

# 2025/26 PRUSD Elementary Band

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## **Introduction**

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Elementary Band! I truly believe that a musical education is an invaluable part of the curriculum PRUSD provides for our students. The truth is, there are only so many fields that train a sensitivity for beauty and an appreciation for art. At the same time, music also strengthens virtues such as courage, perseverance, discipline, and self-reliance! I hope that your child is able to join us for our 2025/26 season!

## **Instruments**

Students who join Elementary Band can choose from four instruments to play: flute, clarinet, trumpet, and trombone. There is no benefit to one instrument over another. In fact, switching instruments after a few years of experience is not uncommon.

A limited number of school instruments is available at this time. These instruments will be loaned at no cost with the stipulation that they be returned in similar condition to how they were originally loaned. Repair costs may be incurred for any repairs that become necessary. If you are interested in seeking an instrument from an outside vendor, I recommend starting with Soundcheck Music in Grass Valley or The Music Store in Rocklin. I caution you against ordering any instruments from Amazon or Walmart (you will get what you pay for!).

## **Cost**

I am delighted to be offering the Elementary Band at no charge to families! Please be aware, however, that expenses may be incurred if instrumental repairs become necessary, or when students need to replace or upgrade accessories.

## **Scheduling**

Classes will take place on Magnolia's campus Monday through Thursday, from approximately 2:25-3:15 (this is Magnolia's 6th period). Any exceptions are related to Mr. Horton's absence or schedule changes at Magnolia. At 3:15, all students will be released. At that time, they may be picked up by a parent/guardian, or they may use the buses that depart from Magnolia. Please check with your corresponding school's front

office if you are unsure of your child's bus route number, and communicate that to Mr. Horton!

During the first few weeks of Elementary Band, the fourth and fifth grade students who are signed up will meet ONLY one day per week. They will be meeting with members of their section, whether that is flutes (F), clarinets (C), trumpets (T), or trombones (B).

**Free transportation will be provided from Alta Sierra Elementary School via the "band bus."**

### **Interested?**

If you are ready to sign up your child(ren) for Elementary Band, please fill out the GoogleForms at [this link](#) (opens Monday, 9/8 at 6 AM). If you have any questions, please reach out via email to [jhorton@prsd.us](mailto:jhorton@prsd.us).

### **Schedule**

**Please note:** Elementary Band students will perform **twice** during the 2025-2026 school year. The first performance will be November 20 at 2:30 (during our normal rehearsal time). Their second performance will be at the Spring Concert (Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM).

| Week   | Dates             | Group                                                   |
|--------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Week 1 | Sept. 22-26       | Monday - T   Tuesday - B   Wednesday - C   Thursday - F |
| Week 2 | Sept. 29 - Oct. 2 | Monday - T   Tuesday - B   Wednesday - C   Thursday - F |
| Week 3 | Oct. 6-9          | Monday - T   Tuesday - B   Wednesday - C   Thursday - F |
|        | Oct. 13-16        | <i>No Rehearsal - Minimum Days</i>                      |
|        | Oct. 20-23        | <i>No Rehearsal - Fall Break</i>                        |
| Week 4 | Oct. 27-30        | Mon. - T/B   Tues. - T/B   Wed. - F/C   Thurs. - F/C    |
| Week 5 | Nov. 3-6          | Mon. - T/B   Tues. - T/B   Wed. - F/C   Thurs. - F/C    |
| Week 6 | Nov. 10-13        | PD Day   Veteran's Day   Wed. - F/C   Thurs. - F/C      |

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| Week 7  | Nov. 17-20       | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday<br><b>PERFORMANCE for parents - Thursday at 2:30!</b> |
|         | Nov. 24-27       | <i>No Rehearsal - Thanksgiving Break</i>                                                    |
| Week 8  | Dec. 1-4         | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
| Week 9  | Dec. 8-11        | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
|         | Dec. 15-18       | <i>No Rehearsal - Mr. Horton at Conference</i>                                              |
|         | Dec. 22-25       | <i>No Rehearsal - Winter Break</i>                                                          |
|         | Dec. 29 - Jan. 1 | <i>No Rehearsal - Winter Break</i>                                                          |
| Week 10 | Jan. 5-8         | Full Band Rehearsal <u>Tuesday</u> - Thursday                                               |
| Week 11 | Jan. 12-15       | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
| Week 12 | Jan. 19-22       | Full Band Rehearsal <u>Tuesday</u> - Thursday                                               |
| Week 13 | Jan. 26-29       | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
| Week 14 | Feb. 2-5         | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
| Week 15 | Feb. 9-12        | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
| Week 16 | Feb. 16-19       | Full Band Rehearsal <u>Tuesday</u> - Thursday                                               |
| Week 17 | Feb. 23-26       | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
| Week 18 | Mar. 2-5         | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
| Week 19 | Mar. 9-12        | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
| Week 20 | Mar. 16-19       | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
| Week 21 | Mar. 23-26       | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
|         | Mar. 30 - Apr. 2 | <i>No Rehearsal - Spring Break</i>                                                          |
| Week 22 | Apr. 6-9         | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
| Week 23 | Apr. 13-16       | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
| Week 24 | Apr. 20-23       | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                       |
| Week 25 | Apr. 27-30       | <b>Rehearsal Cancelled Monday/Tuesday</b>                                                   |

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|         |           | Full Band Rehearsal Wednesday/Thursday                                                                                                      |
| Week 26 | May 4-7   | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                                                                       |
| Week 27 | May 11-14 | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday                                                                                                       |
| Week 28 | May 18-21 | Full Band Rehearsal Monday - Thursday<br><b>Wednesday Spring Concert Performance!</b>                                                       |
| Week 29 | May 25-28 | Memorial Day (Monday) and Emergency Day (Tuesday)<br>Come to band on Wednesday and Thursday for<br>instrument return and end of year party! |