



*Music Department
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From: Mr. J. Wilkas, Band Director, West Side Middle School

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your son / daughter has expressed interest in playing a musical instrument in the school instrumental music program. I feel that the experience of taking part in the music program helps to promote self-esteem, teamwork, and school spirit, and therefore would like to extend this opportunity to your child.

There is a limited number of band instruments available to students, and they will be distributed to interested students on a first come - first serve basis. Please fill out the instrument record form so an instrument can be issued to your child.

The responsibility for the instrument's condition during its issuance is that of the student and parent. A security cost of \$10.00 per month for 5 months (a total of \$50.00) will be collected and held until the instrument is returned at the end of the school year.

While in school, the instrument can be stored in locked storage cabinets in the music suite, but I recommend that students take them home to practice during the week.

Please encourage your child to play his/her instrument at home. This will help them continue their enthusiasm in the band program. Our goal is to build a band program that our kids can be proud of, a band program that our school can be proud of, and most of all, create an opportunity for them to be proud of themselves!

Sincerely,

Mr. J. Wilkas, Band Director, West Side Middle School