

Advanced Band FAQs (Traditional)

Period 7

What materials will my child need for Band?

- Instrument the very first day of school
- Tradition of Excellence Book 2 (blue book) for their assigned instrument. *This book can be purchased on Amazon.*
- Recommended: Wire folding stand (can be kept in their assigned band locker once instruments are assigned) *Can be purchased on Amazon.*
- Three ring binder with clear page protectors
- Pencil

Do I need my instrument the first day?

Yes, every student will need their instruments the first day as we will be playing. If you had a school rental last year you will be checked out a school instrument again this year. All Tuba players will be assigned their own instrument, no instrument will be shared. Please bring your own mouthpiece.

Can I get an instrument from the school?

The school has a few instruments that may be used. These are mostly the larger more expensive instruments like tubas, baritones, and french horns. A rental contract will be given to those needing larger instruments. All paperwork needs to be completed and returned once instrument is assigned.

Where can my child get an instrument if the school does not have one?

Instruments can be found affordable through rental purchase programs at the local music stores just as in years prior.

How do I know if a brand is a good brand of instrument?

It is important to purchase only well know acceptable brands. **Do not purchase instruments from Amazon or department stores. NO Mendini or Cecilio brand instruments.** These instruments are very inconsistent in quality, often have intonation problems and most shops will not work on them.

Be careful about unusually low-priced no name instruments on the internet. They usually play out of tune and fall into the same category as the Amazon/department store instruments. Recommended Brands, and those to avoid, will be given out with a materials list once an instrument is selected by the student.

Will we have concerts this year?

We currently have no traditional in person concerts schedule due to limitations of numbers within a same space. We are hoping to have an end of the year concert but at this point our winter concert will be held virtually and prerecorded during each class period. This will then be posted for parents and friends to view at a later date. Thank you for your understanding as the conditions and recommendations change throughout the year.

Will there be pep band?

There will be NO pep band this year. This is for the safety of the students and supporters of our athletic teams.