

SENECA BAND INFORMATION

Who can sign up for Band?

Anyone! No prior experience is required for sixth grade band.

What instruments can I learn?

In 6th grade band, students can choose to learn trumpet, trombone, clarinet, flute, or alto saxophone. Other instrument choices like percussion, oboe, bassoon, French Horn, tuba, etc. will be available later in the year, after students have experience on the starter instruments.

How will I know which instrument I should play?

All 5th grade students will go through an instrument fitting at their elementary school. A professional musician will guide students through making noises on each of the instruments and help them choose an instrument to start on in 6th grade band. The goal is to select an instrument that the student would like to learn but also gives them a good chance for success.

Does the school provide instruments? Where do I get an instrument?

Most 6th grade students get their instruments from a local music store through a rent to own program. More information will be provided about this in the future. Some of the students use an instrument borrowed from another family member or a friend. A few students use a new or used instrument that their parents have purchased. **Seneca does not provide the five instruments listed above.**

How will Band affect my schedule next year?

Students who choose to take 6th grade band will have their band class (which is a full year course) plus four more exploratory classes like gym, art, and tech ed during the year.

I'm not sure about Band right now. Can I join as a beginner in 7th grade?

Unfortunately, no. 6th grade band is designed for beginners who have little or no experience playing an instrument. Our 7th grade band is pretty advanced because of everything that we learn during 6th grade, so if you want to give it a try now is the time.

Do we have after school practices?

No. In the sixth grade, all learning takes place in your band class during the school day.

What about concerts?

You will perform in 3 evening performances during the school year.

What if I don't like it?

Band is a year-long class. At the end of 6th grade students can choose if they would like to continue in 7th grade band or just take the regular rotation specials.

How can I sign up for Band?

Just check off BAND on your schedule form. This will get you scheduled into a band class.

When will I need to have an instrument?

I will send out more information regarding how to get an instrument to those students that sign up for a band class. Students will not need to have an instrument until the beginning of next school year.

