



SENECA MS BAND



Who can sign up for band?

Anyone! No prior experience is required for 6th grade band. We start with the basics and show you everything that you need to play an instrument.



What instruments can I learn?

In 6th grade band, students can choose to learn trumpet, trombone, clarinet, flute, or alto saxophone at the beginning of the year. Other instrument choices like percussion, oboe, bassoon, French Horn, tuba, etc. will be available to switch to as the year progresses, after students have experience on the starter instruments.



How will I know which instrument I should play?

All 5th grade students will go through an instrument fitting at their elementary school. A professional musician will guide students through making noises on each of the instruments and help them choose an instrument to start on in 6th grade band. The goal is to select an instrument that the student would like to learn but also gives them a good chance for success.



Are there after school practices for band?

No, everything in band is taught in class during the school day.



What about concerts?

You will perform in 3 evening performances during the school year.



How will Band affect my schedule next year?

Students who choose to take 6th grade band will have their band class (which is a full year course) and will also select another elective class from gym, art, or tech ed.



I'm not sure about Band right now. Can I join as a beginner in 7th grade?

Unfortunately, no. 6th grade band is designed for beginners who have little or no experience playing an instrument. Our 7th grade band is pretty advanced because of everything that we learn during 6th grade, so if you want to give it a try, now is the time.



Do students typically enjoy band class?

Yes! Learning an instrument and playing in the band is a fun part of our student's day. Over 95% of this year's 6th grade band students chose to continue on and take 7th grade band next year. It's fun and we make so much progress throughout the year!



Does the school provide instruments? Where do I get an instrument?

Most 6th grade students get their instruments from a local music store through a rent to own program. Some of the students use an instrument borrowed from another family member or a friend. A few students use a new or used instrument that their parents have purchased. Seneca does not provide the five instruments listed above. I will send out more information regarding how to get an instrument to those students that sign up for a band class. Students will not need to have an instrument until the beginning of next school year.

If you have any questions, you can email Mr. Sauer at:
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