Roosevelt Jr. High School
6th Grade Music Course Options

Beginning Band

Mrs. Powell: mpowell900256@dcsd.org

Students will be taught how to play a band instrument of their choice: Clarinet, Flute, Trumpet, Trombone or Percussion. Students will learn how to read music, use proper posture, to play an instrument, and learn how to perform in a band setting. Students will participate in quarterly evening concerts during the school year. Rental or purchase of an instrument and purchase of a book used in class are required. Any students or parents in need of information about affordable instrument rentals, please reach out for more information.

Students who choose flute or clarinet can later switch to saxophone. Students who choose trombone or trumpet can later switch to tuba or french horn. Students who choose percussion should be aware that percussion class size is limited. Also, in percussion, students learn several instruments and having some previous music experience is highly recommended.

Mixed Chorus

Mrs. Monson: dmonson900999@dcsd.org

This course is open to students who are interested in developing their musical skills through singing. Students will learn how to read music, use proper posture, and learn how to perform in a choir. Students will participate in one concert per quarter during the school year.

Beginning Orchestra

Mr. Johnson: cjohnson901193@dcsd.org

Students will be taught how to play a string instrument: the bass, viola, cello, or violin. Students will learn how to read music, use proper technique to play an instrument, and learn how to perform in an orchestra setting. Students will participate in quarterly evening concerts during the school year. Prior to the start of the school year, parents and students will be invited to an orchestra night where they will find out the proper size and kind of instrument and will have the opportunity to rent an instrument. Rental or purchase of an instrument and purchase of a book used in class are required. Any students or parents in need of information about affordable instrument rentals, please reach out for more information.

*All music students participate in graded evening concerts*
Instrument Information

Obtaining an Instrument / Rental Information

Students choosing Band or Orchestra are required to provide their own instrument. Students can use instruments that have been rented, purchased or borrowed – so long as that student is using and has obtained a quality, verified instrument.

**You do not need to have your instrument until August 30th 2024**

Instrument Rentals

- It is recommended that instruments are rented from Summerhays or Bert Murdock.
- Summerhays instruments will be rented out at back-to-school night, and Bert Murdock instruments can be rented at Jiffy Pawn in Roosevelt or Vernal.

Benefits of Renting:
- Renting from a music store ensures the quality of the instrument
- Can ensure that you will be able to have your instrument repaired if broken.
- Rent-to-own options!
- They can work with you if students need to switch instruments later on.
- May provide a free method book.

Non-rental options:

If you are using an instrument you already own, or have purchased from another source, it will need to be approved by Mr. Johnson or Mrs. Powell.

- Instruments from Amazon, Temu, Walmart or other similar online platforms are not genuine instruments and do not function to the level that is required for Band and Orchestra. They also cannot be repaired if broken.
  - Instrument brands to avoid: Cecelio, Mendini, Eastar, Glory, non-branded, etc.
- Used instruments either borrowed, or purchased from places such as KSL, Facebook, or Ebay need to be authenticated on their quality and playing ability.
- Purchasing a counterfeit or low-quality instrument can not only lead to disappointment but also hinder your progress as a musician.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mr. Johnson or Mrs. Powell.

School Rentals:

A limited number of school instruments are available for students on fee waiver, or other circumstances. Prices may vary – reach out for more information.

Orchestra: Mr. Johnson cjohson901193@dcsd.org
Band: Mrs. Powell – mpowell900256@dcsd.org
**Orchestra Information**

**Violin/Viola:** Rental fees from Summerhays & Bert Murdock range from $27-38/month. Purchase of a shoulder rest is required. Everest shoulder rest is my preferred brand.

**Cello:** Rental fee from Summerhays & Bert Murdock range from $47-$60/month. Purchase of a chair strap or rock stop is required. If students wish not to pack their cello back and forth each day, they may in addition rent a classroom cello for $50/school year.

**Bass:** Rented through Mr. Johnson. $100/school year. Students will have a classroom bass as well as a bass to take home so they do not need to pack it back and forth. There are a limited number of basses. If interested, please reach out to Mr. Johnson to reserve your instrument.

**Required Method Book:** String Explorer book 1. If you pre-order your instrument through Summerhays for back to school night, they will include the book for free.

**Orchestra Shirt:** $15 – More information to come in August.

- If your student is registered for orchestra, you will receive emails from Mr. Johnson in August containing specific rental instructions and additional course information.
- If you have any questions please reach out to Mr. Johnson cjohnson901193@dcsd.org

**Band Information**

**Flute:** Rental fees from Summerhays & Bert Murdock range from $28-35/month.

**Clarinet:** Rental fees from Summerhays & Bert Murdock range from $26-35/month. Clarinet students are required to purchase their own reeds. Mitchell Lurie, D’Addario/Reserve, Rico or Vandoren are approved brands. Strength: 2.5 or 3. Students upgrade strength throughout the year.

**Trumpet:** Rental fees from Summerhays & Bert Murdock range from $28-35/month.

**Trombone:** Rental fees from Summerhays & Bert Murdock range from $28-35/month.

**Percussion:** Percussion kit required. (Bells, practice pad, mallets, snare sticks, adjustable stand & carrying case). Percussion kits can be rented – around $27/month. You also can purchase all needed items separately – however quality should be ensured. Vic Firth sticks recommended. *Percussion method book must be the combined percussion option.

**Required Method Book:** Accent on Achievement book 1. If you pre-order your instrument through Summerhays for back-to-school night, they will include the book for free.

**Band Shirt:** $15 – More information to come in August.

- If your child wants the option to try out band instruments before they choose their instrument, they can come to the RJHS band room **Monday, April 15th from 4:30 – 6:00** or wait until August, when we will have other dates and times available.

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