

MUSIC INTAKE FORM

Before a student signs up for a performance class (band, choir or strings), please go through the following checklists:

Beginning Band Expectations

In order for a student to achieve success in band, they must be capable of doing (or learning to do) the following:

- If a student enrolls in **beginning band 1st semester**, no previous experience in band is necessary to sign up for band. If they are enrolling **second semester**, they must have had previous experience on one of the following instruments: *flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, bari saxophone, french horn, trumpet/cornet, trombone, baritone/euphonium, tuba, percussion (not just drums, but all percussion instruments, including mallets)*. Note: **Guitar (bass, acoustic or electric), piano and drum set are not concert band instruments. However, guitars will be played in General Music classes, which meet on opposite days.**
- **There are two evening concerts per year that students are expected to attend.**
- Care and maintain an instrument valued at \$750-2000 and more - clean, handle properly, and obtain essentials (like reeds/woodwinds, valve oil/brass, sticks & mallets/percussion).
- Take instrument home and bring back to school regularly.
- PRACTICE instrument at home or during homework club* at school.
- Take care of a music folder and book – bringing it to every class.
- Follow classroom rules and expectations independently.

7th and 8th Grade Band Expectations

In order for a student to achieve success in band, they **must** be capable of doing (or learning to do) the following:

- Students enrolling in Concert band are **highly** recommended to have previous experience (at least one year) on one of the following instruments: *flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, bari saxophone, french horn, trumpet/cornet, trombone, baritone/euphonium, tuba, percussion (not drums, but all percussion instruments, especially mallets)*. **Guitar (bass, acoustic or electric), piano and drum set are not concert band instruments. However, guitars will be played in General Music classes, which meet on opposite days.**
- They also must meet all other above requirements including concert expectations.

6th Grade Orchestra Expectations

In order for a student to achieve success in orchestra, they must be capable of doing (or learning to do) the following:

- Play a string instrument. Previous experience in strings IS necessary to sign up for orchestra. Students must have at least one year of experience on one of the following instruments: *violin, viola, cello or bass*. *Guitar is not a concert strings instrument.*
- Attend school concerts. **There are two evening concerts per year that students are expected to attend.**
- Care and maintain an instrument that may be valued at \$350 and more - clean, handle properly, and obtain essentials (like rosin, rockstops/cellos, shoulder rests/vln & vla).
- Take instrument home and bring back to school regularly.
- **PRACTICE** instrument at home. Practice outside of orchestra class is essential for progress and success.
- Take care of a music folder and music – bring them to every class.
- Bring a pencil to every class.
- Follow classroom rules and expectations independently.

At the 6th grade level, if a student does not sign up for a performance class (Band, Choir or Orchestra), they will likely be placed in our General Music class. This class teaches music and music literacy with the use of guitars and an interactive curriculum. It requires a limited amount of outside class work, no home practice expectations, no concerts and no instrument to maintain other than the guitar they play in class during the guitar unit. Students do some written work, projects, learn about famous eras of popular music in the US, and take fun quizzes to test their knowledge. There are no concerts.

7th & 8th Grade Orchestra Expectations

- Students enrolling in Advanced Orchestra must have previous experience (at least two years) on one of the following instruments: *violin, viola, cello, bass (1 yr)*.
- They also must meet all other above requirements including concert expectations.

Choir Expectations - All Grades

All Students should have 1 folder designated for Choir. Please note the following to achieve success in choir:

- Students must attend school concerts. This is a great opportunity to practice being brave. **There are two evening concerts per year that students are expected to attend. Sennett will provide support if there are any obstacles.**
- Take care of a music folder and music in class and follow classroom rules and expectations.
- Stand or sit in chairs with a tall singing posture to sound your best.
- SING!
- **No previous experience in choir is necessary to sign up for choir.** The teacher will teach you how to sing!