

Beginning Band

Claremont Middle School

Overview

Beginning Band is a performance music class in which students receive instruction on a wind or percussion instrument of their choosing. Students learn the foundations of tone production, reading musical notation, and self-expression through sound. Band members learn to work efficiently in full ensemble rehearsals and cooperatively in small groups.

Goals

The purpose of this class is to expose the entire sixth grade at Claremont Middle School to an exploratory instrumental music class. Providing this opportunity will lead to enrollment in the 7th and 8th grade bands that reflects Claremont's diverse community.

Requirements

All the work for this class takes place during the school day. Students in 6th grade band do not have any homework or expectation of practice outside of class. For this reason, positive participation is necessary for students to get the most out of our experience.

Evaluation

Students are graded on the following activities:

- Do nows/ROTS (rhythm of the day)
- Teacher led rehearsals (TLR)
- Student led rehearsals (SLR)
- Daily participation
- Folder Checks
- Around the Worlds (ATW's are our quizzes)

Students can make up any quiz until they earn the grade they desire. Grades in Beginning Band are a reflection of musical growth, not ability.

Materials

All materials for band are provided by the school, though you are welcome to rent or buy your child an instrument.

Opportunities

Students that connect with the musical experience are welcome to participate in the 7th and 8th grade Band Electives in the future. 6th graders are also welcome to join the Jazz band which meets Mon. Tues. Thurs from 3:20-4:10.