



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM FARRAGUT MIDDLE SCHOOL



BAND INFO

WHO CAN JOIN THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM?

Any enthusiastic student who wants to learn more about performing music on an instrument can join the instrumental music program at Farragut Middle School.

WHAT INSTRUMENTS ARE IN BAND?

We offer beginning instruction for Tuba, Baritone, Trombone, French Horn, Trumpet, Alto Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute, and Percussion.

WHAT INSTRUMENT CAN I PLAY?

Selection of an instrument for each student based on the following criteria:

- Student preference
- Scheduling (such as academic interventions)
- Class sizes (due to room restrictions).

DOES MY CHILD NEED TO KNOW HOW TO READ MUSIC OR HAVE PRIOR TRAINING?

No! Everything your child needs to know will be taught in band class.

CAN BAND STUDENTS BE IN SPORTS AND/OR OTHER ACTIVITIES?

Yes! Most of our band students are involved in a variety of other activities. In fact, we encourage you to have your child take part in as many activities as possible. Band and orchestra does not interfere with any school sports.

HOW OFTEN DO WE PRACTICE TOGETHER?

Band classes rehearse during the school day. The only functions we have after school hours are the concerts (usually three or four per year).

HOW MUCH DOES A BAND INSTRUMENT COST?

The band program has a limited selection of school instruments available for use. We request a \$15 maintenance fee per month (\$150/year) to secure a school owned instrument. Music stores in the Knoxville area also have rent-to-own programs that provide quality instruments. The music store three-month rental payments range from \$75-\$160.

Please do not obtain an instrument before talking to the directors about your options first.

For any questions, please contact the respective band teacher:

- **Mr. MacTavish:** Band for Trombone, Baritone, Tuba.
 - chris.mactavish@knoxschools.org
- **Mrs. Duden:** Band for Clarinet and Flute
 - siobhan.duden@knoxschools.org
- **Mr. Winchester:** Band for Trumpet and French Horn
 - zane.winchester@knoxschools.org