

Coppell MS North

A Three Time National Champion

Honor Band

Concerts...Trips...Parties...FUN

Look Inside!

See what the excitement
is All about!

- 40% of entire school is in band!
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- Educational Advantages Music students enjoy



COME JOIN US...One of the largest,
most successful groups in town!

On this team, "Everybody Plays"



Questions & Answers about Band

Do I have to know anything about music to join band?

NO. Everything you need to know to play an instrument will be taught in your band class. Any previous training in music you may have will be very helpful, but not necessary. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

Can I still be in athletics, choir & other school groups?

YES. We encourage our band students to participate in athletics & other school activities. Many of our band students are very successful athletes, talented artists, terrific singers, as well as ACADEMIC leaders of our school!

Who will be in band?

Your friends and fellow classmates will join you in what will be some of the most exciting and fun times of your school experience. The more friends, the more fun! With over 320 band students at Coppell North, and still growing, the band is the largest single group in our school. Many of our students are the school leaders & among the most successful students at North!

What fun things will we do in band?

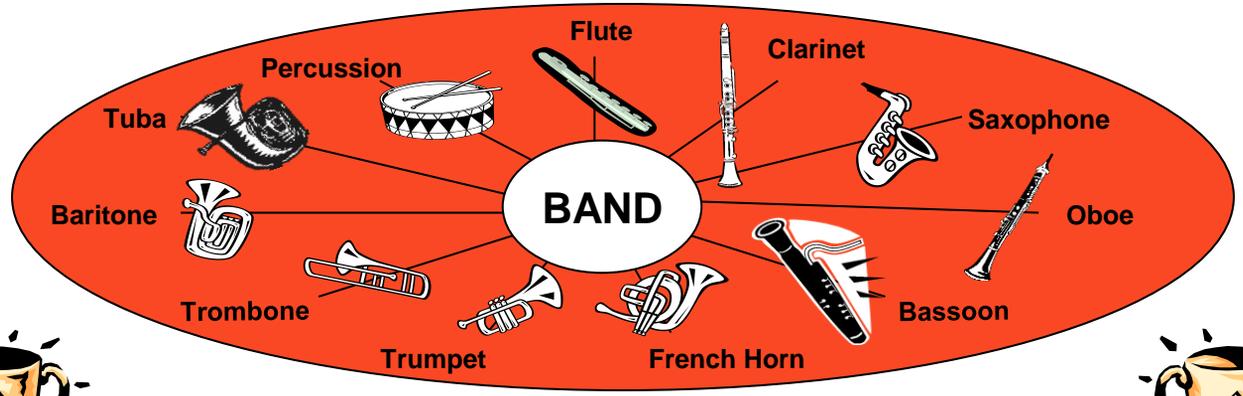
The most rewarding is learning to play an instrument for your own pleasure. **You will also experience many parties, trips, concerts, contests, and performances throughout the year. The bands get to attend Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor, The Main Event, overnight trips to San Antonio & perform in two of the finest music halls in the country, The Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, and Bass Hall in Ft. Worth.**

What performance opportunities will I have?

6th grade band will perform at the Fall, Winter & Spring concerts, Pep Rallies, solo & ensemble contest, & perform at North Texas Regionals band competition. The Symphonic & Honor Winds will perform at over 25 performances including pep rallies, football games, Meyerson Hall or Bass Hall, and at several band and individual competitions. **In High School, trips to Dublin, Ireland; London, England; Washington, DC; The Rose Bowl Parade, Colorado, Disney World-Florida, and many others are all past experiences for the band students!**



The Fun and Rewards Never End!



WE WANT YOU to come play in our Band!



Important Message to Parents



Dear Parents,

It is time again when we are testing, auditioning & getting ready to start new musicians in our band program. This is an important decision for you and your child. Not only a decision about joining band, but also a decision which will determine, in part, who your child's friends and associates will be for the next several years.

Band is much more than a class to play an instrument. It is the development of a family of friends that lasts a lifetime, and establishment of some rather profound physical and mental influences. These will determine much of your child's success in all aspects of education, not just music.

It is a fact that music students represent the top of the academic scale in our schools. **We know they are averaging 168 points higher on SAT exams.** This would indicate greater strengths in verbal and math areas than most other members of the student body. We also know that Fine Art students are many of the ones who enjoy a very successful high school career academically as well as in athletics and other activities. For parents of college bound students, it is very important to consider the following facts. First, majority of admission directors consider class rank. **Band students tend to place very highly in class ranking** and have a high percentage of earning Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors. Second, admission standards are heavily based on SAT score. **Band students consistently score in the highest percentiles on the SAT exam.** Third, admission directors consider the participation of the student in band and other fine art classes. 60% of all college freshman drop out after the first year. In contrast, **98% of past band students graduate earn diplomas from higher level institutions,** many graduating with university honors.

Some very interesting trivia substantiating the importance of band and the fine arts includes such famous Americans as Neil Armstrong. **96% of our nation's astronauts performed in the Fine Arts** during their school years. Mr. Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, was a very talented baritone player in middle school and high school band. President Ronald Reagan was a trumpet player, and was drum major of his high school band. President Clinton was a three year All-State band member on saxophone. David Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs attributes much of his mental quickness and coordination to the study of keyboard and saxophone. Participation in band will not hamper your child's education, rather it will strengthen the foundations needed to succeed in other academic endeavors, and help them to excel in all aspects of education. Some of the best and brightest are in our Fine Arts programs.

One of the most positive impressions you can offer your child is the gift of music and the arts, and a chance to learn self-discipline at the highest level via participation in band or Choir. Incredible skills, self-concepts, cooperative talents and the creative mind will be nurtured through the study of music. These life skills will serve as an important foundation as they take on various responsibilities in their successful futures. Analytical skills, processing, motor skills, and foreign languages are just the tip of the iceberg encompassing mental involvement encountered in music classes.

Fact...the average SAT score for the All-State instrumental groups this past year was 2128 while the national average is 1520 and Texas average 1442

It is very important to take advantage of band class during the 6th grade year. Due to class blocks and scheduling pitfalls it is IMPOSSIBLE to start band after the 6th grade! We move very quickly here in Coppell, and you will be amazed at the level of musicianship at the end of the 6th grade year. If you have already selected another class, no problem! Contact the band directors to arrange an interview time. We can submit the class change to the counselors. The process is quick, simple, and a very positive step toward your child's future.

Instrument Interviews Saturday, March 30 8:00am-5pm.

To schedule an instrument interview contact North front office @ 214-496-7100 ask to schedule instrument playing appointment for incoming 6th grade band member.

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Concerts

Largest
group
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Parties

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13 Important Skills your Child Learns by Studying Music

Band & Choir

Stronger Testing Skills & Higher Sat Scores.....research proving this connection

Self-Confidence.....Ability to go from learning notes/rhythms to producing music instills in your child a sense of accomplishment and self-confidence.

Coordination.....Hand, eye, body, posture, and thought/motor skills all working together are the basics for playing an instrument. These skills transfer to many other aspects of life.

Teamwork.....Every child wants to be part of a group. Band allows everyone to "be on the team" and to play an important role.

Comprehension.....The skill to perceive & derive meaning from musical sounds sharpens your child's ability to comprehend abstractions.

Problem-Solving.....Learning the basics of music language and interpreting a work through performance teaches your child the ability to understand a problem & reach an appropriate solution.

Discipline.....Learning all of the basics of music and applying them correctly takes perception and discipline.

Arts Appreciation.....The words beauty, serenity, & excitement come to life with each musical performance. These feelings help every child appreciate all forms of the art.

Logical Reasoning.....When your child learns to analyze a musical work from all perspectives, both inductive & deductive reasoning grow stronger.

Communication.....Music offers the ability to cultivate our feelings and thoughts through non-verbal means and to recognize how cultures utilize music for personal use.

Conceptualizing.....Your child learns to classify by learning to identify different types & styles of music and time periods, history & genres of music from around the world.

Value Judgments.....Learning to comprehend, consider, and evaluate in music can help your child make a decision and uphold value judgments in other aspects of life.

Using Symbols/Languages.....Learning to read, write, interpret musical notation strengthens the use of other symbol systems, such as mathematics & language. Several different **foreign languages** are introduced through terminology.

Cool Trips

Bass
Hall

Games

Awards

Learning
Music

The
Meyerson

Six Flags

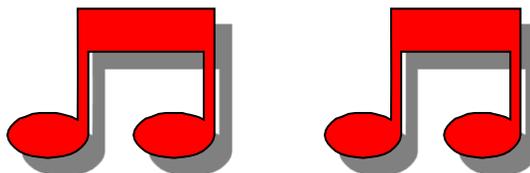
Should your Child Play in Band?

•**National Assoc. of Secondary School Principals** reports 66% of all college freshmen drop out after the 1st year. In contrast, 96% of band students graduate from Universities.

•**American Medical Assoc.** states the #1 admittance to medical schools are students that major in music as undergraduates. **Pre-Med majors are #2.**

•**Study after study** has proven students who play in the band get along better in school, generally get better grades, score higher on SAT exams

•**Admission criteria** into most major universities puts at top of list participation through school in extracurricular activities specifically in music.



Answers to Frequent Questions

- Beginner Band meets as a regular class during the school day for the entire year. There is very little after school time involved
- Band classes are set up in like instrument classes for optimum learning experience
- There is not a conflict with athletics, other activities & band. Most of our students participate in several activities. **It is vitally important that a student takes band the 6th grade year. It is extremely difficult to begin in the 7th grade.**
- Some of the large and more expensive instruments are provided by the school for a small maintenance fee.
- Weekly private lessons are available and encouraged. The private staff consists of professional musicians from around the area. We attempt to schedule all lessons during the school day. Some students will begin lessons during the summer.
 - Area music stores offer a wide variety of purchase and rental plans for your beginner instrument. **Band Is Affordable!**
 - Even though you may have already turned in your schedule request, **it is easy to enroll in band!** Contact a director for an interview, instrument placement testing, and we will handle the rest!! The school counselors are Wonderful, and will eagerly schedule your child in band!