
About the Program

The Lake Washington School District provides group instrumental music instruction for all 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 elevate to performing groups at the Middle School and High School level. The Timberline Region instrumental music program is growing at an unprecedented pace, and we hope you and your student will choose to take part in this exciting and beneficial program!



Elementary Band/Orchestra Information Night

Have questions? Join us on

Wednesday, September 22 @ 7pm via Teams

[Information Night](#)

("@lwsd" sign in required)



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Timberline Middle School Elementary Band Program

Serving students from Rosa Parks, Ella Baker, and Wilder Elementary Schools



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Elementary Band!

What is Elementary Band?

Elementary Band is an activity that will allow you to learn a band instrument together along with students from Ella Baker, Rosa Parks, and Wilder Elementary Schools!

A band instrument? Which ones?

This year, we will start flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, alto saxophone, and percussion.

Percussion? You mean drums, right?

Percussion is **NOT** “drums”. In band, musicians who learn percussion learn a variety of different instruments. At the elementary level, this begins with mallets (bells/xylophone) and snare drum.

I’m not sure which instrument is which?

No problem! Check out this [website](https://www.dallassymphony.org/community-education/dso-kids/listen-watch/instruments/) (<https://www.dallassymphony.org/community-education/dso-kids/listen-watch/instruments/>) to learn more about each instrument. Or click the instruments below!

Who can join?

This program is for all interested 4th and 5th grade students.

I’ve already been playing for a bit. Can I still join?

Absolutely! We will have instruction available for both beginners and experienced musicians.



How is band going to work?

We will start the year online with TEAMS. Instruction will be a combination of live meetings and access to instructional videos.

Will we get to meet in-person?

At some point, yes, but we don’t know when and we don’t know how. When we get closer to when that can be a possibility, the band teachers will have a discussion as to how to best have in-person instruction.

What will I need for rehearsal?

You will need your instrument, your book, and a pencil. Also, a folding music stand and a metronome are **HIGHLY** recommended.

Which book do I need?

We will use [Essential Elements Interactive, Book 1](#). Make sure you get the right book for your instrument.

What are the class expectations?

In order to make the most of your band experience, it is recommended that you:

- Plan on a **year-long** commitment. New instruments often take time to learn. If an instrument really isn’t working for you, let me know and we might work something out.
- Participate in live meetings and practice assignments
- Come prepared with **ALL** materials
- Practice **regularly** at home (aim for 30 min./day)

Trumpet



Alto Saxophone



Trombone



Percussion



Do I need any accessories for my instrument?

Your rental store can provide you with instrument care kits that you will need to maintain your instrument. This should include:

- Flute: cleaning rod and soft cloth
- Clarinet: cork grease, a drop-through cleaning cloth, and a minimum of FIVE #2 clarinet reeds
- Alto Sax: cork grease, drop-through cleaning cloth, and a minimum of FIVE #2 alto sax reeds
- Trumpet: valve oil, slide grease, polish cloth
- Trombone: slide oil, tuning slide grease, polish cloth
- Percussion: bell kit, practice pad, 5A/SD1 snare sticks, M14/M5 mallets

Where can I find everything?

There are several music stores in the area. We recommend:

[Music and Arts](#)

[Kennelly Keys](#)

[Ted Brown Music](#)

[Metropolitan Music](#)

[Harmony Music](#)

Would you like to join us?

[Register Here!](#)

<https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/elementary-band-and-orchestra/elementary-band-and-orchestra-registration>

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[Elementary Band Website](#)

<https://wilder.lwsd.org/academics/specialists/activities/elementary-band>