

KELLOGG BANDS FAQ

Q-WHAT ARE THE BAND OFFERINGS AT KELLOGG?

A-Band is offered as an “elective”. Students who wish to take band will indicate that on their registration form. It is a “Year-long” elective, meaning it meets for both semesters. There are three band classes:

- Concert Band: Standard 7th grade band. Meets as one class.
- Symphonic Band: Mixed 7th and 8th grade band. Meets as two separate classes by grade level. Advanced placement by Elementary director.
- Wind Ensemble: Advanced 8th grade band. Meets as one class. Advanced 7th graders may audition in 6th grade or be placed by Elementary director.

Classes meet three times a week, just like standard classes, and all band students are placed in Mr. Wilmart’s tutorial each day opposite their lunch, where they will rehearse by grade level on the two days each week that they do not have band.

Q-WHAT ABOUT JAZZ BAND?

A- Jazz band, or stage band meets Tuesday through Friday at 7AM each day. Students who wish to participate in Jazz Band must be registered for a music class (band, choir, orchestra) during the school day in order to be eligible. All band instruments are eligible for stage band, but the advanced jazz group only takes Saxophones, Trumpets, Trombones, Drum, Piano, Bass, and Guitar. There is a fee required, and students must join ASB. There is no district transportation provided.

Q-I PLAY PIANO/GUITAR. CAN I BE IN BAND?

A-You could participate in Jazz band, but you must be enrolled in Choir as your music class. There are no pianos or guitars in regular band/orchestra classes, only jazz.

Q-IF I TAKE BAND, CAN I TAKE ANY OTHER ELECTIVES?

A- Yes. If you take band, you will still get one semester elective each year opposite your P.E. class, one of which must be an “Art” elective in either your 7th or 8th grade year.

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Q-WHAT IF I WANT TO TAKE A LANGUAGE. CAN I STILL TAKE BAND?

A-Yes. If you would like to take a language, you would select band as well as your language choice on your registration, and indicate that you would like to take “0-hour” P.E. Transportation is provided for this early class, and students would then have one semester of P.E. that meets before school Tuesday through Friday beginning at approximately 7:40. “0-Hour” students do not get an elective other than language and music.

Q-CAN I TAKE BAND AND CHOIR?

A-If you choose band as your “Year-Long” elective, you could select choir as your single semester elective in either 7th or 8th grade, but not both. If you take band and a language, there is no choir option for you.

Q-DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE MY OWN INSTRUMENT?

A-Kellogg has a limited number of instruments to loan. An instrument can almost always be provided, rent-free for students in need. Most students do rent or purchase their own instrument.

Q-I WANT TO SWITCH INSTRUMENTS, CAN I DO THAT?

A-Yes. Many students start new instruments at Kellogg. Once an instrument is chosen, it is expected that the student will not switch again during the year.

Q-DO I HAVE TO COME TO CONCERTS?

A-Yes, concerts are required, and account for 60% of a student’s grade. The concert band has three concerts each year. The Symphonic band has four, and the Wind Ensemble can have up to six or seven depending on the year.

Q-I NEED EXTRA HELP ON MY INSTRUMENT, IS THERE ANY AVAILABLE?

A-Yes. There are several programs offered by the Kellogg bands, many at no cost to the student, that will give you the help you need on your instrument to ensure a positive and fun experience in band.

Q-DO I HAVE TO BE IN BAND AT KELLOGG TO BE IN THE MARCHING BAND AT SHORECREST?

A-Yes, middle school band experience is a requirement of the Shorecrest band.