



# PERCUSSION

**School**

**Contest**

**Date**

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**SCORE**

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**Orchestration** - Arrangements present a positive flow of musical construction and musical choice, clearly challenging all performers.

**Staging and Variety** - Audio visual elements of a continual presentation constantly evolve, develop and enhance the total package.

**Musicality** - Dynamic phrasing, shaping and unified musical ideas are clearly presented expressing positive moments for the ensemble.

**Expressive Opportunities** - Through the written score, concepts and directions enhance and elevate the overall musical program.

**Creativity** - Using all areas of the percussion spectrum, challenges in the writing creates unique and different moments.

**Ensemble Support** - A true sense of purpose and direction in complimenting the overall brass and woodwind score.

Boxes	Box 1	Box 2	Box 3	Box 4	Box 5
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Frequently	Constantly
<b>Number Range</b>	<b>0 - 54</b>	<b>55 - 59 - 63 - 67</b>	<b>68 - 72 - 77 - 81</b>	<b>82 - 86 - 90 - 94</b>	<b>95 - 100</b>
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Superior

### Excellence

**Quality of Sound** - A proper, representative sound is produced through use of proper, trained techniques.

**Clarity of Articulation** - Accuracy of the rhythmic portion of the program in all areas of the percussion ensemble.

**Ensemble Cohesiveness** - Control and understanding with how all parts of the ensemble connect with one another.

**Dynamics and Expression** - Performing the phrasing, layering and nuances which has been written for each performer.

**Implement Control and Uniformity** - Proper knowledge and training skills demonstrated through technique, control and overall uniformity.

**Blend and Balance** - Measuring the performers understanding and commitment to letting each voice be heard within the percussion ensemble and in relations to the whole ensemble.

### Sub Caption Spreads - Value of a Tenth

<b>Very Comparable</b>	<b>Minor Differences</b>	<b>Definitive Differences</b>	<b>Significant Differences</b>
<b>1 to 3 tenths</b>	<b>4 to 6 tenths</b>	<b>7 to 9 tenths</b>	<b>1 point or more</b>