

Beginning Band FAQs (Virtual)

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: determined by aptitude testing and teachers *please see questions below for more instrument information*
- Tradition of Excellence Book 1 (Red book) for their assigned instrument. *Students must wait to purchase until instrument has been assigned. 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 (not pens, not color pencils)

What instrument will my child play?

We will be completing aptitude test within the first week. Instruments will then be assigned by the teacher. Not all instruments will be available due to our online platform.

Can I get an instrument from the school?

The school has a few instruments that may be used. These are for situations in which a family may have financial restrictions. A rental contract will be given to those needing an instrument. These instruments are available on a first come first serve basis. 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. Information will be given once instruments are assigned.

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.

When will my child need to bring his/her instrument?

After the first week of instrument demonstrations and completion of their aptitude testing, students will be assigned an instrument and information will be given to take home about rental and when instrument is needed.

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.