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## Band Program Overview

Music Education Services provides comprehensive band programs to elementary schools which include two weekly sessions totaling *80-90 minutes* of instruction, instrument rentals, and a team of 15 dedicated state licensed teachers. Music Education Services has been teaching in area schools for over 30 years and has averaged a student retention rate of over 85% for students from sign up through year end. We currently serve over 80 schools and enrolled over 1,200 students in band this past fall.

### **Our Program:**

- Our program includes *two 40-45 minute group lessons per week*. The spaced repetition offered by twice weekly lessons on separate days ensures young instrumentalists the close supervision they require to show rapid progress. Lessons are typically scheduled with one in-school and one out-of-school instructional time each week. Scheduling can be customized to fit your school's needs. Additional lessons are also provided as the children prepare for upcoming events.
- Our comprehensive curriculum utilizes both sequential and performance based learning with documented skill benchmarks.
  - Sequential learning includes lesson books with theory exercises, graded band arrangements, solos and supplemental exercises.
  - Each student will perform in at least three concerts, have the opportunity to participate in a solo and ensemble festival, an honors band concert (advanced students), and various social activities.
- Instruction may begin in the fourth, fifth or sixth grade. Advanced classes will be formed as needed through eighth grade. In new schools, all children in fourth through eighth grade may sign up.
- Progress reports are emailed directly to the student's home twice per year. As part of each child's grade, parents are urged to sign a practice record at the end of each week.
- All of our teachers hold at least a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and are licensed in the State of Illinois.
- Our teachers are supervised and evaluated throughout the year by our Director of Education, who has been teaching with us for over 25 years.

- Our recruitment program includes a half hour demonstration concert by a professional trio of musicians at the start of the year. This educational assembly demonstrates and explains the different instruments. The musicians will also perform some songs to get the students excited. Registration is done on-line.

### **Turn Key Comprehensive Solution:**

- Most of our programs are paid for by the parents of participating students. Tuition for the 2023/2024 school year will be \$648.00. That amount is billed directly to the parents of participating students in 9 installments of \$72.00. **There is no cost to the school.** With two lessons per week, this works out to about \$10.50 per lesson. Parents only pay for the time their child is in band.
- If your school has funds available, we can custom design a funding option that meets the needs of your community, your students and your budget. **Schools can pay for all, none, or a portion of the tuition and instrument costs.**
- Music Education Services also provides an optional rent-to-own instrument program, which is extremely competitive with local retailers. Instruments available include flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion kits. Most instruments are only \$15.00 for the first two months and \$28.00 per month thereafter. Alto saxophones are \$20.00 for the first two months and \$50.00 per month thereafter. Repairs are done in house.
- We carry *two million* dollars in liability insurance in the unlikely event a student was to sustain an injury while under the care of our director.
- Billing is done directly to the home, eliminating any administrative responsibilities for you and your staff. All we need is your support and a place to play.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to build a comprehensive band program at your school. Please feel free to call us at (847) 805-1800. We would be happy to provide you with more detailed information. Thank you for your consideration.