

Important Links

Band Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/yribx9Pfn5EpQ94c9>

Instrument demonstrations by members of the Army Field Band: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCTeSjpDsls&list=PLVGat_7LvgJfe-WQF2hECYo8g600a-nB&index=1

Menchey Music: <https://www.mencheymusic.com/>

Music & Arts: <https://www.musicarts.com/>

Roland Park Elementary/Middle School Band

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Got music?

Interested in Joining?

All students, regardless of prior experience, are welcome in our band program! Please see the back page for a link to the registration form. All students who played in past years must register again each year!

It is highly encouraged for families to rent from music stores rather than the school so that you get better quality instrument. We recommend Menchey Music or Music & Arts. Students may rent an instrument from the school for a \$50 fee. If you need support with the rental fee, please contact Mrs. Schmitt.

Instruments offered (* indicates high need):

Flute

Oboe

Bassoon

Clarinet (B-flat and bass)*

Saxophone (alto, tenor, bari)

Trumpet*

French Horn

Trombone*

Euphonium/Baritone*

Tuba*

Percussion (concert percussion—includes learning mallet instruments, does not include learning drum set, students who already play drum set are welcome)

Please note that the instruments above are the only instruments taught at school. We do not teach guitar, piano, or drum set. Links to the band registration form, instrument demonstrations, and the recommended music stores are on the back panel





About the Band Program

The Roland Park Elementary/Middle School Band program is open to all students in grades 4-8, regardless of previous musical experience. We include all traditional woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments*. Our band program includes 4th grade concert band, 5th grade concert band, middle school beginners ensemble, middle school concert band, and middle school jazz band. The middle school concert band is consistently ranked among the best in the state of Maryland, and all of our bands have consistently earned superior ratings at festivals and adjudications for the last 15 years.

*Students who play piano, electric guitar, or electric bass may be able to be involved in the jazz band in middle school. Please contact Mrs. Schmitt for more information.

Classes and Rehearsals

The band program is a pull-out program. This means that students attend class once a week and are pulled from other classes. Students are grouped in classes by grade level and what instrument they play—for example, 4th grade percussion, 6th grade brass, 8th grade woodwinds, etc. Beginning students and experienced students are not in the same classes so that classes meet student needs and each student can progress as a musician. All students are given multiple opportunities to showcase their learning through concerts and performances at school and around the city.

Elementary Band

Elementary band students attend class once a week for 30 minutes. They are pulled from another class to attend band, at the discretion of their teacher. Mrs. Schmitt works with teacher to find a time that best suits students. All elementary band students are in either the beginning elementary band or the advanced elementary band for their ensemble, and rehearse once a week after school from 2:45-4:00 PM. Rehearsals are typically on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon, and happen in 4-8 weeks leading up to a performance. If there is interest and students have developed the necessary skills, we may even have an elementary jazz band!

Middle School Band

Middle school band students attend class once a week for 40 minutes. They are pulled from another class to attend band, at the discretion of their teacher. This happens on a rotating basis—for example, if a student has class 1st period once week, they will not have class during 1st period again for another 3-4 weeks.

All band students who have been playing for at least one school year are in middle school concert band. Rehearsals are Mondays and Thursdays from 7:30-8:10 AM, before school. Any student who has been playing for at least one school year and has an interest in learning jazz may also be in the jazz band, which rehearses on Tuesdays and Fridays before school from 7:30-8:10 AM. Rehearsals run all school year. Beginning students are welcomed in the middle school band program, but will not be able to be in the concert band or jazz band ensembles until they have developed the necessary skills.



The middle school concert band performs at Morgan State University for the 2019 City-Wide Band Assessments.