



# Carter Middle School Band



Hello Parents and Students,

My name is Brandi Carr and I am the Carter Middle School band director! During a normal school year I would have already had a chance to reach out to you and your student with information about the middle school band and setting up a day for you and your student to visit the school, see the band room, and try out all of our fantastic instruments! However, due to COVID-19, we have changed our plans. At the bottom, there is a QR code and a link to our middle school band interest form. I would love for you and your student to take time to fill out the interest form. I know the transition from elementary to middle school is a big change and I want you and your student to make these decisions together. The form asks for your and your student's name and basic contact information, along with instrument interest. In the form, I have provided videos on all of the instruments you will be able to play next year. We hope you are staying safe and healthy and we are excited to start a new and exciting experience next year with the Carter Middle School Band! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please direct your Brandi Carr at the email listed below.

Thank you,

Brandi Carr

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**Form Link:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScm\\_zrdnUT\\_yD180dq6L\\_T9t2CnmUKTHjl796YwKkvLpIPgdg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScm_zrdnUT_yD180dq6L_T9t2CnmUKTHjl796YwKkvLpIPgdg/viewform)

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **1) If I want to be in sports, clubs, etc., will I have time if I am in band?**

The answer is ABSOLUTELY! Many of our students in the middle and high school band are not only members of athletics or clubs, but are also in leadership positions within those organizations!

### **2) Is it expensive to be in band?**

While there is a cost to band in regards to getting an instrument and supplies, it is not very expensive to get started. We will set you up with our local music stores, which have a variety of payment plans for renting an instrument! In addition, Carter Middle School has a very limited number of instruments students can rent at a lower price.

### **3) Am I able to do band if I have no musical experience?**

YES, YES, YES! We are in band to learn! Our job as band directors is to help you learn about music and how to play an instrument! Plus, you will be with other students learning just like you!

### **4) Why do we only have a choice of four instruments?**

We start the school year on four major instruments (Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, and Trombone)! In the first semester, before the winter break, we will be auditioning students on different instruments. We will be auditioning for Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone, French Horn, Baritone, Tuba, and PERCUSSION!

**We are excited to have you join our program! We will be able to provide more information when we know more about the upcoming school year! If you have questions or want to know more about the music program, please email me!**