

Elementary Band

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Welcome! We are so excited that you and your student are considering joining elementary band. Kamiakin Middle School offers elementary band for 4th and 5th grade students from Keller, Muir, and Frost Elementary Schools. Below you will find up to date information on our program here at Kamiakin Middle School.

On September 19th, 20th, and 22nd, Kamiakin will be hosting morning open house sessions. From 8:00am – 9:15am, parents and students are welcome to visit Kamiakin’s band room and get more information about the structure of our program. During this time, students will have the opportunity to try our beginning band instruments to help determine which instrument they would like to play during their first year. If you are unable to attend any of the morning open house sessions, there will also be a virtual meeting on September 22nd at 6:00pm. Here is the link to join:

Kamiakin Elementary Band Virtual Teams Meeting (September 22nd, 6:00pm)

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 230 178 970 892

Passcode: qqxPDH

Typical Schedule

- Monday: ALL 2nd Year Band Students
- Tuesday: 1st Year Flutes & Clarinets
- Wednesday: 1st Year Trumpets & Trombones
- Thursday: ALL 2nd Year Band Students
- Friday: ALL 1st Year Band Students

Advantages of Participating in Band

- Learn how to read music and play an instrument
- Build strong work ethic through instrument practice habits
- Connect with peers and have positive experiences with the same friends year after year
- Strong positive impacts on learning, memory, fine motor skills, verbal and non-verbal reasoning, and literacy skills. Studies over decades have

shown that students in instrumental music classes drastically improve grades

- Connect to every subject: language arts, math, art, science, and history
- Desirable asset on college applications if students stick with it through high school – colleges appreciate music students' commitment to one skill/activity over time and it demonstrates strength in individual work as well as collaboration in group settings to achieve a unified goal.
- Develop confidence, problem solving, leadership, social skills, and so much more!

Thanks,

Lexi Magistrale

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Frequently Asked Questions:

- When do the band classes meet?
 - Elementary band meets from 7:55—8:30 AM. Students should be at school by 7:45 AM to set up their instrument and be ready for class. There are two rehearsals per week.
 - Elementary band will start the week of September 26th, 2022.
- Where do the band classes meet?
 - The elementary band classes meet in the band room (104) at Kamiakin Middle School.
- How does my student get to band and to their elementary school?
 - Students have two options to get to Kamiakin Middle School. If they are within walking distance, they may do that. Otherwise, students will need to be driven or form carpools to get them to the middle school. At the end of band classes, all students are bussed back to their elementary school (with the exception of Muir Elementary, where students walk back to school across the street)
- What if my child misses a rehearsal?
 - Attendance will be taken at each rehearsal and absences will be reported to the student's school immediately following 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 send an e-mail to Ms. Magistrale to let me know.*
- Will students perform?

- Yes, we have three formal performances each year. Concerts are typically in December, March, and June. Details about concerts will be communicated when elementary band starts.
- What instruments can students play?
 - Beginners may choose from the following band instruments:
 - *Flute*
 - *Clarinet*
 - *Trumpet*
 - *Trombone*
 - Switching to other instruments is an option for band students in their *second* year of band. Depending on individual strengths, students may transition to oboe, bassoon, alto saxophone, French horn, baritone, or percussion.
- Where do we get an instrument?
 - Most students rent band instruments from local music stores. If you already own an instrument, please have it evaluated by a repair technician to make sure it is playable. Please use a nametag on ALL cases. If interested in purchasing an instrument for your student, please reach out to Ms. Magistrale for trusted brands. For a quality instrument, we recommend buying/renting from an established, local music store:
 - Music & Arts
 - Metropolitan Music
 - Kennelly Keys
 - Ted Brown Music
- Have other questions? Please reach out to Lexi Magistrale:
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Lake Washington School District provides group instrumental music instruction for all 4th and 5th graders. Our mission is to provide opportunities for all students to learn, create, and experience all aspects of music. We hope you and your child will choose to take part in our enriching program at Kamiakin Middle School.