



Band/Choir/Orchestra Registration Information

Bemidji Middle School



Are you interested in joining band, choir, and/or orchestra at BMS? Here are some facts about being in music in middle school:

1. You can be in more than one music class! Many students take two music classes each year and it will work in your schedule.
2. You can take music and still have room for other elective classes!
3. Music is a year long class that you will have every other day on our Blue/White day schedule. It is a great way to make friends that will stick with you through your music career at the middle school and the high school.
4. You will have performance and field trip opportunities when taking music! Each group performs in two concerts each school year. Band, Choir, and Orchestra take trips every year when students make it into their 8th-grade year. When students stay in music at the high school level, they'll get the opportunity to tour different states such as (Nevada, New York, Washington State, New Mexico, Florida, etc!).

Didn't put down music and you now want it? Call or Email our Registrar, Hannah, at BMS and ask for your schedule to be fixed! It's as easy as that!

→ Hannah: (218) 333-3215, hannah_stull@isd31.net

Here are some specifics about each group:

Band

Band is a hands-on and interactive class where you learn how to play an instrument of your choice. We have a ton of fun learning how to work the instrument and get ready for our concerts. We learn about how the instrument works, posture, concert etiquette, music theory, and collaboration. We do other unique things with buckets, water, straws, windmills, paper, and drum sticks. No experience necessary to be in band. The only thing required is a willingness to learn (and an instrument).

→ Contact Freunds Schuh for more information: chrissy_freundschuh@isd31.net

Choir

Choir is an amazing activity that is all about making music as a collaborative group using our voices. We will learn about proper singing technique, posture, concert etiquette, music theory, as well as learning songs from different genres, including pop, country, spirituals etc. We will also be doing other fun activities such as bucket drumming, rhythm lessons, musical studies, composer projects, games, and activities. Choir is an inclusive activity, and does not require any experience, or any sort of rental/ monetary commitment.

→ Contact Mrs. Binstock for more information: jessica_binstock@isd31.net

Orchestra

*Orchestra is a super fun group to be a part of. You will work as a team to put on awesome concerts and learn all about playing your instrument; including posture, rhythm, and music theory. We will learn how to make cool sound effects, play fun music and games that'll help us play our instruments better. **Students who did not participate in orchestra this year are welcome to join**, as well as those who have previous experience.*

→ Contact Ms. Grinden for more information: Lizette_Grinden@isd31.net