

**This form must be completed and returned for all students
in order for us to schedule classes:**

Greetings future 6th graders, we are looking forward to meeting you in the fall. However, we need to plan for your classes next year and need some information from you now. As a sixth grader you can participate in Beginning Band, Beginning or Intermediate Orchestra or you can rotate through a variety of classes in the Cultural Arts Rotation.

Please read below for more details about these options and then indicate your preference. This form is your chance to select classes you want to take next year. Read it carefully and be sure to return your form to the middle school with your registration packet.

Beginning Band – No prior experience needed. This class is for students that want to learn to play a band instrument (see the instrument list on the reverse side). Band is a year-long class.

Beginning Orchestra – No prior experience needed. This class is for students that want to learn to play the stringed instruments (see the instrument list on the reverse side). Orchestra is a year-long class.

Intermediate Orchestra – Prior experience necessary. This class is for students who participated in the 5th-grade Orchestra program or who have taken lessons outside of school. Orchestra is a year-long class.

Cultural Arts Rotation – This is a set of trimester classes through which students will rotate during the three trimesters. The rotation of classes will include one trimester of Art, WAMS (video production class) and Health.

Student Name: _____ **Parent Name:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email address:** _____

Please indicate if you intend to have your child take Band, Orchestra or the Cultural Arts Rotation below: (even though you may have indicated previously on another form)

- Beginning Band
- Beginning Orchestra
- Intermediate Orchestra (for students that had 5th grade strings)
- Cultural Arts Rotation



Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

***Please complete the back of this form if you are joining Band or Orchestra.**

THE INSTRUMENTS

BAND

FLUTE

- Plays the melody
- Often featured
- Challenging at first, due to coordination & “dizziness”
- **No school rentals available**

CLARINET

- Plays melody & harmony
- Easy to start and challenging in the future
- School rentals available

OBOE

- The “snake charmer” - a cool and unique instrument that is challenging, but rewarding!
- School rentals available

BASSOON

- Fantastic, funky instrument that is challenging, unique and rewarding!
- School rentals available

FRENCH HORN

- The most challenging instrument
- Be willing to work hard, but be sweetly rewarded!
- School rentals available

BARITONE & TUBA

- Plays the bass line
- Supports the band
- Makes the sound great!
- School rentals available

TROMBONE

- Plays the bass line
- Supports the band!
- Only instrument with a slide
- Good for Jazz band
- School rentals available

TRUMPET

- Plays melody
- Often featured
- Leads brass section
- School rentals available

BASS CLARINET

- Plays the bass line
- Supports the band!
- Awesome sound.
- School rentals available

ALTO SAX

- Plays more harmony than melody
- **No school rentals available**

TENOR SAX & BARI SAX

- Play the bass line and harmony
- Supports the band!
- Good for Jazz Band!
- School rentals available

PERCUSSION

- Play bells & mallet instruments first trimester, then add the snare and bass drum
- Patience, team effort & sharing are essential!
- No drumset except in Jazz
- Meet with teacher before registering
- **No school rentals available**

ORCHESTRA

Violin – The soprano voice of the string family; the violin often has the melody. It can play music of any genre and style including: classical, fiddle/folk, jazz, pop and others. Because it is the smallest of the string family the orchestra needs more violins than violas, cellos and basses. Rentals are available through the district.

Viola – The viola is similar to the violin but it is slightly lower in sound and has a more mellow sonority. The viola often plays counter-melody or harmony adding depth and richness to the orchestra. Viola can also play music of any genre and style. While the orchestra does not need as many violas as violins, the viola is still essential to the orchestra. Rentals are available through the district.

Cello – The cello is much larger than the violin and viola, therefore it must be played from a seated position. The cello is much lower in sound than the violin and viola. It adds a whole new dimension of sound to the orchestra. Like the violin and viola it can play music of any genre and style. Rentals are available through the district.

Bass – The bass is much larger and lower sounding than the cello. It is the foundation of the orchestra. Like the other stringed instruments it can play music of any genre and style. Bases must be rented through the district.

BAND REGISTRATION FORM

“I would like to be in band and...”

- I have my own instrument.
- I will rent my instrument from a music store.
- I hope to rent my instrument from AMS.
- I need help knowing which instrument is right for me.
I will come in and try the instruments on Aug. 22nd or 23rd, from 1:30-3:30pm.
- I already play: _____

Please circle the instrument that you would like to play:

FLUTE OBOE BASSOON CLARINET
BASS CLARINET ALTO SAX TENOR SAX
BARI SAX TRUMPET FRENCH HORN
TROMBONE BARITONE TUBA
PERCUSSION

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VIOLIN CELLO
VIOLA STRING BASS