




**Absolutely NO experience necessary!** 

-  **Learn a new skill**
-  **Travel on band tours**
-  **Go to band camp**
-  **Compete in festivals**
-  **Develop a lifelong love of music**
-  **Discover a new hobby or possible career path**

-  **Meet new friends**
-  **Have fun!**
-  **Enjoy a creative outlet during the school day**
-  **Perform for family, friends and the community**

 In addition to band class, an extra curricular jazz band may be offered to band students. Jazz band is a fun way to experiment with different styles of music and to get some extra experience on your instrument. In Jazz Band we play mostly pop, jazz and rock tunes.

## 💡 **FAQs** 💡

**Who can sign up for band? Do students need to know how to read music?**  
Anyone can sign up for band! **No previous musical experience is necessary.** Everything the students need to succeed will be taught in class.

**Can students choose what instrument they want to play?**  
Yes. Students will submit their first, second and third choices in September and then instrumentation will be arranged. All reasonable attempts are made to ensure that students receive their first choice.

**Do students need their own instruments?**  
No. The school has quality instruments which are rented for a fee to students who need them. If you already have your own instrument you are welcome to use that one in band if you prefer.

**What instruments are available?**  
Band students can choose from: flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, alto or tenor saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba and percussion. Also as students advance they may choose to learn another variation of their instrument such as baritone saxophone or bass clarinet. String instruments are not offered. Pianists are welcome to join our jazz band.

**How much do band students need to practice at home?**  
This varies from student to student and also with how quickly the student wants to become proficient on their instrument. As with any learned skill, the more practice the better, but students will also get plenty of instructional and practice time during band class.



# Why Band?