

Kettle Moraine Lutheran Elementary School Band Program Musical Groups and Provisions



Instruments offered in the program include: Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba and Percussion.

Each student will receive a twenty-minute lesson once each week at his or her own school. Arrangements are made with the student's classroom teacher and/or principal to release the student from class for the lesson. Each school sets up its own lesson schedule so if you have a concern about your child's lesson time, please contact your elementary school principal. The goal is to provide at least twenty-eight lessons to each student during the course of the school year, which should be possible aside from excessive weather problems, field trips, etc.

Students will also be a part of one of the bands that rehearse at KML on Monday evenings throughout the school year. This is an integral part of the program. Students who participate in the bands learn more about playing their instruments, meet new people, and have other opportunities not available to them as a solo player. These groups are explained below.

Colt Band

The Colt Band serves the needs of all beginners in grades 5-8. Colt Band students focus on the fundamentals of playing in an ensemble setting. This ensemble works on rhythm and counting, watching the conductor, dynamics, familiarity with other instruments, ensemble listening and playing with a good, focused sound.

Maverick Band

The Maverick Band serves our second year band students. Maverick Band students build on the foundation laid in Colt Band. This group works on playing more complex rhythms, a variety of time and key signatures, dynamics, balance of sound and more independent playing in the group.

Mustang Band

The Mustang Band serves our third and fourth year band students. Mustang Band students focus on playing music that is more technically and musically challenging. This band studies more advanced time and key signatures, focuses on the ability to play a wider variety of musical styles and works for proper tone production, balance and dynamic contrast as an ensemble.

Jazz Band

The Jazz Band is a supplemental band that is generally available to saxophones, trumpets, trombones and percussion, although other instruments are welcome. Jazz Band works on a variety of jazz styles, jazz theory and improvisation. This group focuses on ensemble balance, intonation, style and section independence.

Performances and Other Activities

Our current performance schedule includes a Winter Concert in December with the KML High School Bands, Family Music Fest (in March or April), a Spring Concert, and the West Bend Memorial Day Parade. All students will also have the opportunity to perform a solo and/or in a small ensemble for the Solo and Ensemble Festival held at KML in the spring. Other events include our free summer band camps (held late July and/or early August) and our Awards Day (including an afternoon at KML, pizza supper and trip to a local YMCA). There are more opportunities for students to perform in other settings, including church, chapel, and other local groups. Contact Mr. Amundson for more information.

Fees and Payments

The fee for the 2017-2018 school year is \$480. This fee includes all lessons, rehearsals, trips and other activities associated with the program. **There is a discounted rate for students who are new to the program. The fee for our beginning band students is only \$350.** If your child will be receiving lessons with another qualified teacher outside of our program and you will only be using the Monday evening program, the fee is \$135.

There are two payment options available for the band program:

1. Full payment for the year can be made by check or electronic payment.
2. Eight monthly electronic payments can be set up for automatic withdrawal through a bank account.

All payments must be made in advance of the payment period. If the semester or other payment agreement is not paid in full by the due date, then the account must immediately be placed on either the electronic funds transfer system for automatic withdrawal from a bank checking or savings account. Accounts 60 days past due will result in suspension of lessons, rehearsals and band activities. Please contact the KML Fiscal Office at (262) 677-4051 ext. 1119 with questions.