

CREEK VALLEY BAND

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Who we are...

We are the largest organization on campus, and have been every year in Creek Valley's history. We are 1 out of every 3 students you'll meet at Creek Valley.

We are students looking for a place to showcase our abilities, to be appreciated for our hard work, to learn to do something we've never done before, and to have TONS of fun in the process.

We are starting on our paths to becoming doctors, lawyers, politicians, professional athletes, actors, architects, and anything else we want to be.

We are the largest group of friends you could ever have in middle school.

We are **YOU!**

We are the Creek Valley Middle School Band - **BE ONE OF US!!**

For more information, please visit our website:

www.creekvalleyband.com

There, you can read more about what the band program does and read a detailed description, as well as hear samples, of each of the band instruments offered.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if we can't afford an instrument?

CONTACT US!- there are low-cost options for getting an instrument either from Music and Arts or using LISD-owned instruments (certain conditions apply). Do NOT let financial concerns keep your child from joining - we can, and WILL, always find a solution!!

Does band take a lot of time?

NOT REALLY. For a beginner, the requirement for home practice is LESS THAN 2 hours per week, there are only 6 required full-band rehearsals throughout the school-year, and 4 concerts.

Will band get in the way of making good grades?

NOT LIKELY. While the amount of hard work toward classes is determined by each individual, over the years we have found the majority of students in band actually do BETTER in all their other classes. Band helps create habits of excellence that carry over to a multitude of other activities.

Does a student need to have prior band or other musical experience?

ABSOLUTELY NOT!! While a background in piano or similar instrument can be helpful to a student's understanding of musical concepts, it is NOT necessary to have prior knowledge or training. Most of the students in the Creek Valley Band had no music training outside regular 5th grade music classes prior to coming to school here.

Is it possible to be in BAND, LEAP, and have a lot of Pre-AP classes?

YES! In fact, quite a few of our current band students participate this way AND a majority of those even participate in football, volleyball, basketball, etc. in addition to that.

Asthma? Braces? Is it possible?

ABSOLUTELY! There are accommodations available for practically every student interested in being part of the band. There are plenty of students in band that wear braces or have asthma. In fact, playing a wind instrument can be beneficial in the strengthening of the lungs.

Do students have fun in band?

YOU DECIDE...92% of beginning band students enroll for band AGAIN in 7th grade.



Something to shout about...

Research shows that students enrolled in school band programs:

- on average score 89 points higher on their SAT tests,
- are more likely to attend college and receive their undergraduate degrees(96% do), and
- are more likely to receive music scholarship money for college than any other program on campus (including athletics)

"The word is out: Researchers have discovered a way to make kids smarter. Study in music performance. And savvy parents are signing their children up for music lessons."

Joan Schmidt

Board of Directors

National School Boards Association

Did you know...?

...the Creek Valley Middle School Band has been awarded the highest award possible for middle school bands more times in the past three years than any other middle school in LISD.



What we have to say...

"I cannot express in words how much the past three years have meant to me. Band has become a HUGE part of my life. Band is like my second home and the other kids here have grown to become my extended family. The lessons I've learned and the experiences I've

had - nothing can compare."
Christine Varghese, oboe

2004-2007

"I've made so many friends through band and made many musical accomplishments. Because of this program, I've learned what really matters to me. If life takes me where I hope it will, I'll ALWAYS remember where the music began - right here at CVMS."

Mary Anne O'Brien, clarinet
 2002-2005

3-year *Drum Major*, Hebron High School, 4-time member of the Texas All-State Band, and the 2008 Hebron HS Homecoming Queen

"I thought it would be really cool to be in band, and it's turned into being one of the greatest experiences of my life."

Jonathan Lomax, tuba
 Member, DCI World Finalist Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps
 2001-2004

"WOW! Band has been amazing this past 3 years. It has been a life changing experience that I'd be wrong not to continue. Thank you for everything!"

Caroline Cannon, clarinet
 2004-2007
 Member, Texas All-State Band



How to join in 3 easy steps

Ready to become part of one of Texas' premiere middle school band programs? Here's what to do:

- 1.) Fill out your class selection paper listing **BAND** as your #1 or #2 elective choice.
- 2.) Decide with your parent(s) which instruments you would like to try (visit www.creekvalleyband.com/instruments.htm for descriptions, pictures, audio, etc.)*
 *You should have **AT LEAST 3** choices to try. Don't get "dead set" on just one. Not every person is suited for every instrument.
- 3.) We will come TO YOUR SCHOOL to let you try instruments until everyone has had a chance to try. Check www.creekvalleyband.com for a schedule of dates.

QUESTIONS? weaver@creekvalleyband.com
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Percussion Testing

Students interested in playing percussion must attend a **MANDATORY** testing/interview session with a parent/guardian.

Dates and Times can be found on
www.creekvalleyband.com

The percussion testing / interview session will be run by Mr. Baldwin, percussion specialist for Creek Valley and **NO** makeup sessions will be scheduled.

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