

Beginner Band Instrument Drive

Thursday February 21st from 5pm-8pm

Saturday February 23rd from 10am-1pm

CHANNELVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Auditorium

1100 Sheldon Rd

We are VERY excited that your student has decided to join band!! The CISD Band Program is the largest program in the district with over one thousand students in sixth through twelfth grade. We are also one of the most successful groups in the district and area. Yes - we teach band, as well as responsibility, dedication and respect. These are skills students need to be successful in today's society. We encourage you to attend to get information about band, have your students tested on instruments and start the paperwork for renting an instrument. If your student plans to be in band, it is very important that they attend one of these meetings with a parent or guardian. Failure to do so will result in your child being placed on an instrument that he/she may not want to play. We need to know what instrument your child is going to play so that we can place them in the correct class.

Please make sure to bring a valid Texas Drivers License, Texas ID Card or consulate card, credit or debit card in the same name as the ID. If you do not have a credit or debit card, you will need a social security number and a cash deposit depending on which instrument you may need to rent.

Please enter school by way of Crockett and park in the student parking lot. Signs will be posted to direct you to the correct location.



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Estamos muy emocionados de que su estudiante a decidido ser parte de la banda. El programa de banda CISD es el programa mas grande en el distrito, con mas de mil estudiantes entre el sexto a el duodécimo grado. Igual somos unos de los programas mas exitosos del area. Nosotros no solo enseñamos como tocar un instrumento si no tambien les enseñamos resposabilidad, dedicacion y respeto, el cual necesitan para seguir adelante en la vida. Lo animamos a que asistan para recibir informacion sobre el programa en general, ayudar al estudiante elegir el instrumento apropiado, y llenar los documentos necesarios para la renta del instrumento. Si su estudiante tiene planes de participar en el programa de banda se requiere asistir a una de las juntas junto con sus padres o guardianes.

Favor de presentarse con una licencia valida de conducir, identificación de Texas, tarjeta de consulado, tarjeta de credito o debito debe tener el mismo nombre que su identificación. Si usted no tiene una tarjeta de credito o debito, va a necesitar su numero de seguro social y hacer un deposito en efectivo para poder rentar el instrumento.

Favor de entrar en la calle Crockett y estacionarse en el estacionamiento de estudiantes. Habran letreros para dirigirlos al lugar adecuado.



MOST ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT BAND

- **Can I be in Band and ... Football, Volleyball, Cheerleading and other sports and clubs? YES!** Many of our band members are the star athletes and cheerleaders at the Junior High and high school as well as the leaders in all **ACADEMICS!**
- **How can I be in Band and still take LOTC, art, choir, or other electives? At the Junior High you will take PE or LOTC and a Fine Art every day. Just take Band as your Fine Art! Choices for 7th grade are about the same, but in 8th grade you can take two electives. You can take just about anything and still be in Band.**
- **Who will be in Band? Your friends and fellow classmates will join you in what will be some of the most exciting times of your school days.**
- **Do I have to know anything about music to join Band? No!** Everything you need to know to play an instrument will be taught in Band.
- **What are the advantages of being in Band? The most obvious is learning to play an instrument for your own pleasure. Other advantages include: concerts, contests, TRIPS and PARTIES!**

MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT BAND

- **How do I choose an instrument to play? You will be tested on the different instruments to see which would be best for you. We will look for a good attitude, a desire to be in Band, a willingness to work and to have fun. We also look at your lips, teeth, fingers, bite/jaw, hand size, braces, coordination and the band's instrumentation needs.**
- **Does it cost a lot of money to be in Band? The main cost is your instrument and supplies. Good new and used instruments are available from music stores or even the internet. Most students rent an instrument on a rental-purchase plan at a fairly low monthly cost (usually \$35 - \$65 per month). The school district provides the bigger, more expensive instruments to the students for a very low yearly fee. **Please wait until you have been tested by your band director before purchasing an instrument.****

THE KEY IS...

... BEGINNER BAND IS ONLY OFFERED DURING THE 6TH GRADE YEAR.

Must complete one full year of 6th grade Beginner Band in order to participate in 7th grade band.

BEGINNER BAND

CHANNELVIEW I.S.D.



SHOULD YOUR CHILD PLAY IN THE BAND?

PLAYING IN THE BAND is more than a sparkling brass instrument and the cheers of the crowd.

PLAYING IN THE BAND is rehearsal and hard work too. Yet nothing good comes easy. The rewards from both the cheers and the practicing are many for those who play in the band. Youngsters get so much out of playing in the band ... so much out of taking an active part in music.

PLAYING IN THE BAND teaches children to work toward a goal, allows them to be creative. It gives them a sense of belonging. It teaches them to work with others, helps them make friends.

PLAYING IN THE BAND teaches youngsters discipline. It improves coordination and concentration. It teaches self-confidence. And it rewards them with a feeling of satisfaction ... the deep satisfaction that comes from a job well done.

ACTIVELY PLAYING an instrument, instead of just listening, does more. It gives children an understanding of and interest in music that will mean pleasure and relaxation throughout life.

Study after study has shown that youngsters that play in the band get along better in school and generally get better grades and higher SAT's.

In addition to all these reasons, there is also the possibility that you might discover genuine talent, and the opportunity for a professional or serious avocational music career. Many a lawyer and doctor paid his way through college with money earned playing a musical instrument.

**So, should your child play in the band?
The opportunity is before you.
The choice is yours.**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Beginner Band Class is the entry level class for all band classes in Channelview ISD and it is only offered at the 6th grade level. All band classes are for the entire school year.

Beginner Band is considered "curricular" just like Language, Math, Science, etc.

SCHEDULE

Band will replace any other fine art course (art, choir, general music).

INSTRUMENTS

Instruction is available on Flute, Oboe*, Bassoon*, Bb Clarinet, Bass Clarinet*, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, French horn*, Trombone, Baritone*, Tuba* and Percussion. Enrollment numbers and the Band Director determine the number of each instrument.

Parents are expected to provide and maintain an instrument that meets the Band Directors' approval. Directors must approve all instruments before renting or purchase. A list of approved brands and models will be given to each student after all testing is complete.

*School owned instrument, limited in number. Bold instruments are parent provided.

TIME COMMITMENTS

School Time: class time

Home practice: 10 - 30 minutes a day

Required Concerts: December & May

BEGINNER BAND ENROLLMENT

Students will try-out on various instruments. Please select at least 3 instruments that your child is most interested in playing by putting a

1, 2, or 3 in the blank.

___ FLUTE ___ CLARINET

___ SAXOPHONE ___ OBOE

___ BASSOON ___ TRUMPET

___ FRENCH HORN ___ TUBA

___ TROMBONE ___ BARITONE

___ PERCUSSION (drums and mallets)

*Students First Name _____

*Students Last Name _____

Please Sign and Return if you would like your child to participate in the 6th grade band.

Parent's First & Last name - Please Print _____

Phone number _____

Parent Signature _____

Home Address _____

What Elementary is your child currently attending? _____