



**B. McDaniel Intermediate School  
Beginner Band  
400 N Lillis Ln  
Denison, TX 75020**

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Dear Students and Parents,

The Beginner Band is the largest organization at B. McDaniel Intermediate School with over 50% of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders choosing band as their elective each year. The #1 reason for all of this growth is that the students LOVE being in band. Many say it is like being a part of a REALLY large family! This is an excellent opportunity for your child to be a part of a successful organization with a nearly 100 yearlong legacy and tradition of developing young musicians. The band program comprises the best and brightest students. 6<sup>th</sup> grade is THE time to take band, as it is the only year that Beginner Band is offered in Denison ISD. We encourage everyone to take advantage of what band has to offer. Students do not need any prior musical experience to be in band, only a positive attitude!

Here are some valuable life skills you will learn in band:

- ✓ How to play an instrument and make music.
- ✓ How to breathe correctly and sit with proper posture.
- ✓ How to work with others as a team (there is no bench in band).
- ✓ How to truly listen to music and other people.
- ✓ How to set goals and achieve them.

Most importantly:

- ✓ Stay active in a rewarding and positive organization.
- ✓ Build self-esteem and confidence in yourself.
- ✓ Make lifelong friendships and have fun!!!

Adults tell us time and time again how they feel as though they missed out on something very special by not learning an instrument when they had the opportunity. We have never met anyone who regretted being a band member! **Band will not conflict with athletics at Scott Middle School.** There is a place in band for everyone!

It is a well-documented fact that the study of music education is one of our greatest developmental tools. Joining the band could be one of the most important steps in your child's education. Some of the benefits your child will receive are discipline, responsibility, self-esteems, as well as an enjoyment and lifelong appreciation of music. Band requires an honest commitment of time and effort from students and parents. Music is an academic subject and requires higher level thinking and reasoning skills. Music is both a mental and physical challenge to young people. Any child willing to put in a reasonable amount of effort and practice can and will succeed in our program. Many of our best band students are also the best athletes and are at the top of their class academically.

We have made changes to our previously scheduled Instrument Drive due to the situation with COVID-19. We will no longer be hosting an in person instrument screening for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Every 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at B. McDaniel Intermediate School will receive a phone call



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from the band staff during the week of Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss Beginner Band and see if there is an interest. Those students that are interested will receive another phone call during the week of Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the different instrument options and to choose their top three instrument choices. Instrument choices will be completed based off of a lottery system and a final roster will be sent out during the week of Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>! We are so excited to meet our future band members!

Finally, we believe the band program is the perfect organization and environment for your child to be immersed in. We try to make not only better musicians, but better young people of society. We find that band kids are among the most academically and personally successful in the school system. When the National Junior Honor Society (Scott Scholars) are chosen at the end of 7<sup>th</sup> grade, the majority of them are band students. Band students consistently graduate in the top 10% of the high school senior class, and are often valedictorian or salutatorian. Our high school band members earn more scholarship money per capita than any other organization.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to meeting you and your child and getting him / her set up in their future favorite class!

Sincerely,

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