

♪ We need **YOU** in band! ♪



## MEADOW GLEN MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

Dear Parents,

If your child has brought this flyer to you, they have expressed an interest in joining the band program at Meadow Glen Middle School. Your student has an opportunity to be a part of an award-winning band program. I hope the information in this flyer will answer any questions you may have about the Meadow Glen Middle School Band program.

Learning to play an instrument and belonging to the school band will open a whole new world of friendship and fun. Your child will be able to participate in band starting with their sixth grade year and can

continue through their senior year in high school. The opportunities for playing an instrument after high school are abundant, with many universities offering **scholarships** for band participation.

Playing in a musical ensemble provides a great foundation for your child in all aspects of life. Through the study of music, students learn **self-discipline, group cooperation, problem solving, goal setting, self-expression, memory skills, concentration, poise, enhanced physical coordination, high**

**self-esteem, and the importance of teamwork** – skills in great demand in almost every aspect of life. Like all of the arts, music also has a profound effect on the **academic success** of students as well.

If you need any additional information or have any specific questions, feel free to call me at (803) 821- 0638 or email me at [mwinn@lexington1.net](mailto:mwinn@lexington1.net). I look forward to working with you and your child!

Sincerely,  
Melanie Winn

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Meadow Glen Middle  
School



Questions? Email Miss Winn at [mwinn@lexington1.net](mailto:mwinn@lexington1.net)

# Fast Facts about Band at MGMS

## Do I have to own an instrument to be in band?

No! While most students do choose to rent or purchase their own personal instrument, Meadow Glen Middle School has an inventory of school-owned instruments that students may rent for a small yearly fee. This inventory includes instruments such as the oboe, bassoon, french horn, euphonium, and tuba.

## Can I be in band and play sports?

Yes! Many of the band students at MGMS participate in school sports such as football, cheerleading, volleyball, wrestling, soccer, softball, basketball, baseball, and track. Every effort will be made to accommodate student schedules so they may participate in both.

## What instruments can I choose from?

Students may choose to play any instrument in the woodwind, brass, or percussion family. Woodwind instruments include the flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, and saxophone. Brass instruments include the trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, and tuba. Students wishing to play percussion will learn how to play mallet instruments and timpani as well as snare drum and other auxiliary instruments.

We will be having our Instrument Fitting Day on May 14, 2022. This is where students will try every instrument and we will then pick which instrument best fits them and will put them up for the most success. We have a certain number of slots for each instrument. More information will be sent out once class schedules have been finalized.

## What extra opportunities will I have if I join band?

As well as participating in a daily band class, students will have multiple opportunities for enriching musical experiences outside of class. All band classes will perform two to three concerts a year. Students may participate in Jazz Band and may choose to audition for the Region 2 Honor Band, the SCBDA All-State Band, and the Lexington 1 District Honor Band. Students may also choose to perform for the Solo and Ensemble Festival in Columbia or to participate in any of our trips. This year, members of the sixth grade band will be traveling and performing at the Columbia Airport and members of the seventh grade band and eighth grade band are traveling to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida!

## Do I need to join band my sixth grade year?

Yes. Students interested in joining band should plan to do so during their sixth grade year. Students do not need to have any prior musical knowledge to be in band—they will start with the basics of music reading before learning how to play their instrument.

## Can I be in band, chorus, and orchestra?

Yes and no. You may not take both band and orchestra, but you can take both band and chorus during your sixth grade year. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in some form of music at MGMS, whether it be band, chorus, or orchestra.

**Any other questions? Email Miss Winn at [mwinn@lexington1.net](mailto:mwinn@lexington1.net)**

**I look forward to having you in band next year!**

