

FAQs FOR PARENTS

Does my child need to know how to play an instrument to join the band/orchestra?

Not at all! We'll teach your child everything they need to know to play. We'll start at the beginning with how to hold and handle their instrument, and together the students will learn to read and play music.

When will the band/orchestra class meet, and how much time will it take?

We will meet during the regular school day. We don't rehearse before or after school, with the possible exception of a rehearsal or two just before a concert. Band/orchestra students take all their core classes plus band/orchestra and other electives.

How much will it cost?

Band is a relatively inexpensive activity. We work with a respected music company who, at a reasonable monthly price, will provide you with a beginner package that includes an instrument, music book, supplies, and ongoing instrument maintenance.

If my child doesn't sign up for the band now, will they be able to later?

Beginning band/orchestra is offered only in this grade. The beginning class covers the fundamentals of playing, reading music, and band etiquette — things not taught in later grades.

Will band/orchestra affect my child's grades in other subjects?

It will most likely help them! Research has shown that music has a positive influence on other studies. Music teaches self-discipline, careful preparation, and the pride of accomplishment — all applicable to other academic areas. As a result, band/orchestra students consistently average higher grades than students not involved in music.

Can you be in the band/orchestra and be involved in other school activities like sports, cheerleading, dance, step, chorus, or art?

Yes, many of our students are involved in other electives and activities.

My child is involved in so many activities. Won't those activities affect their performance in the band/orchestra and vice versa?

Band students often have varied interests that make them among the busiest students in the school. There is usually plenty of time in the day if the time is well spent. The experience that they gain in balancing these interests and activities often proves to be one of life's most valuable lessons.