

INSTRUMENT MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Keep this guide in your music folder to ensure you are taking proper care of your piccolo! Items highlighted in green should be done by the student/parent and items highlighted in red should be done by the band director/music store technician.

Intended Frequency of Action:	Date last completed:	Description of task
Every Use		Thoroughly swab the inside of your piccolo after each use. Be sure not to leave your swab in your instrument while it is being stored!
Every Use		Wipe the exterior of your piccolo with a microfiber cloth to polish the keys and rid the instrument of fingerprints
Weekly		Place cleaning paper between each key and the body of the piccolo, then press down the piccolo key for several seconds before releasing the key and removing the paper. Be sure not to move the cleaning paper while the key is pressed down!
Weekly		For wooden piccolos only: Apply cork grease to the cork at the end of your piccolo body. This may need to be done more frequently for new piccolos and less frequently for older piccolos
Annually		Have the cork in your piccolo's head-joint replaced, your keys aligned, and any torn pads replaced For metal piccolos only: have your piccolo body silver polished For wooden piccolos only: have your piccolo body oiled