Homeschool Band

What instruments are offered for band?

Students can choose from flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and baritone.

Where will the band meet?

We will meet at Gilead ARP Church, located at 15303 Beatties Ford Road, Huntersville, NC 28078.

When will the band meet?

Mondays, beginning August 16, from 1:00-2:00 pm (Advanced Band), 2:00-3:00 pm (Intermediate Band), and 3:00-4:00 pm (Beginning Band).

What are the levels of band offered at Heritage Homeschool Band?

We offer 3 levels of band: Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced.

How do you determine which band a student should attend?

The band director will determine a student's level and in which band they should participate. Students will typically start in the Beginning Band and then move to higher level bands at the discretion of the band director.

How much is tuition and to whom is it paid?

Tuition is $500 per school year per band student, paid to Kristy Parson by cash, check, or Venmo. The band is not part of any one co-op homeschool group but will have students from many groups in the area.

What are my payment options?

1. One-time tuition fee of $500.
2. Semester tuition fee of $250 per semester, payable at the first class of each semester (August and January).

Tuition is $500 for the year, regardless of the number of classes per month.

How does my child pick an instrument?

On the first day of class, I will demonstrate the instruments if your child has not already decided on one. We will consider the child's size and interest as primary considerations for picking the instrument.

Where do I get an instrument?

I recommend Music and Arts in the Rosedale Commons shopping center on Gilead Road in Huntersville. They have worked with me for many years, have great service, will provide quality instruments for a reasonable monthly rental fee, and can even do repairs. There are several other good, reputable music stores in the area (Charlotte and Mooresville) that can also provide great instruments. I would not recommend purchasing an instrument from Amazon or a pawn shop! There is no guarantee that these instruments will be good quality or play well,

and your child will be frustrated that their instrument does not sound good. Having a quality instrument is extremely important for your child to be successful.

Who can join the band?

Band will be open to students in grades 5-12.

What if my child has never before played an instrument or read music?

No problem! Beginning Band is geared toward beginners or musicians of any skill level. Beginning instrumental players will learn both how to play their instruments and how to read music during band.

Can my child receive further instruction on their instrument outside of band?

Yes, I do offer 30 minute private and group lessons for additional monthly fees. Private lessons are $25 per lesson, and cost of group lessons will be determined by the number of students per group. I teach lessons throughout the week at my home studio in Lincolnton.

Are students required to practice outside of band?

YES! Students must practice at home to use and improve the skills taught during band. Students should practice at least an hour and 15 minutes per week (15 minutes for 5 nights of the week).

What music will the students use?

Beginning band students will use the *Standard of Excellence, Book 1* for the instrument that they play, and Intermediate students will use *Standard of Excellence, Book 2.* You can purchase the books at Music and Arts or online. Mrs. Parson will also provide other sheet music at times for the students to use.

My child already plays an instrument. Can they participate?

Yes! Students who have previously played a band instrument are encouraged to join us! I will have the student play for me so I can determine which group will fit their current level.

Will students need any other supplies?

Yes, they will each need to purchase and bring their own folding music stand to band. Gilead Church has only a limited number of stands, so students will need to provide their own. Stands will also be helpful for practice at home. Stands may be purchased at Music and Arts or from many providers online.

Students who choose oboe, clarinet, or alto saxophone will also need to periodically purchase reeds for their instrument.

Do you have a dress code or other similar policies?

Yes! Here is the Heritage Homeschool Band dress code policy:
Students should dress in clean, neat clothes free from offensive language or images.

Will there be any concerts?

Yes, we will have a Christmas Concert and a Spring Concert, both held at Gilead ARP Church. Tentative dates for those concerts are Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7 pm and Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7 pm.

If you have any other questions, please contact Mrs. Parson at kristybyrd@hotmail.com or message her through the Heritage Homeschool Band Facebook page.