

SIGN ME UP!

5th Grade Beginning Band

Dear 5th Grade Parents and Students,

Greetings from the band! Your child has a wonderful opportunity to become a member of the HHES 5th grade band this Fall. Band is a great way to make new friends, be involved in school, belong to a band family, all while learning to play a band instrument.

Don't know how to play an instrument? No problem! Band will teach you all about playing whichever instrument you choose to start with, how to sit, how to put your instrument together, how to hold your horn and how to play. Band is a continuance of 5th grade music with notes, rhythms and excellence. **You will be joining one of the largest extracurricular activities in the Hockinson School District!** Students who continue into the Hockinson Middle School band program, join a team of students that can potentially be in band together through High School.

Fifth grade beginning band will be offered 5 days a week. All 5th grade students have the opportunity to participate in 5th grade band. Beginning band will be held each day after school in the Hockinson High School Band Room. Students will be bussed from **Hockinson Heights Elementary School down to the High School** at the end of the day. Band will be held from **2:35-3:30pm** on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and from **1:35-2:30pm** on Wednesdays. Students will have the option of being **picked up by parents** at the end of band, or **riding middle/high school buses home**. **(FYI-Routes are middle/high school routes and may be different from Elementary routes. [Bus route information](#)).** **PLEASE check the Hockinson School District website before the first day of school.**

Those interested in percussion and electric bass will need to speak with Mrs. Ritenburgh. All students interested in playing percussion will audition the first week of band. **PLEASE** select a second choice instrument as not everyone will be able to play percussion. Students will not be allowed to play percussion without having gone through the audition process. All percussionists start on mallets. Bass players will need to bring their own bass, cords and portable amp. to band each day. If you are interested in percussion or bass please notate that below.

Anyone interested in playing oboe, bassoon or saxophone in the future should start on flute or clarinet. Anyone interested in playing tuba in the future should start on baritone.

Band is part of a well-rounded education that encompasses several learning styles. Students have the opportunity to collaborate together in small/large groups while developing responsibility, dedication, structure, discipline and critical thinking. It boosts self-confidence, self-esteem, helps communication, teamwork and leadership skills and uses both sides of the brain.

All students interested in participating in the 5th grade beginning band need to fill out the information and **return it to Ms. Miles or Mrs. Ramirez**. Should you have any questions regarding 5th grade beginning band, please feel free to email Mrs. Ritenburgh, Ms. Miles or Mr. McEnry.

GO BAND!

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JOIN BAND!

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Click on the link to complete the survey OR return this form.

Student Name _____ Parent Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Classroom Teacher _____

What instrument do you want to play? Not sure??? Choose an instrument that has the sound you like to hear.

Options: **Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Bass, Percussion**

First Choice _____ Second Choice _____

Interested in switching to percussion? Yes/No Do you play piano? Yes/No

Interested in Bass as your primary instrument? Yes/No

Below are the instruments and numbers we would like to see.

Instrument	Size of Band	
	50–60	60–75
Flute	10	15
Clarinet	20	25
French Horn	3	5
Trumpet	10	15
Trombone/Baritone	15	20
Bass	1-2	1-2
Percussion	5-6	6-7