

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. If we fill out the HMS Band Sign-Up Form are we DEFINITELY committing to being in band next year? Or, do we have the option to see what kind of instrument you recommend and then make a decision? When will you be interviewing the children & assigning instruments?

If you fill out the form your child will be registered for band class. However, should you change your mind over the summer it will be no problem to have him/her rescheduled at the beginning of the school year. It will be during the first 2 or 3 days of class that we interview the students and match interest in an instrument with physical attributes. Please know that we would never assign a student an instrument he/she was not interested in playing.

2. If my child signs-up for band is it a full year commitment or does he have the option to drop out after the first semester?

Students have the option to drop band at the end of each grading period. Middle school is a time for discovery - sometimes we give things an honest try and find that they just were not for us.

3. What is an average cost to rent an instrument for the school year? Do you recommend somewhere to get the instrument, if my child joins band would that information be given to him when you meet?

We could not tell you what the cost would be for the year, there are several factors involved. We can tell you that one of the local music stores has a deal where you get the instrument at about \$8 a month for the first 3 months. After that the costs depends on the instrument your child plays. Keep in mind that should your child decide to play baritone, french horn, or tuba, the school provides those instruments. After we interview and evaluate your child's physical attributes we will send home a packet with information on instrument rental including flyers and forms from our 2 local music stores.