

Beginning Honor Band - Interest Form



Dear Parents and Student:

We are thrilled to announce the Washoe County School District Honor Band! WCSD hosts three district-wide honor bands every year — Beginning Honor Band, Advanced Honor Band, and High School Honor Band. The exceptional students selected for the *Beginning Honor Band* are in their first year of playing their instrument. After several rehearsals, the culminating event is a performance on the Pioneer Center stage under the direction of a renowned director in their field. Participating in Honor Band is one of the most fulfilling and rewarding musical experiences offered to our students! If this experience is of interest to you, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the band teacher.

Expressing interest using this form does not indicate that you are making a commitment at this time. Returning this form allows us to monitor and select the most exemplary students based on observations from classroom rehearsals. There are a limited number of spots available. Once our selection is complete, students will be notified, and all rehearsal and performance information will be communicated in a packet of forms sent home with the student. The rehearsal schedule is below for your reference. We hope to see you on the Pioneer Center stage!

Date	Time	Event	Location
Wednesday, Nov. 19	3:00-3:30pm	Beginning Percussion Auditions	Mendive Middle School
Wednesday, Feb. 4	4:30 – 6:30pm	Sectional & Rehearsal	Mendive Middle School
Wednesday, Feb. 11	4:30 – 6:30pm	Sectional & Rehearsal	Mendive Middle School
Wednesday, Feb. 18	4:30 – 6:30pm	Rehearsal	Mendive Middle School
Monday, Feb. 23	4:30 – 6:30pm	Rehearsal	Mendive Middle School
Wednesday, Feb. 25	4:45 – 6:00pm (Arrive by 4:35pm)	Dress Rehearsal	Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts
Wednesday, Feb. 25	6:30pm-8:30pm	Concert	Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts

Students MUST audition for Mr. Myers before school, afterschool, or during tutoring to be considered. Audition song is Book #35- Twinkling Stars

Interested in percussion? See the percussion audition music located on the **band bulletin board** and on the Billinghurst Band Website- **Must audition on 11/19 at Mendive to be considered.** Come in before school afterschool, or at tutoring to get additional help!

Student First & Last Name _____

Class Period _____

Student Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

WCSD Middle School Beginning Honor Band 2025-2026 Percussion Auditions

Beginning Honor Band Percussion Auditions

The WCSD Beginning Honor Band Percussion section is filled by audition and is open to any Middle School Beginning Band Student. If you are interested in auditioning, please prepare the audition selections below. It is strongly recommended that you have your director help you prepare for your audition.

Items to bring to your audition

Snare Drum sticks, xylophone mallets, and audition music.

MS Beginning Honor Band Coordinators

Kyle Overlay, Mendive MS Band kyle.overlay@washoeschools.net

Patti Hudson, Sky Ranch MS Band patricia.hudson@washoeschools.net

Audition Info

Auditions are on Wednesday, November 19th from 3:00pm-3:30pm at Mendive Middle School

- Please perform the excerpts below on Mallets and Snare Drum with a metronome at 100bpm
- Your audition will be performed with a metronome on at 100bpm.

Xylophone ♩ = 100 BPM

POLLY WOLLY DOODLES—Take turns conducting the band.

American Folk Song

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Snare Drum ♩ = 100 BPM

MARCHING MADNESS—Full band arrangement.

March tempo

