

INSTRUMENT CHOICES

The following instruments are available for beginning level students:

Band - ■ Flute ■ Oboe ■ Bassoon ■

Clarinet ■ Saxophone ■ French

Horn ■ Trumpet ■ Trombone ■

Baritone ■ Tuba ■ Percussion

Orchestra Violin, Viola, Cello,
Bass

Please keep an open mind when choosing an instrument. You may be well suited for your second or third choice!

WHY teach music?

music is a science

It is exact, specific; it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody and harmony all at once and with the most exact control of time.

music is mathematical

It is rhythmically based on the subdivision of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper.

music is a foreign language

Most of the terms are in Italian, German, or French; and the notation is certainly not English – but a highly developed kind of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language. Also, many songs we study are from other cultures.

music is physical education

It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lip, cheek, and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach, and chest muscles, which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

most of all, music is art.

It allows a human being to take all these dry, technically boring (but difficult) techniques and use them to create emotion. That is one thing science cannot duplicate: humanism, feeling, emotion.



WHY PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

Learning to play an instrument offers so many great opportunities! Many studies have linked playing an instrument to increased scores on standardized tests. It is also a creative outlet to incorporate into your school day!

NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!



CONTACT INFORMATION

Band

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Orchestra

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FALL CREEK INTERMEDIATE



BAND AND ORCHESTRA

Come join us and learn how to play an instrument next year!!





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.....

Does band or orchestra conflict with athletics or other extra curricular activities? - NO! They do not conflict with any after school events.

When does it meet? - Band and orchestra meet daily during SGT.

Time commitment? - We have two evening concerts for family and friends. One in February and one in May. With any skills based activity, individual practice is necessary.

Band and Orchestra are a year long commitment. Learning to play an instrument takes time to properly develop the fundamental skills. With support, patience, and effort students will grow over the course of the year into a talented musician!

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Please follow the three steps below. This information can also be found with links in your student's Music Class Canvas Page. Please contact Mr. Spidel, or Mr. Wirtz if you have any questions!



TURNING IN YOUR INTEREST/TRY ON PERMISSION GOOGLE FORM

The Interest/Try On Permission Form needs to be completed prior to the Try On Day, Friday 4/28/23. If you plan to visit Paige's to do your instrument Try On, we still ask that everyone complete the Google Form.

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INSTRUMENT FITTINGS/TRY ONS

Students are encouraged to choose their top two or three choices to consider playing. There are two ways to select an instrument. 1. Our top recommendation is to try on an instrument during the try on process in May. 2. Our 2nd recommendation is to contact Paige's Music to schedule a fitting appointment where your student will get to actually play their choices.

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1. Instrument Try Ons at school during May.

2. Call Paige's Music to schedule an in person appt..

OBTAINING YOUR INSTRUMENT

Although there are many options for you to obtain an instrument, Paige's Music does provide a great service to our students at HSE. A quality instrument is crucial to a beginner's success in their first year of playing.

Be cautious of internet sales and big box stores. Always ask a director if you have a question.

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Students who play **TUBA** and **BASSOON** will rent through the school. **Tuba** players will receive one for school and for home.

We never want financial hardship to be a reason for a student not to participate. If this is a concern, please contact a director.

Baritone, Basses, and Cello will be provided an instrument to use at school while the one you rent will stay at home.

Every student deserves the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument!