

SMS Bands
Student Handbook
2026-2027

SMS
MUSIC

A red musical note graphic is positioned between the words "MUSIC" and "C", partially overlapping the letter "C". The note is a stylized eighth or sixteenth note with a red stem and a red circular head.

Welcome to the SMS Band Program!

The following handbook contains important information about the program. Please read through it carefully. When you have reviewed all the information, sign and return the final page. **This will be due by Tuesday, September 1st.** I am looking forward to another incredible year of music making here at SMS!

Classes/Ensembles

Jazz Band 1: Mon - Thur (Zero-Hour club, 7th/8th grade only by Audition)

Jazz Band 2: Fri (Zero-Hour Club, open to all 7th and 8th grade)

- 1. Beginner Woodwinds (6th Grade)**
- 2. Beginner Brass and Percussion (6th Grade)**
- 3. Percussion (7th/8th Grade)**
- 4. Prep**
- 5. Intermediate Band (7th Grade)**
- 6. Advanced Band (8th Grade)**

Grading - Students will be graded based on the following system

20%	Musical Skills (<i>How well you can play your instrument</i>) - Technique, Fundamentals, Rhythms, Scales <i>This will be assessed with online playing tests</i>
20%	Musical Knowledge (<i>Your knowledge of music beyond playing it</i>) - Rhythm and Note Identification, Vocab/Terminology <i>This will be assessed with written quizzes</i>
20%	Daily Points (<i>1 point a day</i>) Class preparation and behavior <i>This will be assessed on a daily basis</i>
40%	Musical Performances - Concerts, Festivals, Assemblies <i>This will be assessed based on concert preparedness and attendance</i>

Letter grades and GPA points will be given using the following scale-

4.0 = 93-100 A	3.3 = 87-89 B+	2.3 = 77-79 C+	1.3 = 67-69 D+
3.7 = 90-92 A-	3.0 = 83-86 B	2.0 = 73-76 C	1.0 = 60-66 D
	2.7 = 80-82 B-	1.7 = 70-72 C-	0 = 50-59 F

Class Materials List

Students will need the following materials for class each day-

- **Instrument in working condition**
- **Instrument Maintenance Supplies** (see list below)
- **Sheet Music Folder** (handed out in class)
- **Technique Book**
 - 6th grade - Essential Elements Book No. 1 for their instrument
 - 7th/8th grade - Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician for their instrument
 - 7th/8th grade percussion - A Fresh Approach for the Beginning Percussion Class: Bk 1

Instrument Maintenance Supplies-

Flute	Cleaning rod, cleaning swab, pad paper
Oboe	Reed case, cleaning swab, cork grease, pad paper
Clarinet	Reed case, cleaning swab, cork grease, pad paper
Saxophone	Reed case, cleaning swab, cork grease, pad paper, neck strap
Trumpet	Valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush
French Horn	Rotor valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush
Trombone	Trombone slide grease, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush
Euphonium/Tuba	Valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush
Percussion	Personal set of sticks and mallets with a carrying bag which can be ordered HERE

School-Owned Instruments

SMS will provide the larger instruments that are not available to rent from stores, such as Tubas, Bassoons, Bari Saxes and Percussion equipment.

In the case that you cannot afford to rent an instrument from a store, **students can check one out from the school for a one-time fee of \$80.** This fee will be applied to the student's account. This is similar to checking out a book from the library. These students will receive an instrument at the start of the school year, will use it everyday in class, can take it home throughout the year, and are expected to return it at the end of the year.

To check out a school owned instrument, students will need to fill out the instrument request form. This form will be available on Schoology after the first few days of school.

Some students who play larger instruments, will check out a school instrument to use in class, and keep their rental at home. These students will not be charged the instrument use fee.

Instrument Storage

Instruments will be stored in assigned cabinets within the band room. The band room will be open before and after school, during which time students can drop off or pick up their instruments.

Instrument cabinets are for instruments and music binders only.

Instrument Transportation

All instruments with the exception of the Bari Sax and Tuba, are allowed on SVSD busses. In some cases, a driver may deny the transportation of an instrument if the bus is too full (three kids to a seat). Students will need to transport instruments home to complete assignments at home.

Concert/Event Schedule

Here are the currently scheduled concerts and events for this school year. If any events are added or removed, you will be notified well in advance.

Event	Date and Time	Location
8th Grade Football Band Night	Thursday, Oct 1 4:00pm - 9:00pm	MSHS PAC and Stadium
SMS Band Concert <i>All Bands</i>	Thurs, Nov. 12 7:00pm	MSHS PAC
Snoqualmie Tree Lighting <i>Jazz Band 1 Only</i>	Saturday, Dec. 5 5:00pm	Downtown Snoqualmie
SVSD Jazz Band Night <i>Jazz Band 1 Only</i>	Wednesday, Jan. 20 7:00pm	MSHS PAC
Bellevue College Jazz Festival <i>Jazz Band 1 Only</i>	Friday, Feb. 5 All Day - Field Trip	Bellevue College
Eastshore MS Jazz Festival <i>Jazz Band 1 Only</i>	Tuesday, Feb. 9 All Day - Field Trip	Liberty HS
SVSD Instrumental Concert <i>All Bands</i>	Wednesday, Mar. 3 6:00pm	MSHS Gym
SMS Band Concert <i>All Bands</i>	Thursday, Mar. 25 7:00pm	MSHS PAC
Eastshore MS Band Festival <i>Advanced Band Only</i>	Tuesday, Mar. 30 All Day - During School Day	MSHS PAC
SVSD Percussion Ensemble Concert	Wednesday, Apr. 7 7:00pm	MSHS PAC
Bellevue HS Jazz Festival <i>Jazz Band 1 Only</i>	Friday, May 7 All Day - Field Trip	Bellevue HS
SMS Band Concert <i>All Bands</i>	Wednesday, May 12 7:00pm	MSHS PAC
Music in the Parks <i>Advanced Band Only</i>	Saturday, May 12 All Day - Field Trip	***Oak's Park, Portland, OR***
7th Grade Leavenworth Field Trip	Late May 2026 TBD All Day - Field Trip	Leavenworth, WA

Concert Expectations

Students will need to arrive at least half an hour before the start of each concert.
Concert attendance is required as part of their grade.

If your student cannot attend a concert, they will need to be excused by a parent or guardian. An unexcused absence will be marked as a zero in the gradebook.

Concert Attire

Concert Black -

Black long-sleeve shirt (collared button-up preferred)

Black pants

Black shoes and socks

Black dresses are also allowed



Music Stores

Ted Brown Music 1006 NE 50th St Seattle, WA 98105 (206) 622-0171	Seattle Sound Repair 939 NE Boat St Seattle, WA 98105 (206) 659-9023
Music and Arts 6130 E Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE E Issaquah, WA 98029 (425) 392-1000	Moore Brothers Music 22820 NE 8th St #102 Sammamish, WA 98074 (425) 836-2263

SVSD PRIVATE LESSONS TEACHERS

This is a non-comprehensive list of private teachers in our area. If you are considering taking private lessons, please talk to your director so they can help you find the best fit for you

Instrument(s)	Name	Email	Phone #
Piano	Danny Kolke	dannykolke@gmail.com	425-219-6900
	Nell Engel		425-213-3714
	Julie Dance (Fall City)		206-999-7600
	Mary Kaye Abbott- Joyful Noiz Music Studio	theabbotts1@hotmail.com	425-281-8325
	Dan Taylor	dtmusic23@gmail.com	
	Eva Newton	happynbgirl@gmail.com	
Voice	Teri Card Heller	tericardheller@gmail.com	425-326-6069
	Mele Santos	melealoha@gmail.com	425-890-9752
	Kelly Eisenhour	kelly.eisenhour@gmail.com	206-300-4045
	Mary Jo DuGaw	www.maryjodugaw.com maryjo@maryjodugaw.com	425-222-4530
	Kenneth Foster	https://www.awsom.info/kennethfoster	
	Zachary Rude	zacrude@gmail.com	
Guitar	Milo Peterson	chrissenmusic@gmail.com	206-548-8140
	Jack Spencer	nbmusicguild@gmail.com	253-954-7205
	Bob Antone	bobantone@hotmail.com	425-221-8747
Percussion, Drumset	Denali Williams	denaliwilliams12@gmail.com	206-595-5140
	Greg Williamson	greg@ponyboyrecords.com	206-295-2210
	Shane Shook	sshook@alumni.berklee.edu	(206) 940-6822
Brass	Brian Shaw - Trumpet	bshawmusic@gmail.com	225-337-0893
	Jill Jaques - French Horn	jilljaques@hotmail.com	
	Conner Eisenmenger - Trombone	conner.eisenmenger@gmail.com	
	Bill Anthony - Trombone	billdebathony@comcast.net	
	Dan Marcus- Low Brass (trombone/euphonium)	dan_marcus@comcast.net	
	John DiCesare- Tuba/Euphonium	johndicesare24@gmail.com	
	Dean Snavely - Low brass (trombone/tuba)	deansnavely@me.com	
	Bill Park - Low brass	bpmusic@outlook.com	
	Jacob Boseley - all brass	https://stores.musicarts.com/instructors/jacob-b	425-392-1000
Flute	Megan Hutchison	meganhutchisonflute@gmail.com	
	Lauren Asimakoupoulos	laurenasima@gmail.com	
	Rose Johnson		206-257-8443
Reeds	Carol Spencer-Clarinet/saxophone/flute	nbmusicguild@gmail.com	425-223-2405
	Emily Hurd - Clarinet	mlebhurd@gmail.com	360-219-3608
	Emil Khudiyev- Clarinet	hudyereya@gmail.com	
	Jason Talbott- Saxophone/Clarinet	talbottj1@svsd410.org	
	Jamie Sanidad - Oboe	jsoboestudio@gmail.com	
	Shelly Myers- Oboe	shellymyers17@gmail.com	
	Francine Peterson - bassoon	fgpet50@hotmail.com	
	Robyn Watson - bassoon	robyn.elise@gmail.com	832-724-4329
	Kandin Neri - Saxophone	kandinneri@gmail.com	

**2026-2027 SMS Band
Student and Parent Agreement**

**Return ONLY this page by Tuesday, September 1st.
This is your first assignment.**

Student Name (printed): _____

I have read the entirety of this document and understand that by signing this document, I am agreeing to abide by its rules, regulations, and expectations. I realize that I accept responsibilities expressed in this document.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian Name (printed): _____

I have read this document and understand that my signature signifies that I give my permission for my child to participate in all Snoqualmie Middle School Band functions and activities for the 2026-2027 school year. My signature also signifies that I understand the grading, attendance, and performance policies put in place by the director and agree to adhere to them.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____