



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do students need their instruments on the first day of school?

Students do NOT need their instruments on the first day of school. Students will be told what instrument they will be playing during the week of September 8. If your student joins after the first week, we will assign their instrument ASAP.

2. How do I sign up my student for Band if it's NOT on my student's schedule?

Please email with your student's name and a statement that you'd like Band added to your student's schedule.

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FES: Solim Chung slchung@oregonsd.net

3. What is the Band schedule for this year?

Students will have Band twice per week as follows:

- 1 time as a Large Group at 12:40-1:10 pm on Thursdays

- 1 time in a Small Group for 25 minutes in the afternoon (starting around the 3rd week of school)

4. What instrument will my student be playing?

This year students will have an opportunity to try a variety of instruments in a safe way. All students will play three instruments: trumpet or trombone (student choice), clarinet, and percussion. Students will start on one instrument and switch to the other in January. Percussion will be taught only face-to-face when we are at school. Your student's teacher will let you know what instrument your student will start on during the week of September 8.

5. When/Where do we rent an instrument?

Families can rent instruments from one of the music stores that service our school. Music store information will be shared out when students receive their assigned instrument and is at the bottom of this document.

6. Are there school instruments available?

Yes, we have a small inventory of instruments for families who need assistance. *Please contact the Band teacher if this applies to your family.*

RCI Band teacher: Abi Kading ajkading@oregonsd.net

FES Band teacher: Jackie Burk - jtburk@oregonsd.net

7. How many Band concerts are scheduled this year?

Due to COVID-19, we currently do not have any traditional concerts scheduled. If performance opportunities arise, we will notify families.

8. What are Small Groups? Are they required?

Small Groups consist of 5-12 students who play the same instrument. This is where students will do most of their playing with a teacher and will get direct instruction on their instrument. Yes, these groups are part of Band and are required.

9. Does my student need private lessons outside of school?

Your student does not need private lessons, but you may get them for your student if you'd like. Private lessons are not associated with the school district and are paid for by families. As seen above, students will have one weekly Small Group with their Band teacher.

10. Should my student go to Band class if it is not yet on their schedule?

Until your student is signed up for Band, they should not go to Band class. If you are ready to sign up your student for Band, please email with your student's name and a statement that you'd like Band added to your student's schedule.

11. What if my student loves the instrument they started on and doesn't want to switch?

That is a great problem to have! If you students love the instrument they have been assigned, and are having success, we are so happy for them. We really are encouraging all students to take advantage of the exploratory year by switching things up. However, if your student is in their happy place, they may be able to continue on their instrument knowing that their Small Group will need to change. This will be reevaluated again in January, as we know more about our school situation.

12. What if my student does NOT like the instrument they are assigned?

The great news about this year is it is an exploratory year! Meaning, students will be asked to try an instrument for approximately 13 weeks, and then they will be switching instruments. The curriculum for this year is sequential and it is important that students start right away to ensure they are not behind when they switch instruments. We will work with all students to help them find success and encourage them to take interest in their initial instrument.

13. Why is percussion only face-to-face?

Research shows that the aerosol emissions through wind instruments is noticeably more difficult to control. Therefore, percussion allows us to take necessary safety precautions, meanwhile giving students the exploration of a new instrument family. Please note, students will continue virtual instruction on clarinet, trumpet & trombone even if face to face instruction has resumed. Music stores are not able to accommodate the quantity of instruments needed for our students to do percussion virtually.

14. How will we switch instruments in the middle of the year?

After December 18th, students will return their instrument to their school. At that time the instruments will undergo a deep cleaning process to prepare for students receiving their next instrument. New instruments will be available around Monday, January 11th. We will know more when we get near those dates.

Rental Information:

Suggested Music Store Rentals:

Music stores are willing to deliver directly to your home or RCI

Ward Brodt: <https://wardbrodt.com>

Voigt: <https://pages.voigtmusic.com/oregon>

Please avoid Big Box stores and Amazon for instrument purchases. Most music stores will not repair these instruments. Please ask if you are wondering if an instrument is quality, and we are happy to help!

Supplies Needed: [Band Accessories](#) - Students will NOT need a music book this year. Music will be provided digitally.

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