

Advanced Band FAQs (Virtual)

Period 7

What will my virtual band class look like?

Each day the student will join a live zoom daily, link to be posted on MyLearning, to first check in with your teacher then participate with the class. Since each band class will be a blended model, traditional at the same time as virtual, individual questions and concerns will be addressed at the end of the class period. Thank for your understanding as we navigate this new setting.

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.*
- Wire folding stand (*can be purchased on Amazon*) or a proper place to prop up music as to not hinder posture.
- Three ring binder with clear page protectors
- Pencil (no pens, no color pencils)

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 should have picked up your instrument on deployment day.

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. At this point, our winter concert will be held virtually and prerecorded during each class period in conjunction with virtual students on zoom. 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.