



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FAQS FOR PARENTS



Does my child need to know how to play an instrument to join?

No. We teach your child everything he/she needs to know to play their musical instrument.

When do lessons begin for students?

First lesson dates vary by school. Dates are listed on the enrollment page when you register your child for lessons. Once registered, you can expect an email from your child's teacher within a week of the first lesson.

When do lessons occur?

Your child will receive one (1) 30-minute small group lesson each week. **All lessons are scheduled during the school day.** Lessons are scheduled on a rotating basis so students don't miss the same class each week.

What grades are eligible to participate?

In most schools, students can sign up for a string instrument as early as 3rd grade, and band instruments starting in 4th grade. Some schools have different requirements. Contact your school or music teacher to confirm specific offerings.

How much does participation cost?

There are two components to participation in the program: tuition and a **quality** musical instrument. Refer to the attached flyers for tuition and rental instrument pricing.

If my child doesn't sign up now, will he/she be able to later?

Although we do not recommend delaying enrollment in the program, we do welcome registrations throughout the year. Students that join the program mid-year will have to work diligently to catch up to their peers. Our teachers will do their best to get your child caught up.

Will participation affect my child's grades in other subjects?

It will almost surely help them. Research has shown that band has a positive influence on other studies. Music students consistently average higher grades than non-music students.

Can you be in the band/orchestra and be involved in other school activities like sports, cheerleading, dance, step, chorus, or art?

Absolutely! Most of our music students are involved in other electives and activities.

My child is involved in so many activities. Won't those activities affect his/her performance in band/orchestra and vice versa?

Music students often have many varied interests that make them among the busiest students in the school. The experience that they gain in balancing these interests and activities often proves to be one of life's most valuable lessons.

What should I do if my child is struggling?

Practice is a key component for improvement; students must practice in order to improve. If your child is practicing and still struggling with their instrument, contact your child's music teacher for suggestions. Above all else, remain positive and encouraging as your child learns this new skill.

Will my child have an opportunity to perform?

Yes! For beginning students, your child will have at least 1 performance this year. For advanced students, there will be a minimum of 2 performance per year. In addition to school concerts, there are other opportunities to perform in our annual Northeastern Honor Band festival, Archdiocese festivals, and other performances arranged by your child's teacher.