



Monroe Instrumental Music



Dear Parents,

Today your child met with MPS instrumental music directors to determine what instrument he/she would like to play in the school band or orchestra. The next step to ensure your child's success in the Monroe Instrumental Music Program is to return the form below to their classroom teacher and attend the Informational Meeting or have someone pick up the needed handouts at the meeting on September 22nd at Monroe Middle School.

Instrumental Music Informational Meeting
VERY IMPORTANT 15min. MEETING, Please attend.
Tuesday, Sept 22, 7:00 pm. Monroe Middle School, 503 Washington St.
 Specific information concerning transportation, cost and when classes meet will be present at this meeting.
 Music stores will also be available to rent instruments.

Orchestra (violin, viola, cello, bass) will meet in room 114 Choir/Orchestra room, the back of school.
 Band (flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet, trombone, percussion) will meet in the Auditorium, front of school.

If you already have an instrument, it is important for you to have it checked to ensure that it is in good playing condition.

CLASSES WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28TH.

A list of frequently asked question is on the back of this paper.

If you have any other questions, you may contact the following directors:

Band - Mr. Morelli: morelli@monroe.k12.mi.us or 265-4026

Orchestra –Mrs. Felder: feldera@monroe.k12.mi.us or 265-4039

Please fill out, detach, and return this portion to the classroom teacher ASAP



String Instruments

Violin

Viola

Cello

Bass

Band Instruments

Flute Trombone

Clarinet Baritone

Alto Sax Percussion

Trumpet



PARENTS, PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE OF THE CHOICES ABOVE FOR APPROVAL AND OUR RECORDS

Student Name	School	Teacher	Grade
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Parent/Guardian Name	Email Address
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Address	City	Zip	Phone.
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Frequently Asked Questions about Monroe's Beginning Instrumental Music Program



In what grade can my child begin?

Monroe Public Schools offers beginning instrumental music to 5th grade students in our elementary schools. Occasionally 6th grade students have been allowed to begin an instrument. They will follow the same schedule as the fifth grade for their first year.

What instruments are taught?

String: violin, viola, cello, bass

Band: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion

Does it cost anything?

There is no charge for instruction or transportation. Students are expected to provide the instrument and book. Please attend our Informational Meeting/Rental Night on Wednesday, Sept 24 so that you can learn about renting or purchasing an instrument. Cost varies depending on the instrument and/or the rental plan. The average cost of the book is \$9.00 and the average cost to rent an instrument is \$25.00. Some school instruments are available for loan at no charge when there is a need although choices of instruments are limited. If you already have an instrument at home, please make arrangements to have it checked over to determine if repairs are necessary before class begins.

What book do we need?

Essential Elements 2000 for Band OR Essential Elements 2000 for Strings

The book needs to be instrument specific. (clarinet book for clarinets or violin book for violins)

How do I get books and instruments?

Representatives from various school-approved music stores will be present at the informational meeting on Sept. 22 at Monroe Middle School and will have instruments and books there for your convenience. If you can't make it, call or visit the following stores and they will be happy to help.

A & R Music 313-381-2274

Baroque Violin Shop 734-240-3428 (string instruments)

Anderson Music 313-278-0100

When and where do classes meet?

All beginning instrumental music classes are taught in the music wing at Monroe Middle School from 7:50 – 8:30 AM. 5th grade band meets Monday and Wednesday (brass in room 116) (woodwinds in the cafeteria) Friday is for percussion (drums) only.

5th grade strings meet Tuesday and Thursday in room 114. All classes will begin the week of September 28th.

How will my child get there?

Instrumental music students ride the middle school bus that is going through their neighborhood. Most pick-ups are between 7:15 – 7:30 AM. After class, a Monroe Public School bus will take students back to their respective elementary schools. You can find the bus number, bus stop location and the time of pick up of the **Middle School** bus going through your neighborhood by going to www.monroe.k12.mi.us and clicking on the quick link to bus routes. When asked for grade, you'll need to enter 7 or 8. If you can't find your bus stop there, call the transportation department at 265-3300. Students can use their elementary cafeteria accounts to buy breakfast in morning from the middle school cafeteria.

What if there is a school delay?

In the event of a delay for any reason, beginning instrumental music classes are CANCELLED for the day.