



Band Time

Dear Parents and Students,

As a sixth grade student in the Lewis-Palmer School District, your child will be offered an opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument and be a part of our award-winning District 38 Band Program. This is an opportunity for self-expression, creativity, and achievement that can last a lifetime. Playing a musical instrument introduces students to a world of music and much more! Playing in band is fun, and students enjoy being part of a group.

Did you know participation in band...

- Improves recall/retention of verbal information
- Advances math achievement
- Boosts reading and language arts skills
- Increases average SAT scores
- Fosters stronger self-confidence
- Fosters creativity and artistic development

And also:

- Skills gained through music instruction, including discipline, the ability to analyze and solve problems, communicating, and working cooperatively with others, are vital for success in the 21st century.
- In a 2008 report, employers identified creativity as one of the top five skills for success in the workforce.
- In District 38, there have only been THREE students who have achieved a perfect score on the ACT, and all of them played an instrument in band from 6th grade until they graduated.
- Most valedictorians and salutatorians in District 38 play in band

Band classes meet every day as part of the regular school schedule. **No previous musical training is required to do band.** Instruction is provided on the following band instruments:

- Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, french horn, trombone, baritone, tuba and percussion
- **TWO YEARS PREVIOUS TRAINING ON PIANO IS EXPECTED FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO PLAY PERCUSSION!**

Many factors go into choosing the correct musical instrument for an individual. Due to physical characteristics, one instrument may be more suitable than another. To aid you and your child in the selection of a band instrument, **we will have instrument fitting nights** for future 6th grade students on:

- **Monday, March 11, 5:00-7:00 PM at Lewis-Palmer High School in the Band Room**
- **Thursday, March 14, 5:00P-7:00 PM at Lewis-Palmer High School in the Band Room**
- **Thursday, March 21, 5:00-7:00 PM at Lewis-Palmer High School in the Band Room**

Students wishing to do band **MUST** attend one of these nights to ensure they are fitted to a good instrument for them. **Sign up through the sign up genius:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4ea8ae23a2fa7-2019> or follow the **QR Code** at the bottom of this page. Drop-ins can not be accommodated.

To save time, please bring the included **Band Questionnaire** with you to the instrument fitting night.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to meeting you!



BAND QUESTIONNAIRE
DO NOT RETURN THIS TO SCHOOL!

Please bring this with you to the instrument fitting night.

Student's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Present Elementary School _____

Do you play piano? Yes No

If so, how long have you played? _____

If so, who was/is your teacher? _____

NOTE: Students **SHOULD** have two years of piano minimum to play percussion.

Which Band instrument would you like to play (circle choices)?

1st choice •Flute •Oboe •Bassoon •Clarinet •Trumpet •Horn
 •Trombone •Euphonium •Tuba •Percussion (Bells and Snare Drum)

2nd choice •Flute •Oboe •Bassoon •Clarinet •Trumpet •Horn
 •Trombone •Euphonium •Tuba •Percussion (Bells and Snare Drum)

3rd choice •Flute •Oboe •Bassoon •Clarinet •Trumpet •Horn
 •Trombone •Euphonium •Tuba •Percussion (Bells and Snare Drum)

Final Decision _____