



# Middle School Band, Orchestra, and Choir Quick Facts



## GETTING STARTED:

♪ Sixth grade students have the opportunity to choose their music class! The choices are band, orchestra, and/or choir.

♪ Students need no musical experience to join band, orchestra, or choir and there are no auditions for these groups.

♪ The **BAND** instruments are flute, oboe, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, and percussion. The **ORCHESTRA** instruments are violin, viola, cello, and bass. **CHOIR** is a singing ensemble, focusing on multiple components of the singing voice as well as the fundamental mechanics of music.

♪ Students will not get a chance to try the instruments this year. Students should pick the instrument they are most interested in learning. If you have internet access, you can see and hear every instrument [HERE](http://www.beginband.com/sndclips.shtml):  
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♪ Band, Orchestra, and Choir sign-up sign up can take place in a number of ways:

- Complete [on-line registration](http://bit.ly/MSmusicregistration): <http://bit.ly/MSmusicregistration>
- Complete paper registration found in your school's office or music room and return to your teacher
- Email your future middle school music teacher

♪ Band and Orchestra begins with twelve summer lessons before sixth grade begins. Your middle school music teacher will send you more information!

♪ There are school instruments available for anyone concerned about the cost of participating. Students choosing to play a large or specialty instrument like French horn, baritone, or tuba may also rent a school instrument.

♪ There may be a limit on certain instruments due to available instruments and creating well-balanced groups, so it is important to also select a second-choice instrument.

## BAND, ORCHESTRA, & CHOIR DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR:

♪ During the school year band, orchestra, and choir are curricular, graded classes. All curriculum is aligned with the National Music Standards: Creating, Connecting, Responding, and Performing.

♪ Students will have music at least twice per week. Band and Orchestra students will also have a lesson each week for 15 minutes. Teachers are accommodating when scheduling these lessons; please contact your band or orchestra teacher with questions.

♪ Band, orchestra, and choir students will present evening concerts to showcase what they have learned, and it is important for every student to participate.

♪ Students may play an instrument and sing! We call that choir-sharing. You will see that option on the registration form.

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