

Elementary Band Registration

(PRINT CLEARLY)

Student Full Name _____

Elementary School _____

Classroom Teacher _____

Grade Level _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s)

Home Phone Number _____

Alternate Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian e-mail address

INSTRUMENT CHOICE

Please e-mail the above information to
dfurness@lwsd.org

If you do not have access to e-mail,
return the paper copy to your classroom teacher no
later than Friday September 11th

When and where do the band classes meet?

All band classes meet from 7:40—8:25 am. Please arrive by 7:30. Classes will meet in the music rooms at RMS

Who are the instructors for the classes?

Mr. Furness—Redmond Middle School Band Director

Miss Berman—Music Teacher at Horace Mann Elementary

How does my student get to band and to their elementary school?

Students have three options to get to Redmond Middle School.

- 1) If they are within walking distance, they may do that
- 2) Many band student families form carpools to get them to the middle school.

At the end of band classes, all students are bussed back to their elementary school.

How much class time will they miss?

Students should get to their school fairly close to the start of the school day and should miss none or very minimal instructional time in their class. Teachers are supportive of the band program.

What if my child misses a rehearsal?

Since we only meet two times per week, it is important for your child to be on time to every rehearsal. ***If the student will be absent, please let Mr. Furness know prior to rehearsal.*** This is important for Safe Arrival information. Also, band does meet on half days but we do not meet if school is delayed or canceled due to weather concerns.

When are the performances?

Nov. 19, Mar. 22 (5th grade only), and May 19. Please put these dates on your calendar now.

Will band interfere with other activities?

Band is a fantastic opportunity for you and your family. We know how busy students and families are and we are always proud to have accomplished athletes, dancers, actors and other interesting people sign up for band. We schedule our rehearsals and concerts as sensitively as possible so students can still pursue homework and outside interests. Band is yet another way to become a well-rounded person.

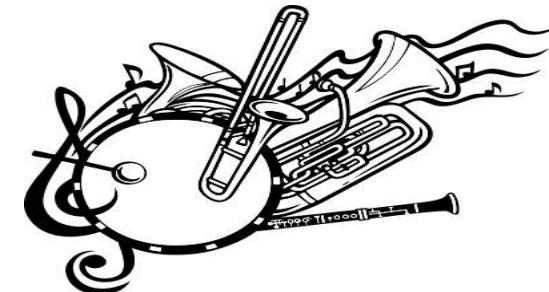
What instruments are available to study?

Beginning Band instrument options are:

Flute (Woodwind)	Trumpet (High Brass)
Clarinet (Woodwind)	Trombone (Low Brass)
Baritone B.C. (Low Brass)	

If you are undecided, it is suggested that you choose a Low Brass instrument.

Students who eventually wish to play percussion must start on one of the above instruments. We will audition interested students from these sections for percussion later in the year.



What equipment does my child need?

Each student will need the following each day:

- instrument
- The book Essential Elements book 1
- A pencil
- A folder to hold all music/materials

In addition, the following instrument specific accessories are needed (most can be purchased through a care kit).

Flute: cleaning rod and a handkerchief or soft cloth for cleaning

Clarinet: cork grease, a drop through style cleaning cloth, and a minimum of five #2 clarinet reeds.

Trumpet: valve oil, and a soft cleaning cloth.

Trombone: slide oil and a soft cleaning cloth

Baritone B.C.: valve oil, and a soft cleaning cloth.

Watch this Ted Talk for information about the benefits of being a musician:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROJKCYZ8hng>

What book should we buy?

The band students will be reading music from a book called **Essential Elements Interactive, book 1**. Please make sure that you purchase the book designated for your student's instrument. These books are available at all the local music retail stores. We will be writing in them so it's important that they have their own. If the stores run out, don't panic. Your child can share for a while. We use the same book all year, so there are no other books to purchase.

Where do we get an instrument?

Most students rent band instruments from a local music store, such as Music and Arts, Metropolitan Music, or Kennelly Keys. The school has a few trombones and baritones that may be rented by paying a \$100 maintenance fee. If you already own an instrument in the family for your child to play, please have it checked out by a repair technician or one of the band directors to make sure it is playable. Please use a nametag on ALL cases. For a quality instrument, we recommend buying or renting at an established music store.

How expensive is it to be in band?

There are no charges for band other than renting an instrument, purchasing a few accessories, and obtaining the book we use in class. Here's an estimated breakdown of costs for a beginning band student:

- Instrument rental – approximately \$15.00-\$20.00 per month
- Instrument accessories - \$10-\$20 per year
- Book – approximately \$8 per book

We do not want cost to be a factor in whether or not you join band. If your family has financial concerns, please contact one of the directors.

Storage of student instruments

Students will take their instruments with them back to their elementary school classroom, and then bring them *home to practice*. Regular practice will help each student experience success on a regular basis.



How do we get started?

The students will be seeing a demonstration of all of the instruments, and should decide along with their parents what they would like to play. Please complete the registration form on this flyer and e-mail it to Mr. Furness or return it to your classroom teacher.

When does band begin?

The first day of instruction for trumpet and clarinet is Thursday September 17.

The first day of instruction for flute, trombone and baritone is Friday September 18.

The first day for second year band is September 14

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

(beginning the week of Sept. 21)

Mon: 2nd Year Students, Full Band

Tues: 1st Year, Trumpet and Clarinet

Wed: 2nd Year Students, Full Band

Thurs: 1st Year Flute, Trombone/Baritone

Fri: 1st Year Students, Full Band

I don't have my instrument or book yet. Should I still START band?

YES! We can wait for your instrument or book to show up but there's information you need from the very first rehearsal. Please show up even if you're empty-handed.

Please contact us with any questions:

Mr. Furness at Redmond Middle School:

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e-mail: dfurness@lwsd.org

Miss Berman at Mann Elementary:

936-2610 x56128

mberman@lwsd.org

Or visit our webpage: <http://www.lwsd.org/school/rms/Activities/Pages/Elementary-Band.aspx>

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Mr. Furness & Miss Berman

Directors



The Lake Washington School District provides group instrumental music instruction for all 4th and 5th graders. The goals of this program are to introduce the student to performing music on an instrument, working within a group of other musicians, and help them progress to performing groups at the Middle School and High School level. The Redmond Region instrumental music program has been very successful for several years, and we hope you and your child will choose to take part in this exciting and beneficial program.