

Be Part of the Woodcreek Band

Please fill out the Google Form below! The first students to turn in the form will receive their first choice of instrument.



All About The WMS Band

The WMS Band has 290 Members in Grades 6th-8th!

.We currently have 3 directors, 3 performing orchestras, and 11 Beginner Band Instrument Classes .

Our Beginner Band plays their very first Concert together in December

Our Performing Bands have consistently received Sweepstakes Awards at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contests

Many of our Woodcreek Alumnae have gone on to participate in College Bands across the Country

Visit the WMS Band Website

For more information, or to contact a director, please visit

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Band Elective Information

Entering the next stage of your child's life can be nerve-wracking and challenging. It can be hard to believe it's already time to begin selecting your child's classes for middle school! We know there are a plethora of choices, and we are excited your child is considering band as one of those options.

What is band?

Band is a music program that begins in 6th grade and continues throughout high school and even increases scholarship chances for college tuition. Not only will your child learn how to play an instrument (a talent not many can claim!), but they will be offered countless opportunities to travel, perform and compete. Common middle school band trips include Splashtown, Houston Symphony, Renaissance Festival, Schlitterbahn, Six Flags, Itz, etc. Common high school trips include Disney, Universal, Colorado, Hawaii, Cruises, and more. Some high school bands even get the opportunity to travel to other countries which creates a multicultural and international mindset.

What is the difference between band, orchestra, and choir?

In band, we offer opportunities to choose either wind or percussion instruments. Orchestra focuses on string instruments, and choir focuses on vocal performance.

Band is the only organization which performs at pep rallies, football games, and basketball games. In addition, band also allows student opportunities to participate in marching band, drum line, and jazz band in high school.

Why band?

There are thousands of reasons to join band. Band is not only a family atmosphere but creates another bonding experience with other band family members which shall last at least the next seven years until graduation and beyond. Music, specifically band, is a place for EVERYONE. There is no "bench" in music. Every child is accepted into our family, and all children participate. But wait, there is more!

Secondary students who participated in band or orchestra reported the lowest lifetime and current use of all substances (alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs).

- Texas Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Houston Chronicle, January 11, 1998

A two-year Swiss study involving 1,200 children in 50 schools showed that students involved in the music program were better at languages, learned to read more easily, showed an improved social climate, showed more enjoyment in school, and had a lower level of stress than non-music students.

-Weber, E.W., Spychiger, M. & Patry, J.L. (1993)

Can we afford it?

We would NEVER turn away a student based on financial struggles. While there is usually some level of financial commitment required, we are more than willing to work with any family to ensure that their child is able to participate no matter what because this is what our band family does. While economics

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may limit which instrument your child can play, it will certainly not limit your child's ability to be involved.

What about sports/cheer?

We will certainly have many of the star athletes of our campus in our band program. Students are definitely encouraged to do both. This is their time in life to explore all possible options. Coaches and band directors collaborate, making sure students can participate in both activities.

Should we start now or later?

Development in band takes time and dedication. The earlier you start your child the better. Most students begin band in 6th grade in Beginner Band and then participate in Performing Band in 7th and 8th grade. While some students start later, those students usually find themselves in a class of mostly younger students.

More elective spaces will open in your child's schedule in 7th and 8th grade so your child will have opportunities to explore art, theatre, culinary arts, etc. in those years. It is best to begin them in band in 6th grade if at all possible.

Great! How do we sign up?

Select "Band" on your course card and submit it to the counselor. Make sure you select band as the top elective choice. If you already turned in your course card, you can notify our counselors or band directors in case you need your course card altered for joining band. Afterwards, band directors will come to your child's school towards the end of the year to help them select the right instrument for them based on interest and physiological capabilities.

What if I have more questions?

Please contact one of the band directors, and we will get back with you as soon as possible.

We will also have a parent meeting in the future we encourage you to attend. This meeting answers all the questions you may have about band.

Thank you for considering our band program for your child! We look forward to answering any questions you may have.