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## About the Program

*The Lake Washington School District provides group instrumental music instruction for all 4th and 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 Information Night

Have questions?

Join us on

**Tuesday, September 17th @ 7pm**  
Evergreen Middle School in the Library



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## Timberline Middle School Elementary Band Program

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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, and baritone.

## What about percussion and alto saxophone?

Those are fantastic instruments that we will be adding later in the year. If you have want to play these instruments, my advice is to begin on your second-choice (one of our “starter” instruments) and we will talk about how percussion and alto saxophone will later in the year.

## 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.

## 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.

## When/where is it?

Band will be at **Rosa Parks** on selected mornings. Rehearsals will be from 7:40a—8:20a.

## Selected Mornings?

Depending on what you play, your band day may be different.

The current schedule is: **Monday/Wednesday:** Experienced Band, **Tuesday/Friday:** Beginning Brass (trumpet/trombone)/Percussion, and **Thursday/Friday:** Beginning Woodwinds (flute/clarinet/alto sax)

## How will I get there?

You’ll need to find your own transportation to band at RPES, but there will be busses available to take you to school after band

## What will I need for rehearsal?

You will need your instrument, your book, and two pencils (one for you and one for your neighbor who will forget their pencil). You will also need a [folding music stand](#) for rehearsal and a metronome for home practice is **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 rehearsals and practice assignments
- Please come prepared with **ALL** materials
- Practice **regularly** at home (aim for 30 min./day)

## 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
- **Trumpet:** valve oil, slide grease, polish cloth
- **Trombone:** slide oil, tuning slide grease, polish cloth

## 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](#)

## I’m in! What’s next?

Awesome! You’ll need to register at the LWSd elementary band website (or clicking the button below) and bring your family to our Band Information Night on **Tuesday, September 17th at Evergreen MS, at 7pm** to rent your instrument!

**Would you like to join us?**

[Register Here!](#)

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[Elementary Band Website](#)

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