



Music at Moore



Band

Mr. Damon Anderson, Director
damon_anderson@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

Beginning band instruction is offered to any interested sixth grade student. In band your child can learn to play any of the traditional *beginning* band instruments which include Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, and Tuba. During second semester, a child can switch to other instruments (double reeds, percussion) following an application and audition process.

Parents considering enrollment for their child in band should be aware that **the school does not supply instruments to students**. Parents are responsible for making arrangements for their child's instrument. **Please do not make arrangements to get an instrument until you receive instructions from the band teacher.**

Previous experience on a musical instrument is not necessary to be successful in band. In fact, 99% of the 6th grade students enrolling in band have never played an instrument before! Over the next three years, your child will learn the necessary skills to continue to high school band and to foster a lifelong appreciation of music and the arts.



Orchestra

Mrs. Lana Saccomanno, Director
lana_sacomanno@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

The orchestra program offers you the chance to learn how to play the violin, viola, cello or bass. **No prior instruction or training is necessary for you to begin playing in this program.** If you have played before, we will welcome you to class! By the end of this school year you will have performed in at least two concerts!

Each student will choose the instrument they wish to play. Information on rental of instruments will be sent home to the students who choose to enroll in the orchestra at the beginning of the school year. **Please do not rent an instrument until you receive information from the director.**

There will be a variety of orchestral activities during your three years at Moore Middle School. Students will perform concerts, participate in 6th grade Honor Orchestra, and many other playing opportunities.

Chorus

Ms. Michelle Spencer, Director
michelle_spencer@gwinnett.k12.ga.us



The choral program will allow students to learn how to properly sing in a choir. **No prior music or singing experience is necessary to join chorus.** Besides singing, students will learn about breath control, note reading, performance etiquette, and voice control.

There will be a variety of performance opportunities throughout the school year. Students will provide at least two concerts a year and will also have the opportunity to participate in county and state-wide Georgia Music Educator Association (GMEA) sponsored events and perform at local senior assistant living centers.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Please select **BAND, ORCHESTRA and/or CHORUS** on the enrollment form and return it to your child's 5th grade teacher or complete the online enrollment by **Friday, April 26th, 2019**. Once enrolled at the beginning of the school year, students will begin the instrument selection process. **Please wait and get all the facts and do not purchase or make arrangements to get an instrument until after you receive more information from your child's teacher.** We appreciate you considering enrollment in the band, chorus, or orchestra program. Please contact the directors if you have any questions.

Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

Student ID _____

Elementary School: _____

Dear Parent:

Starting today you and your child will begin receiving information in regards to band, orchestra, and chorus. Beginning band, orchestra, and chorus are only offered in the sixth grade. The only after school requirements for sixth grade performing arts is concert attendance and those are held once in the first semester and once in the second semester. Your child will attend either Band, Orchestra, or Chorus during their regular connections class meeting. If your child participates in band or orchestra he/she will take that as one connection class and during the opposite day, your child will attend another connection class. These classes are randomly assigned and include Physical Education, Health, Visual Arts, Computer Science, Careers, Technology Education, and Academic Enrichment. **If your child selects two music classes, then he/she will not be placed in another connections class.**

Participation in band and orchestra requires the rental of an instrument. We strongly suggest rental over purchasing until your child demonstrates a strong commitment toward a particular instrument. Information about the various options that exist for obtaining an instrument will be sent home with your child after he/she begins instruction within the chosen class. If you are having trouble getting an instrument for your child, please contact your child's music teacher. **Failure to obtain an instrument will result in removal from the program.**

Once you have discussed the options of music classes here at Moore with your child, please complete this form and have your child **return this form to their teacher or complete the online registration by Friday, May 17th, 2019.** It is very important that you complete the registration as soon as possible in order for the teacher to send the forms over to Moore Middle School in a timely manner. Students will begin instruction in band, orchestra, and chorus at the beginning of the new school year. Students that do not turn in forms **by Friday, May 17th,** will not be part of the selection process, and may not get into the music class of their choice.

Please choose only one or two of the following:

____ Enroll my child in **Band**

____ Enroll my child in **Orchestra**

____ Enroll my child in **Chorus**

I give my child permission to enroll in the selected music program(s) and understand that **this music class is a year-long commitment.** Please note that if you and your child signs up for two music classes, your child must commit to both music class' concerts and any extra obligations. By signing up for two music classes, your child will not be able to attend the other connections classes mentioned above.

Parent Signature

Phone Number

Questions may be directed to the appropriate program directors:

Band: Damon Anderson Damon_Anderson@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

Orchestra: Lana Saccomanno Lana_Sacomanno@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

Chorus: Michelle Spencer Michelle_Spencer@gwinnett.k12.ga.us