
Festus R-6 Bands

BEGINNING BAND INFORMATION

In the Festus R-6 Schools, beginning band instruction occurs only in the 6th grade at Festus Intermediate School. Students may take the opportunity to begin learning music on a variety of band instruments. Band class promotes positive growth by learning music, music theory and history, abstract and spatial concepts, multicultural ideas, performance skills, cooperation, responsibility, promoting self-worth, and gaining aesthetic insight. Following is information for the parents of beginning band students, including lists of instruments taught, instruction books used, and upcoming instrument rental night.

DO NOT BUY AN INSTRUMENT BEFORE THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN TESTED AND CHECKED OUT ON THE INSTRUMENT BY THE BAND DIRECTORS. THIS WILL BE DONE DURING BAND CLASS THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF SCHOOL.

BEGINNING BAND INSTRUMENTS:

WOODWINDS:

Flute
Oboe
Clarinet*
Alto Saxophone
Tenor Saxophone

BRASS:

Trumpet*
French Horn
Trombone*
Baritone
Tuba

PERCUSSION:

Xylophone & Drum Pad
(must provide & learn both)

* denote the core band instruments, all others started on an as-needed basis determined by the band director.

REQUIRED BEGINNING BAND METHOD BOOK:

Tradition of Excellence (will be available at the band rental night)

BAND INSTRUMENT RENTAL INFORMATION NIGHT:

The Festus R-6 Schools will host a Band Instrument Rental Night at the Intermediate School Gym on **WEDNESDAY, SEP. 4, between 5:00 & 7:00**. There will be two band instrument music stores available to purchase or rent instruments from that evening. Both music stores have serviced the Festus Schools for many years, and have representatives pick up and deliver to the school on a weekly basis. There are other stores in the area, but please be sure they deal in school band instruments. The two companies represented will be:

Nottleman Music Co.
1590 Lemay Ferry Rd.
St. Louis MO 63125
314-631-1486
or
714 Jeffco Blvd
Arnold MO 63010
636-296-3780

Shivelbine's Music
535 Broadway
Cape Girardeau MO 63701
573-334-5216
800-455-5216

If you already have an instrument, please be sure that it is in good playing condition. An instrument that is not working properly can be frustrating to students, teachers, parents and listeners. Please have your instrument checked out by a qualified music instrument technician, or at least looked at by the band directors.

If you have any questions concerning beginning band, do not hesitate to email Mr. Lorenz (LorenzDevin@festusedu.com) or Mrs. Sekelsky (SekelskyStephanie@festusedu.com)

BEGINNING BAND NIGHT!!

Wednesday, September 4
Festus Intermediate Gym

**This is the time to rent (*rent-to-own*) or purchase
a new or used instrument.
And/or pick up a beginning band book.
Or ask questions of Mr. Lorenz and Mrs. Sekelsky**

**Anytime between 5:00 & 7:00 pm
(open house format)**

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