

Welcome to the Colton Joint Unified Elementary Band Program

Band Classes: Band classes are offered as a pull-out program at your student's school two times a week. On band days, students will leave their regular class, participate in a 30 minute band class, and then return to their regular class. The band schedule for each site will be announced by your student's band teacher.

Expectations: Treat band as a long-term commitment right from the start. Students who identify that they will play their instrument for longer than one year outperform students who only commit to one year of playing by up to 400%. Make the decision to invest in your child's music education for at least a few years of their schooling and you will see incredible results *this year*.

Weekly Requirements: Each student is required to have their own instrument, cleaning supplies, and their own copy of the band book, Essential Elements 2000, for their instrument. ***Your student needs to bring their book (and any additional music), their instrument, and a sharpened pencil to each rehearsal.*** Between band rehearsals, your student is responsible for practicing the music assigned in class. Your student should be practicing a minimum of fifteen to twenty minutes each day.

Instruments Offered: Flute, Bb Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, and Percussion

Selecting an Instrument: When shopping for an instrument, we highly recommend that your family ***rent*** an instrument. A child may feel that their instrument is harder to play than another or later decide that another instrument is preferable to their own. In addition to this, as your student grows musically, they will be requiring more than a student model instrument. A list of major brands of instrument makers is listed later in this packet with necessary instrument supplies. Please check the instrument brands carefully, or ask for assistance from the store. If the brand of instrument you are considering is not one of those listed, please check with us first before you rent or buy.

Precautions: When either renting or buying an instrument, there are several things to notice. An instrument needs to be of high quality and good playing condition. If the pads are worn, or the instrument is out of adjustment, it will be hard to play and frustrating for your child. If you select a used instrument, please take the instrument to the repair shop before starting band classes. *There are many companies offering instruments at tempting prices but the construction is so poor that they often fall apart shortly after purchase.* Your money is wasted and your child has a bad musical experience because of it.

Contact Information: We can also be reached by phone or e-mail as is listed below. If you call, you must leave a message. ***Please specify which school your student attends*** and we will return your call.

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Where Can I Find an Instrument for My Child?

Music Stores in the Area:

1. Bertrand's Music and Sing Along
910 E. Highland Ave, San Bernardino (909) 886-5338
2. Music and Arts Center
6511 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside (951) 683-7777
3. Nick Rail Music
1770 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands (909) 798-9998
4. Sam Ash Music
4449 Mills Circle, Ontario Mills Mall, Ontario (909) 484-3550
5. Sound-Tech
24300 Country Road, Moreno Valley (located in Reche Canyon) (951) 243-6666

Instrument Repair:

1. DeMarco Instrument Repair, Andy DeMarco (909) 677-7985
2. Nick Rail Music, 1770 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands (909) 798-9998
3. Music and Arts Center, 6511 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside (951) 683-7777
4. Bertrand's Music and Sing Along, 910 E. Highland Ave, San Bernardino (909) 886-5338
5. Sam Ash Music, 4449 Mills Circle, Ontario Mills Mall, Ontario (909) 484-3550

Music Lessons in the Area:

1. Community School of Music and the Arts

University of Redlands, Redlands (909) 748-8844

Lessons are \$15 for a 30-minute lesson with an undergraduate university student

The same instrument can vary greatly in price from one brand to the next and also from store to store. Check a variety of music stores to find the one that offers you the best price on the brands listed on the following page. If you have difficulty acquiring an instrument, I recommend that you consult family, friends, church members, neighbors, the Pennysaver, pawnshops, yard sales, the internet (i.e. Amazon, Craigslist, and Ebay), and consignment shops to find a cheaper instrument. Please use caution when purchasing new or used instruments from the internet. **It is highly recommended that you contact your child's music teacher for guidance prior to purchasing an instrument from the internet.** If this does not provide a solution, please call me or e-mail me using the information listed at the front of this handbook.

Supplies Needed for the Different Instruments

Flutes: Accent, Artley, Armstrong, Buffet, Emerson, Gemeinhardt, Selmer, Yamaha

Make sure the case has a cleaning rod in it

A small handkerchief or cloth to clean the inside of the instrument

Required Band Book: *Essential Elements 2000* Book 1 Flute

Clarinet: Accent, Buffet, Bundy, Selmer, Vito, Yamaha

1 box of #2 clarinet reeds (stores give a great discount if you buy by the box and your musician will break many reeds in the beginning of their band career)

Cleaning swab

Cork grease

Required Band Book: *Essential Elements 2000* Book 1 Bb Clarinet

Alto Saxophone: Accent, Bundy, Conn, Selmer, Vito, Yamaha

1 box of #2 saxophone reeds (stores give a great discount if you buy by the box and your musician will break many reeds in the beginning of their band career)

Saxophone **swab**-avoid the feather duster style cleaner

Cork grease

Required Band Book: *Essential Elements 2000* Book 1 Alto Saxophone

Trumpet: Accent, Bach, Besson, Blessing, Bundy, Conn, Holton, King, Yamaha

Valve oil

Slide grease

Mouthpiece brush

Required Band Book: *Essential Elements 2000* Book 1 Trumpet

Trombone: Accent, Bach, Besson, Blessing, Bundy, Conn, Holton, King, Yamaha

Slide oil

Mouthpiece brush

Required Band Book: *Essential Elements 2000* Book 1 Trombone

Percussion: Pearl, Yamaha

Practice Pad (optional)

Drum Sticks size:

Required Band Book: *Essential Elements 2000* Book 1 Percussion

****Stay away from the feather duster type cleaner. They are really bad for instruments.***

Permission Slip and Sign-Up Sheet

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Band: Beginning Intermediate Advanced

Instrument _____ Classroom Teacher _____

Parent Name _____

Home Phone _____ Other Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Primary Language Spoken at Home _____

Statement of Responsibility: THE COLTON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS, THEFT, OR DAMAGE TO ANY INSTRUMENT. The individuals listed below accept all responsibility for the care and maintenance of the instrument.

Practicing is band homework and is essential to learning the instrument your musician selected. Your musician will come home with homework after every band practice. It is expected that your musician will practice 15 – 20 minutes per day at least five days a week. This should be planned into your student’s homework schedule.

Band Contract:

I will practice 15 – 20 minutes per day at least five days a week on my instrument.

Student Signature

As my musician’s parent or guardian, I understand that my child is expected to practice their instrument at home 15 – 20 minutes per day at least five days a week. I will ensure that my musician has a place and time to practice at home.

Parent/Guardian Signature