

RMS Beginner Band

BASSOON, CLARINET, EUPHONIUM, FLUTE, FRENCH HORN, OBOE, PERCUSSION, SAXOPHONE, TROMBONE, TRUMPET, TUBA

Time commitment: Two outside of school practices one before each concert (2 total for the school year).

In order to see consistent improvement, students will have a daily playing requirement.
We do have extra FUN activities!!

Monthly Cost: varies per instrument; financial aid available (ask director for more info)

Finances should not keep any student from joining band. If the fees/instrument rental create an undue financial burden, please talk to a director and something can be worked out. **The district also provides assistance to those on free or reduced lunch.*

One time Fee: registration/activity fee: \$60 (includes binder/paper materials, contest and travel costs) **There is one field trip not included in this fee. (\$20)

Supplies Needed: Instrument, tuner/metronome, wire stand for home practice

Screening/Fitting Process: We are limited to the amount of students we can have playing each instrument. In order to make sure that each child is placed on the instrument on which they will be the most successful, we do have a screening/fitting day: an instrument petting zoo! Students can try as many instruments as they want and our staff will help guide them and look for facial characteristics that might allow them to be successful on any given instruments (for example: thin, more flat lips work better for flute/trumpet, while full lips work best on trombone/euphonium or tuba). **Our “screening” day is by appointment and students must attend with a parent/guardian – Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9am-noon and 1-4pm.** If you cannot attend, please email us for a separate appointment. Details about where to enter the building will be emailed as it gets closer. There are 6 appointments every 20 minutes - each appointment should take approximately 60 minutes. **Instrument are filled on first come, first served basis - those interested in percussion, saxophone, oboe and bassoon need to be screened as those classes usually fill up first!**

To sign up for a time, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AABA82FABF94-46493739-rodriquez>

***If you are unable to attend the screening/petting zoo, please call/email and set up an appointment (kdesjardins@dentonisd.org OR kosborne@dentonisd.org)

****Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone, and Percussion are chosen on a lottery system – you MUST come to the screening night or speak with us to make it into the drawing for these classes.**

Class specifics: Our Beginner Band is divided into like-instrument classes EVERY day. In other words, they meet only with their instrument group each day. The following are the available beginning band classes and the number of spaces available in each class. Flute class (10), Oboe (3) and Bassoon (3), Clarinet Class (20), Saxophone Class (8), Trumpet Class (10), French Horn Class (8), Trombone Class (10), Euphonium Class (5), Tuba Class (5) and Percussion Class (8). **ALL** spaces are filled on a first come, first served basis. **(Please contact us if you are unable to make the petting zoo date and we can schedule a separate time for you as lottery instruments require attendance to the screening!)**

Band is a full year course. We also encourage students to continue with band for all 3 years in middle school and 4 years in high school! It only gets better the longer you do it! :)

Music electives do not conflict with athletics as students cannot join athletics until 7th grade. **There is a place in music for everyone!**

In 7/8th grade, students can be a member of one of our advanced bands. The advanced bands play for pep rallies and one football game, in addition to concerts and various competitions.

Performances: Beginners are required to perform at Fall and Spring Concerts. They also compete at Trinity Music Festival in the Spring. There is one required after school practice prior to each performance.

Additional Info: We have personal trainers on each instrument available before, during, and after school for an extra fee. Some of our extra activities have included Altitude and Main Event!

Contact for More info:

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