

How to Join the 6th Grade Band

Step 1: Please read through this entire packet.

Step 2: Take a trip to a music store

**Music & Arts (See Mrs. Smallwood for flyer/coupon for the Bothell store),
Kennelly Keys, Mills Music, etc.**

Let them know that your child wants to join a beginning band program & would like to try out instruments, so you can see what works best for your child.

**Step 3: Turn in the band enrollment form (back page of this packet)
by Friday, October 7, 2016.**

Step 4: Rent an instrument and purchase the following:

- 1. Standard of Excellence Book 1 – Enhanced Comprehensive Band Method (Red Book) for your child’s instrument,**
- 2. Cleaning supplies and other supplies for your specific instrument**
- 3. #2 Reeds (Clarinet or Saxophone only)**
- 4. A Portable music stand (the cheap ones tend to fall apart)**
- 5. It is recommended that you purchase an insurance plan with your rental.**
- 6. Please bring “hand me down” instruments to a music store for a tune up!**

**Step 5: Show up for your first rehearsal in the Music Portable with your
chosen instrument, music stand and other supplies!**

(Please see rehearsal schedule & supply list for your instrument.)

**If you have any questions, please email or call Mrs. Smallwood-Meade.
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Totem Falls Elementary Sixth Grade Beginning Band 2016-2017

When?

October 11th is the first week of band. Band meets before-school from 7:30-8:05 a.m. Your child's rehearsal day will depend on the instrument they play. (See schedule below.)

Which Instruments?

Students can choose from one of the following instruments:

Brass: Trumpet, Trombone & Baritone

Woodwinds: Flute, Clarinet & Saxophone

Percussion: Students need both Bells (Glockenspiel) & a Snare Drum

Every student is encouraged to play the instrument he or she prefers. It is a great idea to visit a music store and try different instruments, even if your child already has an instrument in mind. It is not uncommon for people to change their mind after trying a few instruments.

In general, the middle school bands continue to receive too many saxophone players and percussionists. However, they never seem to get enough brass players, and often have brass instruments that can be borrowed for the school year, allowing students to participate in band without having to pay to rent an instrument! Brass instruments are also best if students are hoping to participate in jazz band. Please take the time to discuss what instrument works best for your child. The decision should be made considering this year and future years.

What are the costs? 1. Instrument rent (varies by instrument)

2. Instrument supplies: cleaning kit, grease or oil, reeds, etc.

3. Standard of Excellence Comprehensive Book # 1

4. Portable music stand

The district has waived the band fee this year!!!

From October 11-November 14: Rehearsals in the Music Portable

Time: 7:30-8:05 a.m.

Band Days*: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

October 11th-21st: Sectional Rehearsals

Tuesdays Brass - Trumpet, Trombone & Baritone

Wednesdays Percussion - Glockenspiels (Bells) & Snare Drums

Thursdays Clarinets & Saxophones

Fridays Flutes

October 24th-26th: Conference Week Rehearsal Schedule

Monday Clarinets & Saxophones

Tuesday Brass

Wednesday Percussion/Flutes

Thursday NO SCHOOL – Conference Week

Friday NO SCHOOL – Conference Week

***Band will not meet on Mondays (except during conference weeks)**

Please check band calendar for Conference Week Schedule

***In case of a late start, or school closure, band will be cancelled.**

Before Starting Band and at each Rehearsal You Will Need:

1. **Your instrument**
*If you have a “hand me down” instrument, please make sure to bring the instrument to a music store for a tune up.
2. **Your Book: Standard of Excellence Enhanced Version (Vol. 1)**
3. **Your portable music stand**
4. **Cleaning and other supplies** (see below – the music store can help with this)
5. **#2 Reeds (for Saxophone and Clarinet only).**
6. **Your Band folder and a pencil**

Choice of Instruments & Additional Supplies:

Woodwind Family:

Flute: A clean, lint free cotton cloth (e.g. old bed sheet or a handkerchief) to dry and clean the instrument after each use

Clarinet:

1. Keep three extra (#2) reeds in the case at all times.
2. A cleaning swab
3. Cork grease

Saxophone:

1. Keep three extra (#2) reeds in the cases at all times.
2. A cleaning swab
3. Cork grease

Brass Family:

Trumpet:

1. Valve oil
2. Slide grease
3. Buffing cloth and a cleaning “snake”.

Baritone:

1. Valve oil
2. Slide grease
3. Buffing cloth and a cleaning “snake.”

Trombone:

1. Slide CREAM.
2. A small plastic water spray bottle
3. A buffing cloth is recommended.

Percussion: “Drum Kit” – Snare Drums & Glockenspiel

1. Drum kit: including a Snare & Glockenspiel (bells) with a stand for each!
2. A pair of snare drumsticks (try out several at the music store, they can give you a recommendation).
3. A pair of mallets for the bells.
4. A drum practice pad for quiet practice!

Music store information is on the back of this sheet. More detailed band information with sample practice calendars & concert dates can be found in the band handbook.

1. Music & Arts – [MusicArts.com](https://www.MusicArts.com)

- 10120 Main Street, Bothell, WA 98011
- 425-486-5000

2. Kennelly Keys Music - [kennellykeysmusic.com](https://www.kennellykeysmusic.com)

- 305 Se Everett Mall Way, #15, Everett, WA
- 7903 Evergreen Way, Everett, WA

(425) 710-7000 (both stores have the same phone number listed)

3. Mills Music - [millsmusic.com](https://www.millsmusic.com)

- 124 E Main St, Monroe, WA
- (360) 794-5451

Totem Falls Band Enrollment Form

Please complete this form and return it to Mrs. Smallwood-Meade or the Totem Falls Office.
This form is due by Friday, October 7, 2015.

Name of Band Student: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

Instrument: _____

Parents/Guardian Name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

E-mail: (PLEASE PRINT NEATLY!!)

Optional: Medical information, prior music experience (if any): _____

Parents/Guardian Signature: _____