

Douglas County 5th Grade Beginning Band

Carson Valley Middle School and Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School

Dear 4th grade parents and students:

Thank you for your interest in Band! Learning an instrument is a life-changing experience that builds lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories.

Our goal is to give 5th grade students the opportunity to participate in the middle school Beginning Band so that, as 6th graders, they can move into Intermediate Band and continue growing as musicians. This early start provides a fast track into advanced ensembles, such as State and Local Honor Bands, and prepares students for success as high school music students.

Beginning Band students at both schools will have the opportunity to learn flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, or baritone. As they progress, students may switch to other band instruments such as saxophone, percussion, or tuba. While we encourage families to provide instruments through rental or purchase, we do have a limited supply available for checkout. Please contact your student's band director for more information about local rental options. Students will learn to read music and understand basic music theory and rhythms.

Beginning Band will meet before school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at the students' middle school site. Fifth grade band students can ride the middle school bus or can be driven to the middle schools for class which will start at 7:40 AM. After band, students will be bussed back to their elementary schools in time to minimize lost instructional time. Transportation is arranged for MES/GES, Jacks Valley/Pinion Hills, and CC Meneley Elementary Schools. Students at Scarcelli will walk across the parking lot from Pau-Wa-Lu.

If your student is interested in joining, please scan the QR code or follow this [link](#) and fill out the Google Form by **June 6** so we can plan for student interest and instrumentation. Your student's band director will reach out by email with next steps. We're so excited to welcome your student into our Beginning Band program and look forward to starting their musical journey on the first day of school!

Please email your student's future band director with any additional questions that you have!

Thank you,

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(Jacks Valley, Pinion Hills,
MES, and GES students)

(Scarcelli, CC Meneley, and
MES, TRE students only)



Please scan this code to see and hear examples of the
Beginning instruments you can choose!

