Christensen Instrumental Music Program
2025-2026
Information Sheet

JOIN US!

At Christensen Middle School, sixth graders are able to participate in a daily instrumental music class. We have a thriving middle school music program and hope you will consider joining us.

Schedule/Course/PE: When making their course selection requests, sixth graders should sign-up for Intermediate Band or Intermediate Orchestra. All music classes meet daily during the school day. Sixth grade music students have PE every day during zero period at 7:30 a.m. everyday. (Seventh and eighth grade music students have Music and PE during the regular day.)

Registering: Interested sixth grade students should select Intermediate Band or Intermediate Orchestra when they complete the CMS 6th Grade Course Selection Form 2025-2026. You can also sign up for music by contacting the CMS Office (925-606-4702).

Concerts: The Intermediate Band has two performances. The Intermediate Orchestra has two performances.

Selecting an Instrument (beginning students): Intermediate students will explore all of the instruments offered (a music "Petting Zoo") during the first two weeks of class. Based on their success and interest, the teacher and student will determine the instrument best suited for the student and would like to play.

Instruments: Students are expected to provide their own instrument but should not rent one until we have finished exploring the different instruments (unless currently studying privately).

School Instruments: We do provide certain large and expensive instruments (i.e., tuba, baritone, French horn, bass clarinet, string bass) and have a limited number of core instruments (flute, clarinet, trumpet, violin, viola, etc.). The types and number of these instruments offered is limited and are distributed based on need, class size, school inventory, and the needs of the group. If need exceeds inventory, school instruments will be allotted via lottery.

Logistics: The band room is open 7:30-8:25 a.m. every morning. Instruments should be stored in the music room during the day and then picked up after school unless arrangements are made with the music teacher.

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