#### **About Us**

Beginning band class is only available for 6th grade students. In rare cases, a student's schedule may allow him/her to take beginning band in the 7th or 8th grade. This course is designed for students who exhibit an interest in learning a wind or percussion instrument. No previous musical experience is required. In most cases, students will need to furnish their own instruments and be committed to an advanced band after one year of study. The district provides the high-cost instruments such as: oboes, bassoons, French horns, euphoniums, and tubas. Students will be placed into the beginning band class of the instrument that they will be learning. This class concentrates on the mastery of fundamentals that will serve as the foundation for participation in an advanced band in 7th and 8th grade. Uniforms will be specified by the band directors at the beginning of the school year.



The Honors Band and Symphonic Band are collectively called the "Advanced Bands," with the Honors Band being the most advanced. These bands are made up of 7th and 8th grade students who have completed at least one year of study on their instrument. All students audition at the end of each school year to determine band placement for the following year. Both advanced bands participate at UIL competitions, concerts, and Solo and Ensemble contest. Band members should be prepared to spend time outside of the school day preparing for these performances. This includes one masterclass/sectional per week and home practice. Uniforms will be specified by the band directors at the beginning of the school year.

#### **Contact Us**



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## An Education in Music is a treasure for life!

Long term music study gives a student intellectual and creative advantages that will last a lifetime. The study of music allows students to gain an appreciation and understanding of civilization's greatest achievements, and it nurtures skills and abilities which form the basis for success in any endeavor. Being a member of the band boosts:

- 1. Self Confidence
- 2. Commitment
- 3. Perseverance
- 4. Coordination
- 5. Teamwork
- 6. Comprehension
- 7. Problem Solving Skills
  - 8. Discipline
  - 9. Arts Appreciation
  - 10. Reasoning Skills
  - 11. Communicating
  - 12. Conceptualizing
  - 13. Analyzing Skills
- 14. Reading Music Symbols



# WHAT EVERY PARENT NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT STARTING BAND AT JUDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL - JSTEM ACADEMY

- No prior musical training is necessary.
- Participation in the band program, in many cases, has proven to be a tremendous incentive for maintaining a good academic record.
- Self-discipline develops with the mastery of a musical instrument.
- Band is taught every day as part of the regular school day and is considered an academic elective.
- Sixth grade beginners are taught every day to achieve maximum playing potential as quickly as possible.
- Private lessons are encouraged and highly recommended.
- Initially, we suggest that you rentto-own an instrument from a music store. A limited number of schoolowned instruments are available for \$30 per semester (\$60 per school year). These instruments include French horn, baritone, tuba, oboe, and bassoon.

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