

**REGISTRATION for the ISD 279 Band program
will take place at the parent/student meetings
listed below.**

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND
ONE OF THESE 45-MINUTE MEETINGS
WITH YOUR STUDENT.**

Presentations will begin at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 14 – Maple Grove Jr. High Auditorium
4:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.
*Enter the school through Door 2, the Community Education entrance,
or Door 1, the front entrance.*

Tues., Sept. 15 – North View IB World School Auditorium
4:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.
Enter the school through doors closest to the big, main parking lot.

Wed., Sept. 16 – Osseo High School Auditorium
4:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.
Enter the school through Door 4 which is closest to the football field.

ISD 279 does not discriminate on the basis of disability. If you need auxiliary aids or services in order to participate in or attend a district activity, please call your local school or the school district TDD 763-391-7250 at least 72 hours in advance.

***If you are unable to attend
one of the registration meetings,
contact the director at your school
right away.***

The ISD 279 Band program begins in sixth grade. *Students must be involved in sixth grade band to enroll in seventh grade band.* To introduce the Band program, students attended a demonstration today. **Please take a few minutes to read this information with your child, and learn more about joining the District 279 Band program.**

We look forward to working with your child!

Sincerely,
Elementary Band Teachers

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Frequently Asked Questions?

What instruments are part of the 6th grade band?

Students may begin to play trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, clarinet, flute, saxophone and percussion (both bells and snare drum).

When will band lessons take place?

Small group lessons are taught during the school day, and will meet once a week. Students are “pulled out” of their regular classes for lessons.

What is expected of students between lessons?

Students are expected to play their instrument 4-5 times a week for 20 minutes or more. A commitment to regular and careful practice is critical in learning any new skill, and this is also true in learning to play an instrument.

When will students perform as a band?

Students will join together to perform in a district-wide concert on Wednesday, May 12. In preparation for that concert, the band will rehearse twice after school. Information will be distributed in February.

How much does it cost to play in band?

Students generally provide their own instruments and music stands; and lesson books are provided by the school district. Several local music stores offer instrument rent-to-purchase or rental programs.

The district owns a limited number of instruments. Students qualifying for free/reduced lunch are eligible to request to use one of these school instruments at no cost. Plan to attend one of the parent meetings for more information.

Where can I learn more information?

Make plans to attend one of the 45-minute parent/student meetings listed on the back of this flyer.

At each meeting, band teachers will give more specific information about the program:

- ❖ Student responsibilities
- ❖ Parent responsibilities
- ❖ Instrument selection process
- ❖ Securing an instrument.

You will also have an opportunity to ask individual questions.

If you already own an instrument, please bring it with you to the meeting so a band teacher may check to see that it is in good playing condition.

Do parents need to attend one of these meetings if they have had older children in the program?

Because the beginning band program is new to your 6th grader, we strongly encourage attendance at one of the registration meetings.

When and where can I register my student?

Registration will take place at the 45-minute parent/student meetings. ***If you are unable to attend one of the registration meetings, contact the director at your school right away.***

What instrument will my student play?

In the days following the registration meetings, each student will meet with his/her band teacher at the elementary school to determine which instrument is most appropriate. Students will actually try out various instruments during the interview to help in making this important decision. Several factors must be considered in the instrument selection process, including personal interest, how well the student is suited to a particular instrument, and the need for balanced instrumentation.

