

Dear prospective band families,

We are glad to hear that your student is interested in joining Central Middle School Band. For the first two quarters, students who are new to band will meet on a 3-week rotating schedule. Each grade has their own specific pullout schedule, but the rotation will take place during 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th periods. The goal is to eventually catch new students up so that they can join the full elective class by the second semester. Students need to maintain a letter grade of C or above in the classes they are missing to attend band.

Regarding the purchase or rental of an instrument; most parents get an instrument through the rent-to-own program provided by our school's musical instrument dealer, Quinlan and Fabish. We recommend the rent-to-own program because payments are staggered, and it allows students to try the activity out before families are forced to make a substantial commitment.

To learn more, please call Quinlan and Fabish at 1-800-637-6872 or visit our order page at <https://www.qandf.com/directors/mark-dreyer/beginning-band/rent>. Instruments from Quinlan and Fabish will be delivered to us, then your child. If you would like to search for an instrument elsewhere, please reach out for recommendations. Your student will need the following supplies for every band class: instrument and accessories (such as reeds, valve oil or drum sticks), 3 ring binder (1 or 1.5 inch), all assigned concert music (including scales/warm ups) and a pencil.

If you have not already signed your child up for band this year, the next step is to contact us via the information below. Thank you for your interest in this wonderful opportunity, and I can't wait to make music this year!

Sincerely,

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