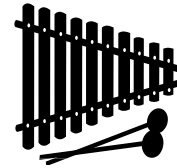
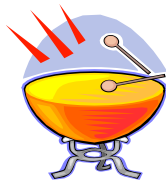
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Tuner/Metronome

All students will need a tuner/metronome. An example would be the **Korg (TM-50)**, however, new materials appear every day and you may find a comparable brand to perform the same functions at a better price. Shop around because prices may vary.

Percussion Stick Bag



Percussionists must have a **Personal Stick Bag at every rehearsal or lesson** and it should be **clearly** labeled with the student’s name, address, etc. Each percussionist should have a bag with the following items:

Item

Concert Snare Sticks (wood tip)

Timpani Sticks (Vic Firth #T1 “General” or equivalent)

Yarn Marimba Mallets (Vic Firth #MB12B or equivalent)

Bell Mallets (hard plastic mallets for bells)

Xylophone Mallets (Vic Firth #MB4B or #MB5B birch handle or equivalent)

***Many local vendors should offer a package that includes these items (or comparable substitutes) in a bag as listed above. The cost of the items as a package is usually cheaper than buying these items separately.**

INSTRUMENT SECURITY



The KJHS staff and administration make every effort to provide safety and security for musical instruments. Each student is assigned an instrument storage space to use throughout the school year. However, the school is not responsible for lost or stolen instruments. You should have the make or brand, the model number, and the serial number registered at home, and check to determine if your instrument is covered by your homeowners insurance policy.

Concert Uniform (order form is attached)



- Kennedy music shirt (order form attached) **TUCKED IN PLEASE**
- Black trousers/slacks (no skirts, no jeans)
- Black shoes

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Mr. Dethrow mdethrow@naperville203.org 630-848-5494 or Mr. McManis mmcmanis@naperville203.org 630-848-5606. We will assist you in any way possible. Thank you.