



Summit Intermediate School Bands

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Sign-up Form for 2018-19 Summit Bands

You must return this form in order to be placed in band.

The Summit bands have completed another successful year, and it is time to sign up for the 7th and 8th grade bands. There are so many more things I want to teach you about music! Here is a taste of what is ahead:

The seventh grade band will continue where the sixth grade band left off. In seventh grade band, students can look forward to playing music that is more complex and interesting due to the level of skill each student will have attained. Students will continue to develop their musical skills and technique as they grow in their knowledge and understanding of the music they perform. Students will learn more about musical composition and write some of their own music. Additionally, all seventh grade band students will have the opportunity to try out for the Honor Band.

As students enter eighth grade, they are developing into more mature and confident musicians. In addition to playing music that requires several years of musical experience, the eighth grade band students learn about jazz style and jazz improvisation. By the end of the eighth grade year, students will have a broad understanding of music and be able to perform their own musical ideas. Students who successfully complete the eighth grade band curriculum will be well prepared for the musical opportunities available at Etiwanda High School, including the award-winning concert, jazz, and marching bands. Even if they don't continue in high school, graduating eighth graders will have a solid musical foundation that will serve them well the rest of their life.

As always, **students may choose to drop out of band at any time, but they will not be able to rejoin if they change their mind later.** The band learns many new things during a student's absence, so a student who joins the "wheel" may not rejoin band later in the year.

Due to space concerns, I may have to place limits on overall class size or on certain instrument sections. If this happens, **preference within each section will be given to students who have turned in this form on time and played the required number of scales on their recent test.**

If you have any questions, the best way to contact me is by email at: jonathan_peske@etiwanda.org or by phone at 899-1704. Please return the lower portion as soon as possible, but before **Friday, April 27.** Thank you!

Jonathan M. Peske
Band Director

Student Name: _____ Instrument: _____

Yes, I would like to continue in **Band** for 2018-19.

I want to join the **elective "wheel,"** rather than band, for 2018-19.

I will not be attending Summit. I will attend _____

Parent signature: _____

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