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### **What if I don't know anything about music?**

That's ok! We will teach your child everything they need to know, step by step. From how to assemble and care for the instrument to reading notes and rhythms, we will guide your child through the process. All that is needed from you is an enthusiastic attitude and patient ears when your child comes home and makes their first sound.

### **What instrument should my child play?**

The answer depends on a variety of things, but in the end, it is most important that the play something that they enjoy. We help guide your child based on his/her musical interests, physical make-up, and instrument availability. Your child knows what she wants, you know your child, and we know music. Together we will find the instrument that she will not only enjoy but will give her the best chance of musical success. The instruments available to Beginning Band students at Saeger Middle School are flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, baritone, and percussion (bells). If you were unable to attend our Instrument Selection Night, please contact us to set up a meeting!

### **How much out of school time is required?**

Band is no different than any other curricular area. We ask that your child spend some time with their instrument each and every week. Think of it as musical homework, but much more fun. Beginning Band students have two concerts (one in January and one in May) each year. Prior to each concert, there is also one after school rehearsal.

### **What are the costs?**

The costs associated with band depend on which instrument your child plays. We wish funds were available for us to provide every child with an instrument; however, this is simply not possible. You can rent a quality instrument from a local music store at a very reasonable price. If financial constraints prevent you from being able to do this, please contact us and allow us to help. We will not let financial constraints keep your child from participating.

### **What if I am not sure if I want my child to do band?**

Remember when your children wouldn't eat the food you made for them? Parents always say, "Try it before you decide you don't like it." Band is the same way. Your child should sign up for band even if you or they are unsure. If at some point you decide that band is not for you, drop the class. It is much easier to drop something after trying it, than to join late when everyone else has already started.

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### **What if I have other questions?**

Please know that we are here to answer any and all questions that you may have. Due to the busy nature of our program and schools in general, it is sometimes difficult to contact us by phone. The best way for you to reach one of our directors is by email. This will allow us to respond to your question as quickly as possible.

If you would like to know more about band at Saeger Middle School, visit [www.tinyurl.com/saegerbands](http://www.tinyurl.com/saegerbands).

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