

GRISHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

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Dear Beginning Band Family,

Your student has selected band as an elective for the 2019-2020 school year at Grisham Middle School, and we are SO excited that your child has chosen to become a part of our exemplary program! Please read over the following information carefully – on the back you will find specific information about your student's instrument and supplies!

INCOMING 6TH GRADE PARENT MEETING

Please attend our Incoming 6th Grade Parent Meeting – Thursday, May 30th at 6:30pm in the **Grisham Cafeteria**. We highly encourage your band student to attend as well!

WHY DO WE REQUIRE CERTAIN INSTRUMENT BRANDS/SUPPLIES?

The recommendations for specific brand names listed on the back of this letter have been chosen through years of evaluation and teaching experience, so we ask that you stick with this list to assure that you get a quality instrument. Recommendations have been made on the basis of playing quality, overall workmanship, durability, tone quality and pitch accuracy. The **Required Instrument Accessories and Band Supplies** are also critical to success and good tone production. If you already have an instrument, please contact us so we can check it to be sure it is in good playing condition. To avoid bad habits and damage to the instrument, please do not assemble or attempt to play the instrument before receiving instruction from us.

WHY DO WE RECOMMEND CERTAIN MUSIC STORES?

We request that you rent or buy an instrument from a music store. This assures you are getting a quality instrument and good service afterwards. We have included contact information at the bottom of this letter for the best music stores in the area. You may decide to rent an instrument until you are comfortable that your child is invested in our band program. **Please reserve an instrument with a music store as soon as possible and have it delivered to Grisham (or picked up at the start of the school year), because the best instruments get reserved early.** All stores below will deliver to Grisham during summer!

Music & Arts

musicarts.com
11066 Pecan Park Blvd, Suite B201
Cedar Park, TX 78613
(512) 506-8824

Strait Music

straitmusic.com
13945 Highway 183 North
Austin, TX 78717
(512) 918-3743

The Band Connection

band-connection.com
1210 W. McDermott, Suite 105
Allen, TX 75013
(214) 383-4885

Sam Bass Music

sambassmusic.com
802 Brandi Lane
Round Rock, TX 78681
(512) 246-9845

Your student needs to have their instrument and supplies by the FIRST day of school – Thursday, August 15th. We are looking forward to a very exciting year of teaching your child the joys of playing a musical instrument! If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at 512-428-2671.

Musically yours,

Liz Love & Jay Hagy
Grisham Middle School Band Directors