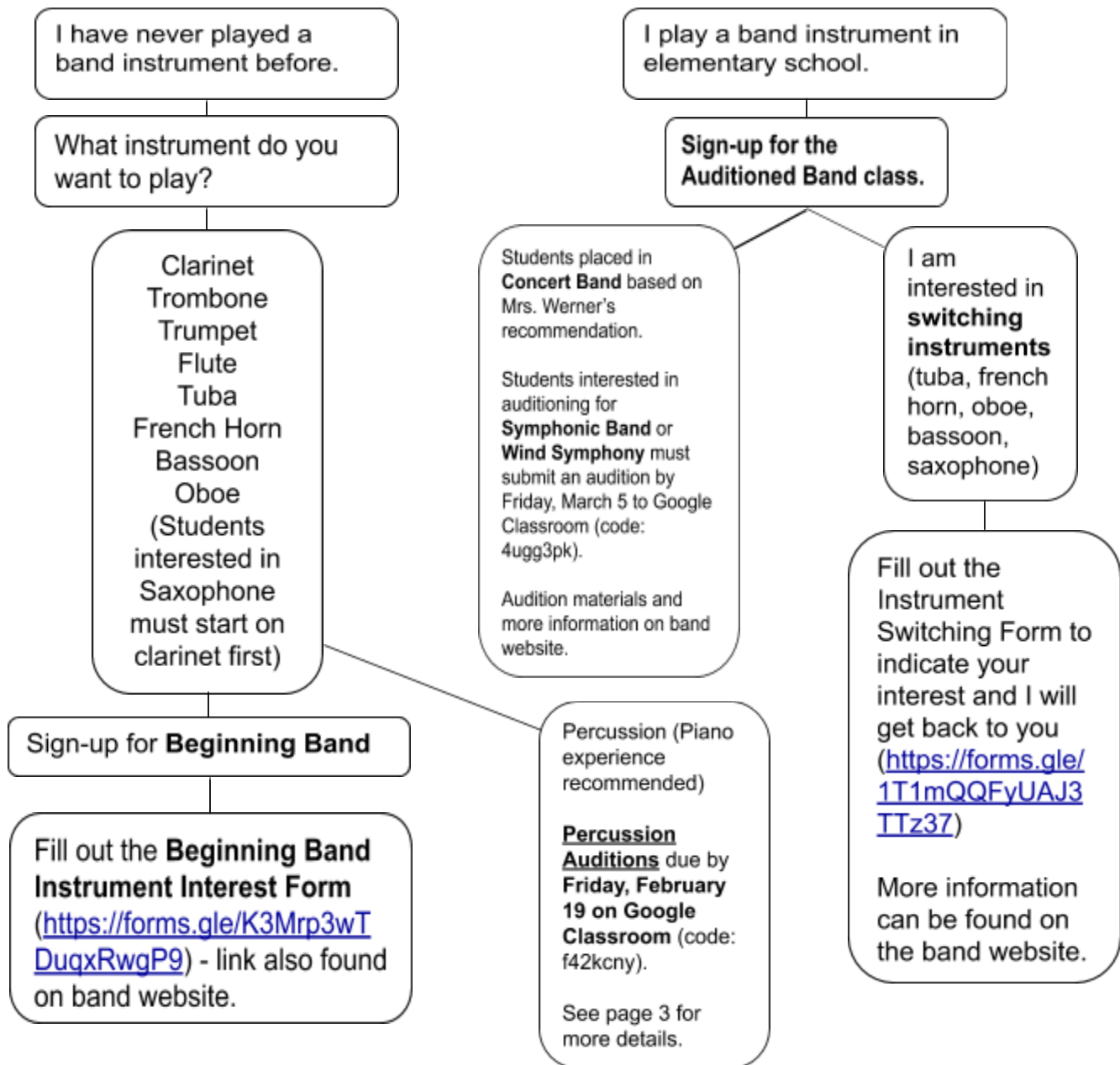


Centennial Middle School Band

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Frequently Asked Questions

Is band a year-long class? Yes.

Where do I rent an instrument? You can rent an instrument from Summerhays Music or Bert Murdock Music.

Are there school instruments available? Instruments are available for students who play bigger instruments like tuba, euphonium, bass clarinet, or bassoon. There are also a very limited number of other instruments available for students on fee waiver or who truly cannot afford to rent from a music store.

Other Questions? Contact Mr. Werner at peterw@provo.edu.

Instrument Switching

Fill out the Instrument Switching Form

(<https://forms.gle/1T1mQQFyUAJ3TTz37>)

to indicate your interest and I will get back to you by the end of March.

Why Switch Instruments?

- More Opportunities.
 - 7 elementary schools coming to Centennial have bands. Imagine that each school has 7 trumpet players. If all students stayed on trumpet that would be 49 trumpet players competing for the top spots.
 - Less people playing an instrument means a better chance for you to get into the top bands at Centennial and Timpview.
- More Success
 - Some students struggle on their instrument through no fault of their own. It is often due to a physical limitation.
 - You might find a new instrument easier to play.

What Instruments Can I Switch To?

- Tuba
- Bassoon
- Saxophone
- Horn
- Oboe

What Are the Requirements to Switch?

- Desire to learn the instrument (saxophone requirements are different—see below).

Are There School Instruments Available

- Tuba, horn, bassoon, and oboe can be rented from the school.
- Saxophones are not available (see below).

I Don't Want to Feel Behind My Friends in Band.

- We hire specialists on each instrument to help you learn quickly at the beginning of the year. If you practice hard you can move up to Concert Band starting 2nd term.

How Can I Switch to Saxophone?

- Only a few students can switch to saxophone (alto and tenor) due to how loud the instrument is.
- Your performance in the elementary band class will be the main determining factor. Students selected to switch will have received a recommendation from Mrs. Werner that they are hard-working and attentive students.
- You must come try saxophone with Mr. Werner to help determine how well you would do and which instrument is best for you (alto or tenor).
- You must rent or purchase your own saxophone. The school does not have any available.

Percussion Auditions

Submit Percussion Audition by March 5 to Percussion Auditions Google Classroom (code: f42kcny). Details below.

What Is Percussion?

- Percussion is drums and mallet instruments. There are also a variety of smaller instruments. Students learn to play them all.
- Percussion students meet in a separate class but still play with the other band classes on concerts.

Do I Need a Percussion Instrument?

- Students who are accepted into percussion are required to rent or purchase a bell kit, practice pad, sticks, and mallets.
- The school owns larger percussion instruments that the students will use at school during class. A \$25 maintenance fee is required.

Why Is Piano Experience Encouraged?

- Because percussion students learn to play so many instruments, it is essential that they already have a good understanding of note reading and rhythms in order to keep up with the pace of the class.
- Piano experience also helps students be more successful on mallet instruments.

What Does the Audition Consist Of?

- Take a 7 minute note reading test (treble and bass clef).
 - Link found on the Google Classroom.
 - Submit a screenshot or completion link. Instructions on the Google Classroom.
- Submit a video of you counting rhythms found on the Google Classroom while using a metronome.
- Submit a video of you **performing a short piece of your choosing on piano** that demonstrates your ability level (strongly encouraged, but not required).
- Submit a video explaining why you want to do percussion and what traits and abilities will help you stay caught up in this fast moving class.

What Class Should I Sign Up For If I Am Interested In Percussion?

- If you did elementary band you should sign up for Concert Band/Symphonic Band/Wind Symphony.
- If you have never done band before, sign up for Beginning Band.
- If you are accepted into percussion the class will be added for you.

What If I Don't Make It Into Percussion?

- If you are in elementary band you will be put in the band you auditioned for.
- If you have never played an instrument before you can sign up for Beginning Band.