



Frequently asked questions

- 1) Is band fun?
  - a. **ABSOLUTELY!**
- 2) What if I haven't gotten tested on an instrument yet?
  - a. Don't worry! Instrument tryouts will happen the first week of school.
- 3) Will I get to play whatever instrument I want?
  - a. It depends. The band director will test you on your first choice and decide if the instrument is a good fit for you. If not, we will try your second choice. It's important that we place you on an instrument that will best fit you.
- 4) Do I need my instrument the first day of school?
  - a. No. The band director will let you know what day to bring your instrument.
- 5) When can I buy my instrument?
  - a. As soon as the band director has tested you on the instrument and has placed you on the instrument that best fits you, then you can shop around for your instrument!
- 6) Where can I buy my musical instrument?
  - a. Relatives (least expensive. Sometimes they'll give it to you for FREE)
  - b. Neighbors
  - c. Pawn Shops
  - d. Local music stores (We will provide you with a list)
  - e. Online stores (WARNING – if the deal is TOO good, it's probably too good to be true! We will provide you with a list of instruments that we recommend)
- 7) Do I need to have musical knowledge or know how to play a musical instrument to be in band?
  - a. Absolutely NOT! We will teach you everything you need to know.
- 8) Will I be needing a lock for my instrument locker?
  - a. YES! All instruments require a COMBINATION lock except percussion!
- 9) What will I wear for the concerts and parade?
  - a. All white pants
  - b. All white shoes
  - c. All white socks
  - d. Band Shirt (Student may purchase shirt from band director)
- 10) How many concerts and parades will I play in?
  - a. Two concerts (Christmas and End of Year) and one parade (Charro Days Parade)
- 11) Will there be a BAND FUNDRAISER?
  - a. YES! The band needs your help! We will kickoff our fundraiser on September. PLEASE HELP!
- 12) Do I need to be passing to be in band?
  - a. You don't need to be passing to be in band but you need to be passing to participate in parades and other school performances.
- 13) Will I need to stay after school to practice?
  - a. You are only required to stay three times out of the year to practice after school. Those two days are right before the Christmas Concert, End of Year Concert and parade practice.
- 14) Can I practice my instrument at home?
  - a. YES! Most definitely! We encourage all band students to take their instrument home every day to practice at home!
- 15) Is there a phone number to the band hall in case we have any more questions?
  - a. Yes! Band hall number is 956-698-0730
- 16) What are the band director's names?
  - a. Mr. Sarmiento, Mr. Cantu and Mr. Garza

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