

# Deer Creek Bands

## 6th Grade Beginning Band: First Days of School

Hi everyone! I'm sure you have many questions about how Beginning Band works. Please take a moment to read through the below information and let me know if you have any questions. [jaredvanvickle@dcsok.org](mailto:jaredvanvickle@dcsok.org)

### **How do I get my instrument and supplies?**

You have several options to acquire all the materials needed for band class. The Deer Creek Band staff strongly recommends that families rent or purchase instruments and accessories for beginning band students from one of our rental nights. **We will host Palen Music and Edmond Music at DCIS for Instrument Rental Nights.** Both of these local stores know the brands and models of instruments, method books, and other supplies required for beginning band classes at Deer Creek. Both stores offer a rent-to-own program (interest free) or you can purchase in full.

Both stores offer multiple options to get your instrument, including:

- On-line Rental Process
- In store visit
- In person rental at DCIS

Deer Creek Schools/Bands gets no kind of “kick back” by hosting these meetings. We simply facilitate the meetings to make the process easier for our Deer Creek families to acquire the necessary materials. All business is conducted directly with the music stores. Questions regarding price, payment options, etc. must be answered directly by the stores. Flyers with additional information are attached.

### **Should we rent or purchase?**

*Each family's situation is unique and not all families will do the same thing. Most families opt for the rent-to-own program. If the student drops band after 6th grade, they are not out the whole cost of the instrument. The rental program often comes with a repair plan, which is likely to be used with a beginner student.*

### **Do we have to rent or purchase a new instrument... what about used?**

*Both stores carry a limited inventory of used instruments available for rent. These come in great condition and have been thoroughly inspected and repaired by their repair shops.*

*Some families already have an instrument from a previous friend or family member. In most cases these will work, however, it is recommended you check with your child's teacher. We can advise if any repairs are essential before the used instrument is ready for daily use.*

### **I found an instrument on Amazon, Sam's, Sears, etc. that is much cheaper... will this work?**

*We do NOT recommend these instruments. These instruments are much cheaper than those we recommend through the music stores. They are made with less durable material resulting in more repairs. These instruments are also more challenging to make a quality sound. They can actually hinder a student's progress due to the extra difficulty it takes to play them. Some repair shops will not work on certain brands due to the*

*poor manufacturing of the instrument. Your child would be better off with a used instrument of a reliable brand. Please check with your child's director before making any purchases. We are happy to advise and help make sure you get the best instrument possible for your child.*

**When do we need their instrument?**

*Most classes will start using instruments in class the last week of August.*

**How often does my student bring their instrument to school?**

*Students bring their instruments to school every day. Students will take their instrument home each day. Students are expected to practice 20-30 min. per day to practice the material covered in class. Students will be most successful with regular practice outside of class.*

**Who is my child's band director?**

[Ms. McKinney](#) - Percussion

[Mr. VanVickle](#) - Trumpets

[Ms. Patterson](#) - Clarinets and Flutes

[Mr. Kerr](#) - Trombones

I know you will have other questions. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's band teacher if you have other questions we did not address here.

# Private Lesson Teachers

## Recommended by Deer Creek Bands

Private lessons have many benefits to your child. Every child is different. Instruction is tailored to the individual student's needs and learning style. Lessons will move at an appropriate pace for your child: slower for deeper understanding or faster for advanced students. Supporting your child's music education by supplementing with private lessons could be the key to their success. Schedules, locations, in-person or on-line, fees, etc. are all arranged directly with the private teacher. If you have any questions or are unable to connect with one of these teachers, let your child's director know and we can make additional referrals.

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