



E. H. Greene Intermediate School Music

Dear Soon-To-Be 5th Grade Families,

We are excited to have you and your child join our E. H. Greene School family! The Greene School offers many new opportunities for students. One of those opportunities is to choose their music class! Students can choose between Band, Choir, Orchestra, or General Music. The week of January 13th, we will be visiting each elementary school to demonstrate the music choices available in 5th grade.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should be in band, choir, or orchestra?

- Anyone who wants to be part of a wonderful team and perform lots of great music!

I really enjoy singing, but I also want to learn an instrument. Can I do both?

- **YES!** Students can take both choir and band/orchestra during the school day. In fact, we encourage it!

I play a sport and have a lot of after school activities, can I still be in band, choir, or orchestra?

- Absolutely! Band, choir, and orchestra happen during the school day and do not conflict with sports or after school activities!

What else do I need to know?

- Band, Choir, and Orchestra are performance-based classes and require active participation from every student.
- Periodic practice at home is expected.
- Students participate in three concerts each year.
- Band and Orchestra require a financial commitment to rent an instrument. If the cost of an instrument would prohibit your child from participating, please reach out to your band/orchestra teacher for assistance in obtaining an instrument.

What if I don't want to be in a performing ensemble?

- A non-performance based General Music class is offered where students learn about various musical topics including history, style, and theory.

Please see the next page for further information about signing up for a music class.

Next Steps

Students who wish to play an instrument are required to attend the **Rising 5th Grade Instrument Fair** to try the instruments!

- **January 23 @ EHG (7 PM – 8:30 PM)**
- **January 25 @ EHG (9 AM – 3 PM)**
- **More information and to RSVP: tinyurl.com/InstFair25**

If you cannot attend one of the dates above, please reach out to the band/orchestra teachers to schedule an evaluation.

Students will be evaluated for an instrument based on a variety of criteria, including:

- The ability to create a characteristic sound with instruction
- The physical characteristics of the student (hand size, dental features, etc.)
- Coordination relative to the individual demands of specific instruments

The final instrument choice will be determined when checking-out from the Instrument Fair based on a combination of the above criteria as well as student interest.

Registration Information

In February, your student will meet with the E.H. Greene counselors to mark their choices for music and specials classes. They will want to indicate:

- **If they choose to play an instrument, sing in choir, or participate in general music.**
- **If they want a combination of playing an instrument + singing in choir.**

We are excited to get to work with you and your student next year at the Greene School! Please contact us if you have any questions, concerns, or if there is anything we can help with!

Go AVES!

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