



# Heritage Middle School

## **BAND**

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### **BAND CLASS INFORMATION 2025-2026**

#### **Supplies:**

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band**

- Band Method Book: Essential Elements for Band (2025), Book 1 (for your child's instrument)
- 3-Ring Binder (1" or 1/2" will be fine)
- 10 Sheet Protectors
- Pencils (Students should always have a pencil for class)
- Brass Players (trumpet, trombone, tuba, French horn, baritone): Valve/Slide Oil
- Woodwind Players (Clarinet, Saxophone):
  - Clarinets should have 2 new reeds in their case at all times
    - I recommend purchasing a box of 10, 2 ½ reeds
  - Saxophones should have 2 new reeds in their case at all times
    - I recommend purchasing a box of 10, 2 ½ reeds
- All instruments should consider purchasing an instrument care kit from the local music store. These kits contain many of the items needed to perform regular maintenance on the instrument to keep them in proper working condition.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band**

- Band Method Book: Essential Elements for Band, Book 1, same as last year. We will finish this book before another is needed.
- 3-Ring Binder (1")
- 10-20 Sheet Protectors
- Pencils (Students should always have a pencil for class)
- Brass Players (trumpet, trombone, tuba, French horn, baritone): Valve/Slide Oil
- Woodwind Players (Clarinet, Saxophone):
  - Clarinets should have 2 new reeds in their case at all times
    - I recommend purchasing a box of 10, #3 reeds
  - Saxophones should have 2 new reeds in their case at all times
    - I recommend purchasing a box of 10, #3 reeds
- All instruments should consider purchasing an instrument care kit from the local music store. These kits contain many of the items needed to perform regular maintenance on the instrument to keep them in proper working condition.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band**

- Band Method Book: Essential Elements for Band, Book 2 (for your child's instrument)
- 3-Ring Binder (1")
- 10-20 Sheet Protectors
- Pencils (Students should always have a pencil for class)
- Brass Players (trumpet, trombone, tuba, French horn, baritone): Valve/Slide Oil
- Woodwind Players (Clarinet, Saxophone):
  - Clarinets should have 2 new reeds in their case at all times
    - I recommend purchasing a box of 10, #3 reeds
  - Saxophones should have 2 new reeds in their case at all times
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## **All Band Classes:**

- **THERE IS A \$30 BAND FEE PER STUDENT. THIS FEE IS DUE BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>. This fee will help our program in the purchase of new music and assist in maintaining equipment necessary to provide your child with the best possible middle school band experience. (make checks to HMS, write Band Fee in memo)**
- All Band classes meet every day.
- Student band class assignment is determined by the instrument they play.

## **Instruments:**

### **Storage:**

- All students will be provided an area to store their instrument in the band room during the school day.
- Students should never store their instrument in their academic hallway lockers.

## **First Day of School:**

- You don't need your instrument on the first day.
- Students will receive our class handbook and event calendar

I look forward to a great year of band at Heritage Middle School. If you have any questions before school starts, or once we get started please do not hesitate to contact me at [apoteat@burke.k12.nc.us](mailto:apoteat@burke.k12.nc.us) or (828) 874-0731 ext. 2212

Musically yours,  
Aaron P. Poteat, Band Director