

JMHS Percussion Ensemble

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*"Everything you do is music, and
everywhere is the best seat."
- John Cage*

As a percussionist, have you ever wondered what it would be like to be in front of the ensemble, soaking in the spotlight? Do you ever wish you had more than five notes in an entire musical selection? Percussion Ensemble is where you belong! We are going to explore all of the different instrumentations, colors, composers, genres, and techniques written for percussionists, by percussionists, in a venue that highlights all of the instruments no one ever sees behind the band!

Entry into the ensemble is not based on audition, however Mr. Ficarra may invite students to come down and play for him to see where they fit best within the Percussion Ensemble.

The ensemble is also not reserved for music students only – anyone can join!

The Percussion Ensemble will be performing at the
Jackson Memorial Spring Band Concert on May 21st!

MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE POLICY

****As per district policy, if you have been late to school 7 or more times, you cannot participate in the ensemble or any extra-curricular activity.****

- The Percussion Ensemble rehearses every Wednesday in the percussion room from 2:15 to 4:00pm. Please be aware that there are some rehearsals on different days due to other activities happening in the music wing. Please refer to the calendar on my teacher page for this information.
- The rehearsal schedule will be posted outside the percussion room at least 2 weeks in advance – you may not have to be at every rehearsal.
- You can remain a member of the ensemble so long as you continue to show up! Excused absences from rehearsal are the same as outlined in the JMHS Student Handbook (Sickness, death in the family, etc.)
- **(3) unexcused absences/no call-no shows will result in dismissal from the ensemble.**
- **(2) excused absences equal 1 unexcused absence (as in, 6 excused absences will also result in dismissal).**
- Special considerations **may** be made on a case-by-case basis at Mr. Ficarra's discretion, **but only when ample notice is given. AT LEAST 24 HOURS QUALIFIES AS AMPLE NOTICE.**

If you are committing to the ensemble, please return the bottom portion signed by our next rehearsal, December 6th.

I Agree to the following Percussion Ensemble Attendance Policy: (2) excused absences equals (1) unexcused absence, (3) Unexcused Absences equals dismissal from Percussion Ensemble.

Name

Grade