
Portland Public Schools

Memorandum

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To: Personnel purchasing music stands for bond projects, new schools, and PDRs

From: Office of Teaching and Learning and PPS Music Shop

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All music stands purchased for Portland Public School music programs should be Manhasset brand, model number 48. Please use the following link to reference the music stand to purchase for PPS bond projects, school rebuilds, and school additions. <https://www.manhasset-specialty.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=page&table=products&pageID=1>

Manhasset brand specific is important, including the model.

- The majority of stands in this district are this brand and model.
- Model 48 has been around for generations and last 50+ years. Replacement parts have not changed for many years and will most likely stay the same in the future.
- Available for purchase from several different vendors (all local music stores can purchase).
- Quality exceeds all other brands. The only almost equivalent is Wenger. However, they have changed the style of their stands so different parts would be required for different years. The metal is now thinner which can lead to easier damage.
- The majority of major symphonies, school districts and colleges use these stands because their quality exceeds all other brands and they are simple to repair and maintain.

The PPS Music Shop is required to maintain all music stands for the district.

- One brand of parts requires less inventory, less space, and less expense long term towards the PPS budget.
- The majority of music stands in PPS currently are the Manhasset model 48 stands.