



East Paulding Middle School Band and Chorus

EPMS Band-

Band classes meet during school with placement decided upon your grade level and perform at concerts at EPMS and EPHS.

All upcoming 6th grade students will have an opportunity to try out different instruments to see which one fits them best. There is no need to run out and rent/purchase an instrument at this time. We will have a scheduled time in the fall for parents to rent or purchase an instrument for their child. If a students' family cannot afford to rent or purchase an instrument it is not a problem. We have several school owned instruments that are available for students to use. No matter the situation we welcome all students who are interested to join band!

The EPMS Band has over 100 members school wide and performs three full length concerts each school year. In the past five years, band students have travelled to Disney and have also participated in honor events at Reinhardt University, District 7 Honor Band, Paulding County Honor Band, Solo and Ensemble, and events at Georgia State University and The University of Georgia. The 2022-23 school year promises to be another fun and exciting time of music making. I am looking forward to learning and working with you as you choose to become a member of the EPMS Band!



Hear from some of our band students:
<http://bit.ly/epmsband20>

EPMS Chorus-

Chorus classes meet during school with placement decided upon your grade level. Students will perform in concerts throughout the year held at EPHS.

Information regarding dates of concerts will come as concerts and events are scheduled, and always well in advance. Combined rehearsals will also take place during school, as there will not be any after school rehearsal for regular chorus class. In the past, students have performed in three, full length concerts throughout the year with their Chorus classes and other Chorus classes at East Paulding Middle. We are looking forward to keeping this performance tradition in the years to come!

2022-2023 promises to be yet another exciting school year for our choruses, and I am looking forward to working with you all. Students will be exposed to new languages, cultures, and musical experiences. Chorus class also provides students with an opportunity for self-expression, working as a team, and developing leadership qualities. EPMS Chorus regularly participates in District 7 Honor Chorus, Paulding County Honor Choir, 6th Grade Statewide Honor Chorus, Large Group Performance Evaluation, and is always looking to add musical opportunities for students!

Please fill out and return this form or you can use our online form:

I wish to join: _____ **EPMS Chorus** _____ **EPMS Band** _____ **Both EPMS Chorus & Band**

Student Name _____

Student ID Number _____

Parent Name _____

Phone Number _____

Parent Signature _____

Elementary School _____



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THIS FORM IS DUE FRIDAY, MAY 20th
Frequently asked Band and/or Chorus Questions:

1. Do I have to know how to play an instrument or have sang before to join?

Not at all! Most students who join sixth grade band do not know how to play an instrument and have no musical experience. If you have prior experience, that is perfectly fine too!

2. How often do we perform?

Sixth grade band and chorus perform three concerts each year. Dates are posted on the band and chorus websites at the beginning of each year with a hard copy calendar sent home as well.

3. Do we practice after school?

No, 6th grade band and chorus take place during school.

4. How do I choose an instrument?

The students will have the chance to tryout the different instruments before they start band in the fall. After trying several instruments, students will meet with Mrs. Thomas, who will make recommendations based on the student's interest, the band's needs, and physical characteristics of the student. In order for the band to successful, we must have a certain number of each instrument. 99% of all students (and/or parents) are the ones making the final decision on which instrument to play.

5. How do I get an instrument?

Most parents prefer to use the rental-purchase plan. With this plan, all the money that is paid towards the rent is applied towards the purchase of that instrument. If the director and student decide to change instruments, the instrument can be swapped and no money is lost. If you will be purchasing an instrument, check with the director first.

6. May I use or purchase a used instrument?

Sometimes you can find good deals on used instruments or you may have one available from a family member. If you will be using a used instrument, please check with Ms. Thomas first. If you are going to use an instrument that has not been played in a while or has been used a lot, it will probably need some repairs for it to be playable.

7. Can I take both band and chorus?

Yes, absolutely! We'd love to have you in both programs! Ms. McLeroy and Ms. Thomas work together so that students can participate in both band and chorus and be involved in any additional performance opportunities for either program without conflicting dates and times.

Feel free to contact Ms. Thomas (Band) at jlthomas@paulding.k12.ga.us or Ms. McLeroy (Chorus) at nmcleroy@paulding.k12.ga.us with any questions or concerns you may have! We look forward to having your families as part of our programs!