



Let's Talk Music in White Bear Lake!



All 6th graders in White Bear Lake get to take a music class in 6th grade. You have three performance groups to choose from: band, choir, or orchestra. You do not need to know what instrument you want to play when you register for 6th grade, just which ensemble you want to be in.

Performing in an ensemble like choir, orchestra, or band is a great way to meet people, make new friends, and go to all sorts of cool places throughout your life. Performing in a musical ensemble has been shown to increase math and reading scores, as well as being a fun and different part of the school day where kids work together to create something beautiful and meaningful. Music in White Bear Lake is a valuable part of every student's education!

Band: Band starts in 6th grade for everyone! No experience is necessary! You will be contacted by a band teacher in the spring with more information about selecting your instrument. Instruments available in band are: flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, and percussion (marimba and snare drum). For more info and instrument demonstrations, check out our [website!](#)

Have questions? Need help? Please contact:

Central Middle School Band - Kristin Chase Kristin.Chase@isd624.org

Mariner Middle School Band - Jennie Gere Jennifer.Gere@isd624.org



Choir: In Choir, we use our voices to sing! We work on preparing music for concerts, learning to read sheet music, ear training, and lots more! We also learn important life skills like teamwork and self-confidence. No previous experience or knowledge is necessary! For more info and choir videos, check out our [website!](#)

Have questions? Need help? Please contact:

Central Middle School Choir - Brenna Reiland Brenna.Reiland@isd624.org

Mariner Middle School Choir - Nathan Thompson Nathan.Thompson@isd624.org



Orchestra: Orchestra starts in 6th grade for everyone! No experience is necessary! You will be contacted by an orchestra teacher in the spring with more information about selecting your instrument (violin, viola, cello, or double bass). For more info and instrument demonstrations, check out our [website!](#)

Have questions? Need help? Please contact:

Central Middle School Orchestra - Becky Resch Rebecca.Resch@isd624.org

Mariner Middle School Orchestra - Todd Weinhold Todd.Weinhold@isd624.org



General Music: General Music is not a performance class. Students do not get to learn to play instruments or sing in this class. Students in General Music learn about music history and theory through written projects.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE! See reverse...

Come experience the music yourself at our

6TH GRADE MUSIC EXPLORATION NIGHT!



Thursday, January 8, 2026 - in tandem with Middle School Info Night at each middle School

Mariner Middle School: 6:00-7:30pm

Open house-style all night

3551 McKnight Rd N, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Central Middle School: 5:30-7:00pm

Open house-style following the 5:00 school presentation in the auditorium

4857 Bloom Ave, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Not sure what music class you should register for? Come and explore your music options yourself! Meet the teachers, try singing with a choir, and try out instruments. *This is a completely optional, but highly encouraged experience.*

Join us in the music suite to try out and explore the different instruments of band and orchestra, and experience singing with a choir!

Note: The purpose of this night is to explore and have fun, and help your family select the music class that is right for them. It is not meant for band and orchestra students to select their specific instrument. Students who register for band and orchestra will select their instrument at a later date, and more information about that will be sent out in the spring.