

OCJH Percussion Auditions

Beginning Percussion at OCJH is awesome! Due to the fast-paced curriculum and the limited parts available to play, we need to ensure that students are properly equipped to succeed. The audition will be outlined below, and the attached excerpts will be required. Auditions will be in the afternoon in early March. Use this link to schedule your audition with Mr. Roberts <https://calendly.com/ocjhband/beg-percussion-audition>. Or you can meet with Mr. Roberts during 7th Grade Registration Night. Please contact Mr. Roberts with any questions. croberts1@alpinedistrict.org

The Audition

All auditions must be conducted before the end of March (or one week after you receive the audition materials). You must play all parts of the audition. You must play the audition at the indicated tempo (a metronome will be provided). Excerpts must be played in time.



Snare Audition (Page 3)

1. This solo must be played at exactly Quarter Note = 104 beats per minute.
2. You may either use sticks or your hands. There are no rolls in this, so if you want to just use your hands on your legs or a practice pad, that is fine.
3. Do NOT play ANY repeats!!!

What you will be judged on (see rubric on page 2).

1. Correct notes and rhythms.
2. Ability to keep tempo.
3. Sticking and coordination of hands.

Mallet Audition (Page 4-5)

1. You may play both parts on either the xylophone or piano. Your choice.
2. Do NOT play ANY repeats.
3. "Wolfgang" should be played at QN=100 Beats per minute.
4. The scale pattern should be played at exactly QN=120 Beats per minute.

What you will be judged on (see rubric on page 2):

1. Correct notes and rhythms
2. Ability to keep tempo

Note Reading Audition (Page 6)

1. You will have one minute to complete 50 note reading questions.
2. See the sample on page 6 of packet. This worksheet is not the exact audition, but it is formatted exactly the same.
3. Your score on this will be the percentage of notes you get correct.

Required Equipment

OCJH Percussion Program

In the interest of transparency, I am indicating very clearly up front the expectation and requirements for the percussion program. Students taking percussion at Oak Canyon Junior High will be required to provide the following:

- Students will pay a \$90 instrument rental fee per year to the school. This covers the cost of drum heads, mallets, auxiliary equipment, etc. Including but not limited to the use of school bass drum, xylophone, vibes, marimba, timpani, snare drums, gong, cymbals, taiko drums, marching drumline, associated mallets, and auxiliary percussion. I do not require students to provide mallets for these instruments on their own (typically running about \$120 per student).
- Practice Pad
 - While there is no specific requirement for practice pads, I recommend the 12” soft, “Real Feel” pads. They are easier to play on. They do not break as easily. They are softer, which makes it less bothersome for parents!
- Mallet/Stick bag and mallets and sticks!
 - Students must have a mallet/stick bag, a set of xylophone mallets, marimba mallets, timpani mallets, and a set of drum sticks.
 - You can get a cheap mallet/stick bag at one of the music stores or online.
 - For sticks, students need SD1’s or the equivalent. Bert Murdock Music or Summerhays Music in Orem should be able to help you out.
 - For marimba mallets, please get a medium yarn mallet. You can get these at the local music stores or at an online website (if you need suggestions, please ask). I recommend Innovative Percussion “Fundamental” Series (F1.5 to be exact). You can find them online at www.wwbw.com.
 - For xylophone mallets, please get a medium xylophone mallet. I recommend Innovative Percussion “Fundamentals” series. You can find them online at www.wwbw.com
 - For Timpani mallets, please get Innovative GT3 timpani mallets (or equivalent).
- Many of the above items come in a “Bell Kit” that can be purchased or rented through Bert Murdock Music or Summerhays Music in Orem. Monthly rental fees vary depending on the music store. Please visit with them and bring this sheet with you so they know exactly what we use at Oak Canyon Junior High.

Student book will be provided by Mr. Roberts. Do NOT buy one from the music store.