

## Frequently Asked Questions for Joining Band

### How much does band cost and is it offered during the regular school day?

Music instruction is an important part of our school curriculum. You will need to rent an instrument and purchase method books, as well as accessories. Classes are offered during the school day and no classroom instruction is missed.

### Where do I get an instrument?

You will want to rent an instrument before you make the investment of purchasing one. Instruments can be rented at any number of local music stores. When you rent, ask if the rental program fees will be applied to the eventual purchase price of a new instrument. You also want to ask if instrument insurance is included in the rental fee (in case something happens to the instrument).

### Does the school own or rent instruments?

There are a limited number of district-owned instruments available. If you can rent an instrument from a local music store, it will leave these instruments available for another student to participate in band who otherwise would not be able to do so. All students who borrow an instrument from the school district will be required to pay a maintenance fee for the entire year and are required to clean the instrument before it is returned to the district. More information on how to apply for a district instrument will come out soon.

### Can my student play whatever he/she chooses?

In most cases, the answer is yes. **However**, this year we have had a large amount of students wanting to play **percussion and saxophone**. Because of the large number of students wanting to play these instruments and the volume level associated with these instruments, I have asked several students to switch to their second/third choice instrument. I spoke to these students back in May, so that they would be aware of the instrument they would be playing. I truly thank those students for their understanding and cooperation. Any student who did not pre-register for saxophone or percussion by the May 19<sup>th</sup> deadline will not be able to play those instruments.

### Can we try band and then drop it?

**NO!!** We believe that your student is mature enough to make a **ONE YEAR** commitment and sustain it. If you have concerns regarding your student's participation and progress in band, please do not hesitate to contact me and we will work together to create a successful band experience for your child!

### Will the students perform in any concerts?

Yes! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Concerts are required for students and will be held either in the outdoor amphitheater or in our Multi Purpose Room at 6:30 in the evening.

