

BAND PARENT MEETING IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 13th at 5:30pm in Cafeteria



www.hillcrestband.org

2024-2025 Beginning Band Member Supply List

*Supplies may be purchased at Musical Innovations and other Local Music Stores
6th Grade first day with instruments is August 19th.*

Students are responsible for providing the supplies listed below. Binders, pencils, dividers and protectors must be brought to class starting on the first day of school.

- **ALL:** their instrument (with the exception of school-owned instruments) and mouthpieces in a case
 - Percussion- stick bag with all mallets and sticks in addition to your Percussion kit
 - Reeds and ligatures(for Clarinet and Saxophone players)
 - Neckstraps (for Low Clarinet and Saxophone players)
 - Valve Oil and Slide Grease (for brass all brass players)
 - Instrument Care Kit (sold at Musical Innovations)
- **ALL:** 1 inch, 3 ring binder with clear front for page inserts
- **ALL:** 1 package of clear sheet protectors (placed inside 3 ring binder)
- **ALL:** 1 package of dividers (placed inside 3 ring binder)
- **ALL:** 3 Pencils (kept inside the band binder at all times)
- **ALL:** Standard of Excellence: Book 1 (RED BOOK)

Getting Your Instrument

Unless otherwise notified, every student will need to purchase or rent an instrument from a local music store or other approved source. We caution the purchase of poor quality instruments from department stores, discount stores, and eBay. Please go ahead and mark your calendars so that you can attend our beginning parent meeting/rental night. This is a night when Musical Innovations will come to Hillcrest Middle School to assist you in renting or purchasing an instrument and all accessories for your child. **THIS EVENT IS SCHEDULED FOR THE EVENING OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 13th immediately following the parent meeting at 5:30pm.**

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School Instrument Rental Information

The Wildcat Band Program has a limited number of school-owned instruments that may be rented through the program. Our rentals are typically limited to large instruments that cannot normally be rented at local stores (tubas, larger saxophones, french horns, etc.). The parents and student renting the instrument then become responsible for all repairs needed to the instrument while in the student's possession. A **rental fee of \$75** must be paid before the instrument can be released to the student.

Band families who are experiencing financial hardship may apply for a full or partial waiver of the rental fee by contacting Mr. Scott/Mr. Ray directly.

Wildcat Band Fair Share Policy

Greenville County School District funds only a small part of our school band program. To meet our annual operating expenses, each band family must contribute an equal amount or a "Fair Share" of the expenses that are not covered by the school district budget. We make every effort to keep our Fair Share fees as affordable as possible by fundraising, seeking donations from business partners, and by relying on parent and student volunteers to help with the work of running the band program. The best way for parents to assist in keeping the Fair Share cost low is to pay their Fair Share in a timely manner and to be involved with any fundraising and volunteering that occurs during the school year. Any fundraiser initiated by the band program directly affects the Fair Share amount because, without participation, Fair Share assessments would be significantly higher. The term and concept of Fair Share is used because payments and credits are used collectively for the operating expenses of the entire band, rather than for the benefit of the individual student. All Fair Share payments and fundraising credits go into the general operating account and may be used for such expenses as clinician's fees, registration fees, sheet music, music resources, music technology, office supplies, band equipment, percussion equipment, transportation/drivers, and large instrument purchases and maintenance.

Fair Share payments for the 2024-2025 school year are \$65.00 per band member and requested by September 3rd.

Families with more than one child in band are only expected to pay a single fair share.

Students using a school owned instrument are expected to pay both the instrument rental fee and their Fair Share.

Band families who are experiencing financial hardship may apply for a full or partial waiver of the Fair Share Assessment by contacting Mr. Scott/Mr. Ray directly. For purposes of this program, financial assistance is offered to any band student who is on the free and/or reduced lunch program or can demonstrate financial need. All requests for band financial assistance are kept strictly confidential. Students receiving financial assistance are required to maintain a passing grade of "B" or better in band class. Financial assistance MAY NOT be applied to other band expenses or band trips.

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