



CREEKSIDE INTERMEDIATE BAND



Join Band! Here's How!

Here are some answers to your questions:

1. Select band as your first choice on your course selection sheet to join.
2. No prior musical experience is necessary.
3. We help you pick out an instrument; once signed up for band, parents will attend a meeting that outlines our procedure for instrument selection. You will meet with a director for a one-on-one appointment to make this selection.
- 4. Students can be in both band AND athletics.**
5. Beginner band is a 6th grade course! Don't miss your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!
6. There are 2-3 concerts a year.
7. Playing your instrument is the only homework.
8. Classes meet everyday and are grouped by instruments.
9. Think band is too expensive? The band directors are here to help!
- 10. Instrument Selection is Saturday April 13th, 2019 @ the Creekside Int. Band Hall.** You'll get to meet the directors and pick your very own instrument!

Fun BAND Facts!

1. 96% of our nation's astronauts performed in the fine arts during their school years, including Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon. Mr. Armstrong was a talented euphonium player in middle and high school band.
2. National Association of Secondary School Principals reports 66% of all college freshmen drop out after the 1st year. In contrast, 96% of band students graduate from Universities.
3. It is a fact that music students represent the top of the academic scale in Texas schools. Band students average close to 400 points higher than the state average.

More details & Answers!

Welcome to Creekside Intermediate School!

BAND BUILDS: commitment towards a long-term activity, discipline, character, responsibility, and standards of excellence. **It is also very fun!**

BAND ALSO BUILDS FRIENDSHIPS that last a lifetime. You are whom you surround yourself with and band students are smart, fun, and well-rounded kids!

COST IS NOT A FACTOR. Our local music stores will find a reasonable monthly rental rate for you. Your rent goes towards the purchase of your instrument. If you decided to discontinue band, you can just return the instrument and cease payments, no questions asked. If more financial aid needed beyond the music store, please contact the band directors and we will do our best to help you.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE? Beginner band class meets everyday and after school only twice for the entire year. Daily practice is only 20 minutes at home.

CAN YOU DO CLUBS & SPORTS WITH BAND? Yes, we have cheerleaders, football players, basketball players, gymnasts, dancers, and more in our band.

WHAT INSTRUMENTS DOES THE SCHOOL PROVIDE?

French Horns, Tubas, Euphoniums, Bassoon, and Oboes. Other instruments may be available at financial aid.

ARE BRACES AN ISSUE? No, braces are fine!

WHEN DO I PICK AN INSTRUMENT?

Parents will need to attend our band parent meeting on Thursday, April 4th @ 6pm in the CIS commons. At the end of this meeting, you will have the opportunity to sign up for your instrument-selection time, as well as, a percussion audition time. Everyone will attend the band drive and those interested in percussion will attend the percussion selection day. See below!

- ✓ Percussion selection: 5:30pm-7:00pm Thursday, April 11th, 2019 @ CIS Band Hall
- ✓ Band drive - 9am-2pm Saturday, April 13th 2019 @ the CIS Band Hall

***Much like baking a cake and having the right measurements of ingredients, we must have the right ratio of instrument groups.**

For this purpose, we limit the number of saxophones and percussion. Only students who consistently make superior grades on report cards should consider saxophone or percussion. At least 6 months of piano experience is preferred, but no required, for percussion.

Visit our band website for more info!

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