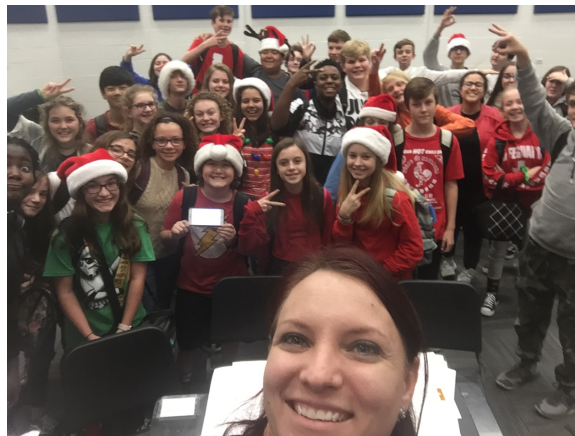


Be A Part of the Band

Join the Fernandina Beach Middle School Band

- Learn How to Play an Instrument
- Play at Middle School & High Football Games
- Show School Spirit
- Make New Lifelong Friends
- Have Fun With Your Friends
- Be Creative & Express Yourself
- Develop Skills for College and Life
- Take Fun Trips
- Perform at School & In the Community
- Be a Part of a Winning Tradition



For more information:

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Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Do I need to have any musical experience to join band?

No! We will start from the very beginning.

2. Do I need to get an instrument before school starts?

No! We will spend the first couple of weeks trying out different instruments to help find the one best suited for your student.

3. Can students participate in sports if they are in band?

Yes! Many of our band students also participate in sports. We have a good relationship with the coaches at FBMS and work to alleviate conflicts. Most conflicts can be avoided through communication between the parent, band director and coach.

4. How expensive is band?

The cost of participating in band varies depending on the instrument the student plays. We have a rental program with a local music store. The average rental fee is around \$29 per month (\$55 for Saxophones), this includes repair and insurance on the instrument. Most companies provide various plans including rent to own, lease with accrued deposit on a new instrument & outright purchase. I suggest that the student rent an instrument first, and then purchase a better instrument after a year or so.

5. Do students need any books or materials for class?

Yes! We use two books for beginning band Traditions of Excellence and Skill Builders. These books are available from the local music stores. Students who play clarinet/Saxophone/Oboe/Bassoon also need to purchase reeds for their instruments. Brass players will need to have valve oil and percussionist must have stick bags, sticks, mallets and a Rhythm book.

6. Is there a lot of out of school time involved in being in band?

No! Beginning Band students will have 1 or 2 rehearsals prior to our 3 concerts. Concert and rehearsal attendance is mandatory, and is part of the student's grade for band. All students are required to practice at home each week

7. Do students have to carry their instruments around school all day?

No! There are lockers provided in the band room where instruments can be stored during the school day. Students can store their instruments before school, and pick them up at the end of the day.

8. Are private lessons required for band membership?

No! Private lessons are not required, but they can make a big difference in the achievement of students.

9. What if my child rides a bicycle to school, and cannot carry the instrument back and forth?

We have some school owned instruments that can be used by students that ride bicycles or cannot take large instruments on busses.

10. What if my child loses interest in their instrument during the year?

Most students will go through periods where they want to quit. This is normal. Most students who stick with band are glad they did not give up when things got tough. Parent involvement and encouragement is the key to keeping students interested.

About the Band

The bands at FBMS and FBHS have a long history of excellence! Both band programs have won numerous competitions at both the state and national levels, and have a history of Superior ratings from the Florida Bandmasters Association in concert, marching and jazz performance areas. Many FBMS band students have been placed in the District Honors Band as well as the Florida All State Bands. The FBMS band is the largest organization on campus, and is open to all students interested in learning to play an instrument regardless of ability or financial standing. There is no reason a child who wants to learn to play an instrument should not take advantage of this opportunity.

Why choose band?

* Music helps develop strengths needed in today's workforce, such as critical thinking, creative problem solving, effective communication, teamwork and confidence.

* Music helps kids excel in academic subjects like math, science and reading

* More than half of U.S. households have at least one person who plays a musical instrument.

* Students participating in school music programs scored 98 points higher on their SATs than their non-musical peers. The College Board, 2001

* Students participating in school band programs are much less likely to participate in risky behavior such as drugs and gangs.

* The College Board identifies the arts as one of the six basic academic subject areas students should study in order to succeed in college.

* "Music education opens doors that help children pass from school into the world around them — a world of work, culture, intellectual activity, and human involvement. The future of our nation depends on providing our children with a complete education that includes music."

—Gerald Ford, former President, United States of America

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." - Plato

Your Child + Music = Success!

This is a math problem that's not hard to figure out. We all want our kids to experience success in school and in life, and a little music goes a long way toward achieving that goal!

Students involved in music:

- get higher grades
- score higher in math
- have higher test scores
- have higher graduation rates
- do better with foreign languages

Music does more than just make sounds, it changes the way young people think and behave. The skills your child will learn in music will help them be successful on the stage, in the classroom, and for the rest of their lives.

"If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music." - Albert Einstein

EMOTIONAL

Music provides a creative outlet and a break from the routine and rigor of the traditional school day. Students in music are among the highest academic performers and still report less stress and tension than their non-musical counterparts.

ACADEMIC

Research has found that learning music facilitates learning other subjects and enhances skills that children inevitably use in other areas including language development, spatial-temporal skills, pattern recognition, critical thinking, and so much more.

SOCIAL

Participating in musical groups promotes self confidence, team work, social skills, social networking, a sense of belonging, self-discipline, a sense of accomplishment, cooperation, responsibility, commitment, mutual support, and friendships.

PERSONAL

Through music, students become better people, as they develop self-discipline, confidence, commitment, responsibility, good decision making, and personal pride. They are able to do this with the support of peers in a safe and risk-free environment.