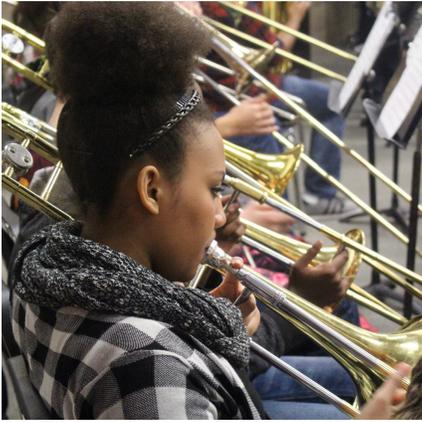


THE SOUND OF ADVENTURE: DISCOVER BAND!

2025-26 School Year - Optional Band for Incoming 5th Grade Students



Don't miss the opportunity for your 5th Grader to join beginner band!

It's more than just learning an instrument; it's about developing essential life skills. Students will explore the fundamentals of music, including rhythm, pitch and harmony through hands-on practice.

For your child, this translates to a fun and rewarding experience where they can express their creativity!

For you, it means witnessing your child grow in confidence, discipline and teamwork.

We'll prioritize a supportive and enjoyable atmosphere, ensuring every child can progress at their own pace and discover the joy of making music.

By year's end, your child will have a strong foundation and a deeper understanding of music, setting them up for continued success!

Signing up and starting the process is as easy as 1,2,3! Just follow the steps below and help your child find their beat by stepping into the world of 5th Grade band in Shakopee!

"If you're looking to have fun and make music, this is your place."

- Cohen B., 5th Grade band student

"Band changed my life for the better."

- Scarlett B., 5th Grade band student

INSTRUMENTS OFFERED

Flute • Clarinet
Trumpet • Trombone
Alto Saxophone • Percussion
Euphonium/Baritone • Tuba
French Horn

REHEARSALS 1X PER WEEK

Students meet as a large group during the school day; times vary by school.

LESSONS 1X PER WEEK

These lessons occur during the normal school day and most musical development occurs during this time.

PRACTICE 15 MINUTES PER DAY

Students are expected to play their band lesson assignments at home.

CONCERTS - TWO IN THE SPRING

1



**SUBMIT INTEREST FORM:
IS YOUR STUDENT
INTERESTED IN BAND?
COMPLETE THE INTEREST
FORM BY APRIL 9, 2025**

If your student **IS** interested in band, scan the QR code or visit: bit.ly/25SPSElemBand to indicate 'Yes', mark your top three instrument choices and submit the online form prior to April 9, 2025.

If your student is **NOT** interested, no action is necessary.

2



**HAVE STUDENT ATTEND
REQUIRED INSTRUMENT
FITTING
IN APRIL DURING THE
SCHOOL DAY**

Get ready to explore! Students will tell the band directors what kind of music they enjoy and try different instruments. The directors will help each student find the instrument that they sound best on and have the most fun playing.

This fitting will be scheduled by the 5th Grade band team. No action is needed by the student or family.

3



**SAVE THE DATE:
5TH GRADE BAND
REGISTRATION NIGHT
MAY 15, 2025
4:30-7:30PM**

**SUN PATH ELEMENTARY
Open-House Style, Required**

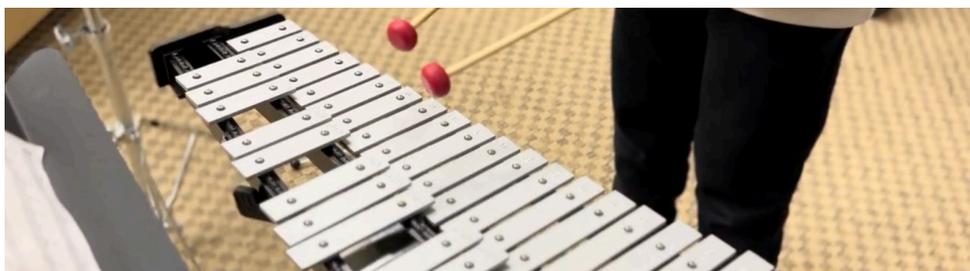
Families and students should attend so each student can:

- Formally enroll in band
- Select band instrument
- Make arrangements to obtain instrument OR bring existing instrument
- Get ready to begin the 5th Grade band journey



BEGINNING BAND

2025-26 School Year - Incoming 5th Grade Students



COST & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Most students participate in a rent-to-own program through local music stores. Prices range from \$50-\$95 for the first four months with a monthly fee thereafter.

Select school-owned instruments (i.e. tubas, euphoniums/baritones, french horns) are available to rent for an annual fee of \$75/instrument + personal accessory costs (e.g. mouthpieces, oil, books, etc).

No student will be turned away due to financial barriers. Please connect with the Band team.

GET TO KNOW THE INSTRUMENT OPTIONS



Flute



Clarinet



Trumpet



Trombone

Alto Saxophone



Percussion



Euphonium /Baritone



Tuba



French Horn



HERE TO SUPPORT YOUR BAND JOURNEY



Stephanie Peoples

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EXPLORE THE SOUNDS

Hear the instruments you could be playing. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/SESband to see someone playing the instruments you can choose.



“Music has brought so much joy to my life and taught me so many valuable lessons! We hope to share this with you.”

“We can't wait to make music with you!”



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IF MY STUDENT ALREADY PLAYS AN INSTRUMENT?

If your student has prior musical experience, such as playing an instrument or taking lessons, please email the band directors. In your email, include the length of time your child has been playing and a brief description of their musical background.

WHAT ARE THE RECOMMENDED MUSIC STORES?

Groth Music

8056 Nicollet Ave S.
Bloomington, MN 55420
grothmusic.com

Eckroth Music

3065 Centre Pointe Dr #1
Roseville, MN 55113
eckroth.com

Schmitt Music

7800 Harmony Dr
Bloomington, MN 55439
schmittmusic.com

WHAT IF I ALREADY OWN AN INSTRUMENT?

Please indicate on the interest form.

CAN MY STUDENT TAKE PRIVATE LESSONS?

Yes! Private lessons are not required but recommend to all students. Practicing during the summer will greatly help a student's progress during the school year.

WHAT IF MY STUDENT/FAMILY CANNOT MAKE IT TO THE MAY REGISTRATION EVENT?

If a family does not order band equipment during the registration event, they must contact their child's band director by June 1, 2025 to confirm that all the required band equipment has been ordered.