

I am beyond excited to welcome your child to the Music Program and our Band. Learning how to play an instrument is a great avenue for students to experience new forms of creativity and expression.

Our Schedule:

- Band meets every other day on Days 2, 4, and 6.
- 6th Grade meets during Period 5. 7th Grade meets during Period 6.
- Students have an instrument lesson once per cycle, grouped by instrument. (i.e., House A flutes)
- Students are only allowed to change music classes at the mid-year and end-of-year points.

Class Expectations:

- Students need their instrument and music for *every* class. Instruments can be stored in the hallway group space.
- Students should be respectful of their own and their peers' learning.
- Don't get discouraged! 😊 Playing an instrument can be tricky at times.
- Students are encouraged to play at home twice a week to reinforce concepts learned in class, even if only for 10 minutes!

Please see the back of this page for important instrument and material guidelines.

Make sure to rent your instrument as soon as possible!

Instrument Pick-Up Night: September 11, 2023 from 5-7pm – Ahern Middle School

Come pick up your rental instrument and get a FREE INSTRUMENT LESSON with one of our amazing FHS Band Students!

This is a great way for students to learn how to put the instrument together and play, and parents are welcome to chat and ask questions with music staff and Music and Arts representatives. Students/families who are not renting instruments are also welcome! If you cannot attend Pick-Up Night, the instruments will be delivered to the school for class.

****Please try to rent the instrument *online* by Thursday to ensure the instrument will be available at Pick-Up Night****

Feel free to reach out via email with any questions!

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Instrument Rental from Music and Arts



Step 1: Go to <https://www.musicarts.com/rentals> or scan the QR code above.

Step 2: Follow instructions to find our school.

Select: *Public School, Grade 6, Search for: Ahern Middle School*

Step 3: Select 'Earliest Available Option' (Choose 'School Delivery' at Checkout)

Step 4: Select your instrument!

Rental Plans are 'rent to own' and offer a 4.5-month introductory deal.

- The Essential Elements book is required and free with rental.
- SAX and CLARINET students *must purchase* a box of reeds.
- Stands are encouraged but *not* required.

Step 5: Review, Add to Cart and Checkout!

- Choose 'Pick Up at School'
- Requires a Credit or Debit Card payment.

Already have an instrument?

It is very important that students have a working instrument to learn on. If you have a previously used instrument, it may need some maintenance. Please bring the instrument in to have it checked by one of our staff. **Students will need an Essential Elements Book 1 for class.** These can be bought anywhere online or at MusicArts.com.

Looking to BUY??

Please DO NOT buy Amazon instruments!!! They are poor quality and will break, costing more to fix than it's worth. Please trust us on this. Playing a poorly made instrument makes it much harder to learn and be successful! If you are really interested in buying, be sure to check reviews and get a reputable brand.

Questions or Concerns?

Please reach out with any questions or concerns with rentals, money, materials, etc. We want all students to have access to our amazing music program and are willing to work with you to make sure students get what they need!

Music and Arts Representative

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