

PINE GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is band?

Band is a group of people playing different musical instruments that work together to create one great sound! In 6th grade you start learning how to play an instrument in small groups but before you know it you'll be playing in concert bands, jazz bands, and even marching bands!

2. Is band a graded class?

Yes, band is a graded class. At Pine Grove Middle School you actually get to choose some of your classes! At Pine Grove band meets every day during the school day. You get to pick two different connection classes. Band is a year long connection class, so if you sign up for band you take that class all year long. Your second connection class could be PE, computer science, agriculture, art, technology, chorus, etc. We hope you choose band as one of your connection choices!

3. I don't know how to play an instrument...Can I still join band?

Yes! You don't have to know anything about music to join band. Most students who join band have never played an instrument before! We teach you everything you need to know. We teach you how to read notes and rhythms, how to put your instrument together and how to properly play your instrument.

4. I don't have an instrument...Can I still join band?

Yes. Most students don't have an instrument when they join band. We spend the first several weeks of band class figuring out what instrument might be best for you. Once we have picked out the right instrument for you your parents come to a band meeting one evening after school and make arrangements to get the instrument.

5. I don't know what instrument I want to play...Can I still join band?

Yes. All you need to know is that you want to be part of the band! When school starts we spend the first few weeks of band class talking about all the instrument options you have to choose from. You get a chance to learn about the instruments, hear them being played, and ask questions about them. You then get to pick your top three favorite instruments to test out before we select an instrument for you to play. The instrument test is not meant to be scary or exclude anyone from band. Instrument testing day is actually a very fun, exciting, and noisy day! It simply gives you and me an idea of what instrument you might like the best. Have an open mind about what instrument you might like to try. You never know what you like or don't like until you try it!



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6. I want to participate in school sports and clubs.... Can I do band and sports?

Yes! We want our band students to be involved in lots of activities. Band and school sports/clubs don't interfere with each other. Band meets during the school day and sports practice happens after school. On the very rare occasion that there is a conflict with band and sports, the coach and I can work together to solve the problem. My band students are involved in about every activity that school offers... basketball, baseball, football, track, soccer, tennis, swimming, cross country, FFA, yearbook, cheerleading, and so much more.

7. Is band hard?

Band takes practice, just like any other new activity or hobby you start. Just like any other sport or subject some people may have to work harder than others to catch on but with a little practice and listening carefully to your teacher, you'll be a pro in no time!

8. How do I sign up for band at Pine Grove Middle School?

Scan the QR code below and fill out the Google form. That will let us know you want to be added to band class in the fall.

9. Is band the only connection class I can take?

No! You get two connections classes at Pine Grove! Band is a year long class, so if you sign up for band that is one of your connection classes for the entire year, but you can choose other connections classes to take throughout the year in addition to band! Other connections classes you can choose include: art, PE, agriculture, computer science, technology, chorus etc. I hope that you sign up for band!

If you have more questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Griffin (band director)!

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Scan the QR Code below to join the greatest band around!

