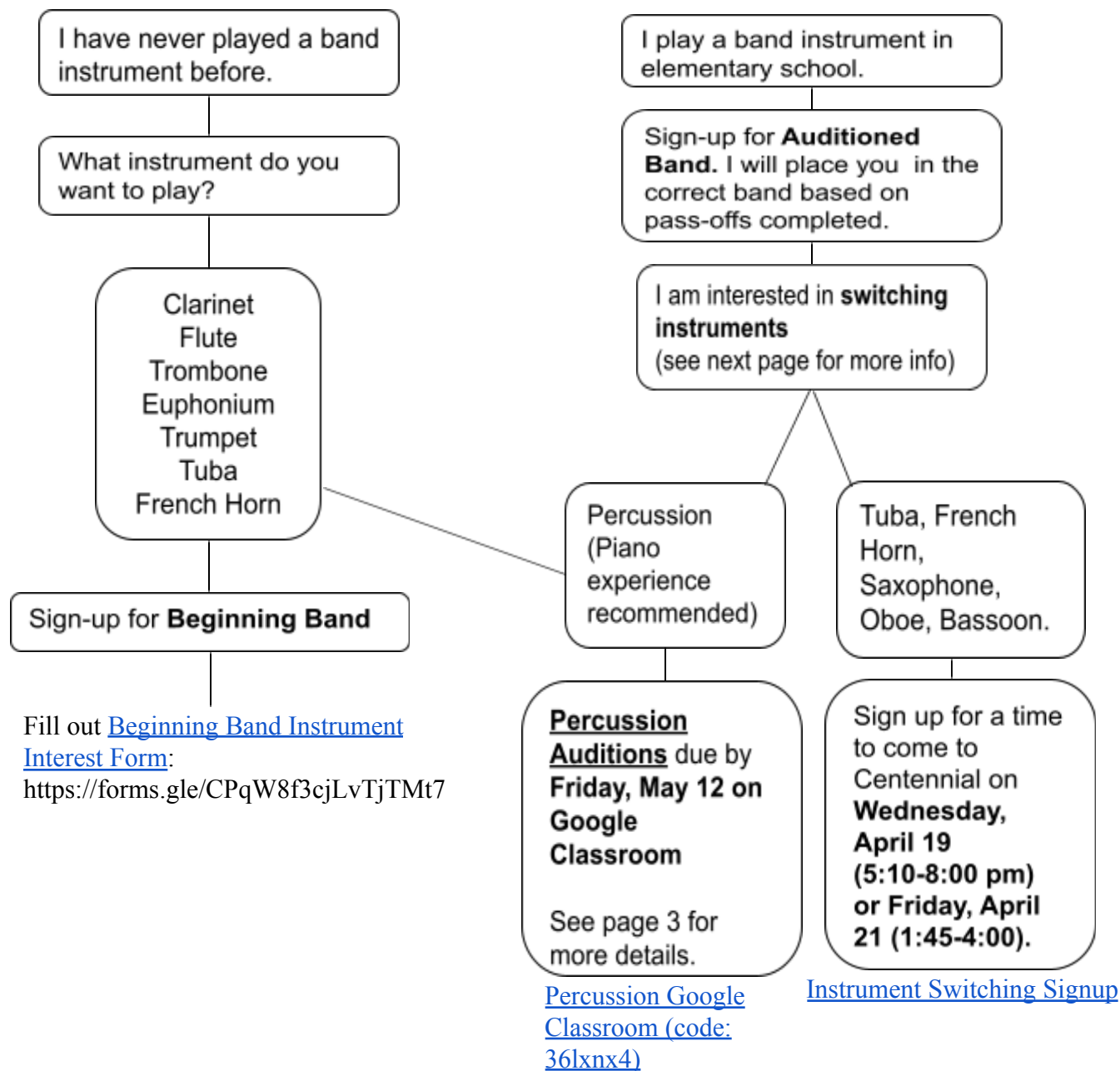


Centennial Middle School Band



Frequently Asked Questions

Is band a year-long class? Yes.

Where do I rent an instrument? You can rent an instrument from Summerhays Music (summerhaysmusiccenter.com/centennial) 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 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 or visit centennialband.weebly.com

Instrument Switching

Wednesday, April 19 (5:10-8:00 pm) and Friday, April 21 (1:45-4:00)

Centennial Band Room

Sign up for a time through [Sign-Up Genius](#). Parents should attend with students.

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
- French Horn
- Oboe

What Are the Requirements to Switch?

- Desire to learn the instrument (saxophone requirements are different—see below).
- Try the instrument with Mr. Werner during auditions or the switching day.
- Attend the Instrument Switching Camp: May 22-25 from 4-5 PM (**mandatory**)
 - Students who do not attend the Switching Camp will be placed in Beginning Band.
- If at all possible, attend Summer Band (details coming soon)

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.

- The Instrument Switching Camp will help you catch up. We hire specialists on each instrument to help you learn quickly. Summer Band and practicing on your own will also help you be caught up by the time school starts.

How Can I Switch to Saxophone?

- Only a select few students can switch to saxophone (alto and tenor).
- Pass-offs completed on clarinet (or other instrument) and your dedication during elementary band will be determining factors.
- 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

Online Only: Due by April 12

[Google Classroom \(Code: 36lxnx4\)](#)

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 from a local music store.
- The school owns larger percussion instruments that the students will use at school during class. A \$35 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 mallets.

What Does the Audition Consist Of?

- Students take a short test on notes (treble and bass clef), piano keyboard identification, and rhythms.
- Students **perform a short piece of their choosing on piano** that demonstrates their ability level (strongly encouraged, but not required).

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

- If you did elementary band you should sign up for Auditioned Band
- 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 qualified for based on pass-offs completed. You may also attend the Instrument Switching at Centennial in April.
- If you have never played an instrument before then you can sign up for Beginning Band or another music class.