

Windham Center School

Instrumental Program Handbook 2018-2019

Mission Statement

*To present all students the opportunity to perform,
create, respond and connect to all music.*



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Windham Center School Instrumental Music Expectations for Students

In-School Lessons: *Students are expected to...*

1. Attend all weekly lessons
2. Bring instrument and music book (pencils will be provided)
3. Participate **even if they forget their instrument**
4. Practice and reflect on music outside of lessons
5. Attend lessons with positive attitude and willingness to learn!

Before-School Band Rehearsals: *Students are expected to...*

1. Attend all morning band rehearsals
2. Bring instrument, music book and **music stand**
3. Practice and reflect on music outside of lessons
4. Attend lessons with positive attitude and willingness to learn!

Before School Violin Lessons: *Students are expected to...*

1. Attend all morning lessons
2. Bring instrument and music (pencils and stands will be provided)
3. Practice and reflect on music outside of lessons
4. Attend lessons with positive attitude and willingness to learn!

Performances: *Students are required to...*

1. Perform in two concerts per year. The dates are as followed:
 - a. 4th grade- 1/23, 5/30 at 7:00pm
 - b. 5th grade- 1/22, 5/28 at 7:00pm
2. Perform in Memorial Day Parade (5th grade band only!!!)

More information about rehearsals later in handbook

Rehearsal Schedules

In-School Lessons:

Fourth and fifth grade weekly band lessons will occur during the school day and are NO LONGER on a rotating schedule. The same instrument will always be on the same day, as listed below. Rather than being pulled out of all Unified Arts (general music, art, library), your child will always miss one of his/her two PE classes. The time block in which your child has band is determined by whichever group (1-5) your child is a part of. Lessons will begin the second week of school.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Clarinet	Flute	Percussion	Saxophone	Tromb./Trpt.

5B (10:40 – 11:25) – Miloro, Krish, Claus, Misiaszek, Stoyak

5A (12:20 – 1:05)- Fleet, Bouley, Souza, Lavoie, Serian

4A (1:10 – 1:55) – DeLara, Haarlander, Ross, Ryan, Satkwich

4B (2:00 – 2:45) – Whitney, Matthews, Avallone, McKinney

Before School Band Rehearsals:

Why are full band rehearsals important?

Sectionals are crucial in learning an instrument, as they allow students focused attention on their specific instrument. It is just as beneficial, however, for students to rehearse in a full ensemble setting. Not only does this refine performance material as an ensemble, but it provides educational benefits for students as well. Rehearsing as an ensemble allows students to develop their aural skills, as they must listen and blend to instruments different from their own. In addition, full ensemble rehearsals allow students to learn to perform in more than one part, as they typically play the same part within their sections. Furthermore, these rehearsals promote teamwork, how to follow a conductor, performance etiquette, and application of what is being taught in sectionals into a full ensemble setting. These are important skills to learn as musicians and are found in the National Core Arts Standards.

When do morning rehearsals begin?

Morning band rehearsals will begin the week of October 15th. Fifth grade rehearsals will be held every Tuesday, and fourth grade every Thursday. *All students must arrive at Center School by 7:30am* so we can begin rehearsal at 7:45am. Rehearsals will be in the Cafeteria. The rehearsal schedule is as followed:

5th Grade	4th Grade
Tuesday 10/16	Thursday 10/18
Tuesday 10/23	Thursday 10/25
Tuesday 10/30	Thursday 11/1
Tuesday 11/6	Thursday 11/8
Tuesday 11/13	Thursday 11/15
<i>*No Rehearsal 11/20*</i>	<i>*No Rehearsal 11/22*</i>
Tuesday 11/27	Thursday 11/29
Tuesday 12/4	Thursday 12/6
Tuesday 12/11	Thursday 12/13
Tuesday 12/18	Thursday 12/20

<i>*No Rehearsal 12/25*</i>	<i>*No Rehearsal 12/27*</i>
<i>*No Rehearsal 1/1*</i>	<i>*No Rehearsal 1/3*</i>
Tuesday 1/8	Thursday 1/10
Tuesday 1/15	Thursday 1/17
CONCERT 1/22 at WHS	CONCERT 1/23 at WHS

Spring schedule will be sent out in November

How will I know if morning rehearsal is cancelled?

In case of inclement weather and school is **delayed or cancelled**, there will be **no morning rehearsals**. In the event that road conditions are poor and I have decided to cancel despite no delay, I will email no later than 6:45am. In the event that I am sick or absent from school, I will once again email home no later than 6:45am.

Where do I drop my child off for morning rehearsals?

Students should be dropped off in front of the Center School and can use the Main Office entryway.

What does my child need to bring?

Students must bring their instrument, music, and music stand. There are not enough stands for every student during full band rehearsals.

Before-School Violin Lessons:

When do violin lessons begin?

Morning violin lessons will begin the week of September 17th. Fifth grade rehearsals will be held every Monday, and fourth grade every Wednesday. *All students must arrive at Center School by **7:30am*** so we can begin rehearsal at 7:45am. Rehearsals will be in the Cafeteria. Students will have rehearsal every week unless there is a holiday or you are notified otherwise.

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Instrument Accessories

These help keep your instrument in working condition!

- Flutes** Cleaning Rod (included)
 Handkerchief to be tied to rod
- Clarinet** Cleaning Swab (included)
 Cork Grease (included)
 Reeds (2 strength; some included)
 Extra Box of Reeds!
- Saxophone** Cleaning Swab (included)
 Cork Grease (included)
 Neck Strap (included)
 Reeds (2 strength; some included)
 Extra Box of Reeds!
- Trumpet** Valve Oil (included)
 Slide Grease (optional but *highly* recommended)
 Mouthpiece Cleaning Brush (optional)
- Trombone** Slide Grease (included)
 Mouthpiece Cleaning Brush (optional)
- Percussion** Sticks- 5B or General Wood Vic Firth ***Round Tip (included)***
 Bell Mallets (included)
 Drum Bag (included)
 Drum Key (included)

******LABEL EVERYTHING******

It is important to label everything (instrument, binder, method book, etc.) because most will look exactly alike! I also recommend writing down your child's instrument serial number and model number and keeping it in a safe place.

Contact Information!

It is crucial that communication is occurring often! My contact information is located on the title page of this handbook. I am asking you to please fill out the bottom of this form and have your student return it to me as soon as possible! Please write as neatly as possible 😊

Student's Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Primary Email: _____

Secondary Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Student's Homeroom: _____

Return to Ms. Buonpane