

Moore Square Middle School Band Programs

Beginning Band

No Formal Band is needed to be enrolled in this class. This year-long class is designed for the 6th or 7th grade beginning student who is interested in learning how to play an instrument, such as, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone. **Classes are separated classes into band or strings (not combined in the same class).**

Intermediate Band

This course is designed for the rising 6th grade, 7th grade, and 8th grade student who have at least 1 year experience in band. **Placement Audition is recommended but not required for this course.**

Skills needed for this course are as follows:

Band requirements
Concert Bb, Eb, and F scale (one octave)
Bb Chromatic Scale (one octave)
Rhythm Requirements dotted quarter notes

Advanced Band

Placement Audition is REQUIRED

This course is designed for the advanced rising 6th grade, 7th grade, and 8th grade students with at least 1 or 2 years experience or in band or orchestra. **for this course.**

Skill required for this course are as follows:

Advanced Band Requirements
Advanced Scales Concert G, C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db
Depending on instrument, scales are 2 octave
All County/All district band audition required
Understanding Dotted 8 th and 16 th note rhythms

Magnet Jazz Band

Audition or Director Recommendation required.

This course is available for students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. **Additionally, all Wind and Percussion students should be enrolled in a concert band, while string bass students should be enrolled in an orchestra. Exception: Guitar and piano should be enrolled in private instruction.** Jazz Band is an auditioned ensemble providing students an opportunity to learn and perform music from four different styles (Swing, Rock, Ballad and Latin/Afro Cuban) in a "Big Band" setting. Students will also explore beginning concepts of jazz improvisation, knowledge of chords and jazz history.

Rising 6th grade student or new student placement audition dates are as follows:

April 9 10, and 11 starting at 4:00 pm

Please contact Mr. Byrd (kbyrd@wcpss.net) to schedule an audition time. For more information about our Music Program at Moore Square, go to: www.moosquaremusic.weebly.com