



Instrument Selection Night

Excellence in Instrumental Music Education

Dear Parents,

We invite you and your student to participate in one of our beginning band and orchestra instrument selection nights. This is the first step of an exciting journey for your child. In beginning band and orchestra your child will learn a new instrument, experience team building, nurture creativity, enhance critical thinking and problem solving skills, perform live concerts, and enjoy creating music with their friends.

Below you will find the necessary information and steps to enroll your student in the beginning band or beginning orchestra.

1. Schedule your Appointment for an Instrument Selection Night by going to:

<https://sites.google.com/phm.k12.in.us/phmisn/home>



- **You must Schedule an appointment BEFORE You Attend an Instrument Selection Night.** Please complete the google form using full contact information for US Postal mailing, email addresses and phone numbers for all parents/guardians.
- At least one parent/guardian must attend the appointment with the incoming 6th grade student.
- Please select 1-3 instruments that your student would be interested in trying while at Instrument Selection Night. Arriving with a list of instruments that are appealing will help your appointment move along more smoothly. (please limit your list to a maximum of 3 instruments)
- Please note that ***some instrument sections fill quickly. Once filled, that instrument is no longer available for selection.*** To ensure that your student gets their preferred instrument choice, you are encouraged to attend an earlier selection night and time.

2. Attend Your Scheduled Instrument Selection Night (each evening runs from 4:30-7:30pm)

- Discovery Middle School: Monday, February 24th and Tuesday, February 25th
- Schmucker Middle School: Monday, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 4th
- Grissom Middle School: Monday, March 10th and Tuesday, March 11th

3. OBTAIN YOUR INSTRUMENT

- Each student must have an instrument in good playing condition for the first day of beginning summer classes. Quinlan & Fabish Music representatives are available to help you set up rental at Instrument Selection Night or you may obtain an instrument from another vendor. Teachers are happy to point you in the right direction when looking for another source for instrument rental or purchase.
- PLEASE use caution if you deal with a vendor other than Quinlan & Fabish Music Company. (Ask the vendor - What is your recourse if the instrument needs repair or is not playable? What is your return policy?) We would advise against purchasing an instrument online. Many instruments purchased online do not work well and lead to frustrated students. Reputable music repair stores will not repair poor quality instruments, as they cannot guarantee repair or their workmanship.
- If you wish to purchase an instrument, we would recommend the following brands:
 - String instruments (violin, viola, cello and bass): Eastman, Sheryl and Roth, Knilling, and Yamaha brands. **Please have your child sized for the instrument.** Playing on the correct size instrument will ensure their success and is crucial for injury-free playing.
 - Woodwind Instruments (flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone): Armstrong, Bach, Buffet, Conn, Emerson, Gemeinhardt, Haynes, LeBlanc, Selmer and Yamaha.
 - Brass Instruments (trumpet, french horn, trombone, baritone): Bach, Conn, Eastman, Holton, King, and Yamaha.

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- Percussion Instruments: Specific equipment requirements will be shared for percussion at selection night appointments.
- Again, the band and orchestra directors are happy to help you find an instrument for your student. Please contact your school's director in advance of the first beginning summer class.
- If your family has serious financial concerns, ask us about instruments available for use from the PHM Foundation.

4. Choose and Sign-up for a Summer Beginner Class Time

- Classes begin Monday, July 21st and end Friday, August 8th. (tentatively)
- Classes are Monday - Friday and are 1 hour in length.

The first crucial music lessons take place in small, like-instrument classes. Students receive individualized attention to set proper playing habits for future success. Please contact your student's middle school band or orchestra teacher if they need to miss any part of the summer classes. The teacher will connect you with an approved private teacher so your student stays current with their class. Private lessons to make-up for lost class time should be completed by the first day of school and are at the expense of the family.

Choose from these Summer Class Times

Flute	8am	10am		
Oboe	8am			
Clarinet	8am	9am	10am	11am
Alto Saxophone		9am	10am	11am
Trumpet	8am	9am	10am	11am
French Horn	8am			
Trombone	8am		10am	11am
Baritone	9am			11am
Percussion	8am	9am	10am	
Violin	8am	9am	10am	11am
Viola	8am	9am	10am	11am
Cello		9am	10am	11am
String Bass	8am			

5. Select Band or Orchestra as your 6th grade music choice.

When scheduling your 6th grade classes, select Band or Orchestra for your 6th grade music choice.

Miscellaneous Information

- **You will receive a postal letter for your beginning band or orchestra student in May.**
In late-May, a postal letter will be mailed to your home verifying your instrument selection, your Beginner Summer Class time, and teacher. This letter will also include carpooling information. If you have not received this postal mailing by June 10th, please contact Mr. Zac Coudret at zcoudret@phm.k12.in.us
- **Band and Orchestra Classes at Discovery, Grissom and Schmucker Middle Schools**
The PHM middle school music choices of Band, Orchestra, and Choir meet as curricular classes *within the regular school day*. More than two-thirds of all PHM middle school students participate in one of these three courses.
 - The band and orchestra schedules do not conflict with other after school or before school activities.
 - Participation in instrumental music does not limit a student's involvement in school sports, extra-curricular activities or academics.
- **Band and Orchestra Directors at each PHM Middle School**
Discovery Band and Orchestra Directors:
 - Band Directors: Mr. Murray Weaver mweaver@phm.k12.in.us and Ms. Carol Weirich cweirich@phm.k12.in.us
 - Orchestra Director: Ms. Jessica Joyner jjoyner@phm.k12.in.us
 Grissom Band and Orchestra Directors:
 - Band Director: Ms. Cami Roper croper@phm.k12.in.us
 - Orchestra Director: Ms. Vickie Marshall vmarshall@phm.k12.in.us
 Schmucker Band and Orchestra Directors:
 - Band Directors: Mr. Jeff Carnall jcarnall@phm.k12.in.us and Ms. Kristin Hills khills@phm.k12.in.us
 - Orchestra Director: Mrs. Dodi Carnall dcarnall@phm.k12.in.us