

East Wiltshire Band Program Application

Please complete this application form by Monday, May 10th, 2021.

*This application does not guarantee acceptance into the band program but signifies the applicant's interest and commitment to the program.

There are many benefits associated with being involved in a band program. Students are given the opportunity to learn new skills, meet new friends and develop their ability to work as a team. Students in the band program also learn to persevere when practice and patience are required to achieve their goals.

In previous years, grade seven rehearsals have been held once a week from 7:35-8:35 a.m. Students must be able to provide their own transportation to early morning band rehearsals. Rehearsals and all band performances/functions are enjoyable and rewarding components of the band curriculum, and all rehearsals and performances are compulsory.

The instrumental music program is a three-year commitment which continues through grade eight and nine. Parental support is essential for student success in the program. Withdrawal from the program may be considered in exceptional circumstances and requires approval from the school administration. Withdrawal from this course in the middle of the school year is not possible due to scheduling issues.

While not a mandatory requirement for incoming instrumental students, attendance at the Public Schools Branch Band Camp is strongly recommended. Registration forms for band camp will be available when plans are finalized for the camp. We are currently hoping to offer a half day camp for our beginning band students this August at Colonel Gray Sr. High School in Charlottetown. This year's band camp will be held from August 23rd-27th, 2021. More information will be provided in due course regarding the details of band camp.

If you choose to print and complete this form, please return it to the main office at East Wiltshire by Monday, May 10th. Thank you.

* Required

Please complete the form below to apply for the EWS Band Program.

1. Student First Name *

2. Student Last Name *

3. Parent/Guardian Email *

4. Parent/Guardian Phone Number *

5. Elementary School student attended *

Mark only one oval.

Eliot River Elementary

Englewood

Central Queens

Other: _____

Academic Program in September

6. Academic Program in September *

Mark only one oval.

Early French Immersion

Late French Immersion

English

Follow either one of the links below to see and hear the instruments available to beginner band students.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gZrRC9b4RMQ1vaFYHVdVM7qNT5qLEfVF/view?usp=sharing>

(Youtube version: begin at the 24:30 mark)<https://youtu.be/qUd33YKsqFc?t=1450>

*Students must audition for saxophone and percussion (drums) after playing another instrument for a minimum of one year in the EWS band program.

Some advice on selecting your instrument:

Picking an instrument because your friend is playing that instrument, or because your relative played that instrument, is not always the best idea! Instead, listen carefully to the recordings provided, and choose your preferred instrument based on each instrument's unique sound and features!

WOODWIND INSTRUMENTS: Woodwind instruments require quick finger dexterity and often play technical (fast moving) parts in band music.

1) Flute- The flute has a beautiful tone and very wide range. Flutes often play melody lines and lend themselves very well to solo performance.

2) Clarinet- The clarinet has a darker tone and uses a reed to create the sound. The clarinet has a wide range and often performs melody and harmony parts in concert band. The clarinet provides a strong centre to the band sound!

BRASS INSTRUMENTS: Don't be fooled into thinking that brass instruments are easier than woodwinds because they have fewer keys! Brass instruments rely on the player's ability to "buzz", change air-speed, and use the valves to play different pitches.

3) Trumpet - This is a higher sounding brass instrument that requires good pitch recognition and finger dexterity. Trumpets play a melodic role in band music.

4) French Horn - The French horn can play high and low notes. It often plays harmonic lines which help melodies sound beautiful and rich. The horn is a very challenging brass instrument, but has a very beautiful tone. The horn takes a lot of patience, but pays off with its unique rich sound. Having a good sense of pitch is a must if you want play horn.

5) Trombone - This mid/low sounding brass instrument uses a slide instead of valves. It often plays a supportive role in band, and has a lower sound compared to the trumpet.

6) Baritone - The baritone is very similar to the trombone, but uses 3 valves like a trumpet, instead of a slide. Think of this as a mini-tuba.

7) Tuba-This instrument holds the band together! It is the lowest sounding/biggest instrument in the band, and requires a strong leader who doesn't mind being the unsung hero of the band. There are usually around 3 to 4 tuba players in a band.

What
instruments
are
available to
play?

INSTRUMENT
SELECTION

Now that you've heard the various instruments, pick out your top 3 instruments in order of preference. You will play this instrument for the first year of instruction, and likely for the entire 3 year band experience.

7. Which instrument is your first choice? *

Mark only one oval.

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Baritone
- Tuba

8. Which instrument is your second choice? *

Mark only one oval.

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Baritone
- Tuba

9. Which instrument is your third choice? *

Mark only one oval.

- Flute
 - Clarinet
 - Trumpet
 - French Horn
 - Trombone
 - Baritone
 - Tuba
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