

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are so excited to let you know that your student played instruments offered by the Dubuque Community Schools! If you support their enthusiasm to join band or orchestra in 5th grade this letter will let you know the next steps!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – BEGINNER STUDENT & PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING

TUESDAY, September 7th

Washington Middle School Auditorium

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

OR

THURSDAY, September 9th

Jefferson Middle School Auditorium

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- Teachers will have a brief presentation for parents about what it is to be in band and orchestra. They will also be available to answer questions briefly after the presentation.
- Instrument vendors will have rental information available on site, so you may make arrangements for instrument rental after the meeting.
 - On-line rental is also available through each vendor's website.
Schultz Strings (orchestra): www.schultzstrings.com
West Music (band and orchestra): www.westmusic.com
 - Please Check with your student's director ***BEFORE*** purchasing an instrument!

Band

David Thom – dthom@dbqschools.org
Bryant, Carver, Eisenhower, Irving, Kennedy,
Hoover, Lincoln

Jacob Hitz – jhitz@dbqschools.org
Sageville

Sam Anderson – saanderson@dbqschools.org
Fulton, Prescott, Table Mound,
Audubon, Marshall

Orchestra

Brianna Tieskotter - btieskotter@dbqschools.org
Carver, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Table Mound,
Bryant, Hoover, Lincoln

Jotham Polashek – jpolashek@dbqschools.org
Audubon, Marshall, Sageville

Sam Anderson – saanderson@dbqschools.org
Fulton, Prescott, Lincoln, Irving

If you support your child's opportunity to join instrumental music, please register online at:
<https://forms.office.com/r/Bf1dSMkJSm>

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We look forward to making music together!

How do I pick which instrument I want to play?

- Start by thinking about what instrument sound you liked best.
You will be spending a lot of time with your instrument with lessons, rehearsals, and practice at home, you **MUST** like the sound your instrument makes.
- What instrument did you score a Super or Good on?
These are instruments that our staff determined would be a good fit for your future success! You can play an instrument that you scored a with practice, but know that you may have to work harder to be successful.
- If you're still not sure what you want to play this year, see if there is an overlap in the above two categories.

Lessons

During the school year students will receive a small group lesson at their school each week during the school day. Rehearsal schedules are set by the individual directors at each school and may be before or after the school day. These large group rehearsals are essential for putting all of the instruments together at the same time, thus forming an ensemble.

****Please make every effort to attend these rehearsals. We cannot have a high quality ensemble without attendance at these full rehearsals****

Jumpstart lessons September 20 - 23 at **Washington. All students should plan to attend each day.**

4:00-4:30 Flute / Violin & Viola

4:30-5:00 Trumpet / Cello

5:00-5:30 Percussion / Violin & Viola

5:30-6:00 Saxophone / Cello

6:00-6:30 Trombone & Baritone / Violin & Viola

6:30-7:00 Clarinet / Cello

7:00-7:30 Trumpet / Violin & Viola

OR

Jumpstart lessons September 27 - 30 at **Jefferson. All students should plan to attend each day.**

4:00-4:30 Trombone / Violin & Viola

4:30-5:00 Trumpet / Cello

5:00-5:30 Clarinet / Violin & Viola

5:30-6:00 Flute / Cello

6:00-6:30 Trumpet / Violin & Viola

6:30-7:00 Percussion / Cello

7:00-7:30 Saxophone / Violin & Viola

These Jumpstart lessons are offered at **NO COST TO YOU**. Students should bring their instrument, method book, and accessories listed by your student's instructor(s) from the informational meeting.

We have two ways to start registration!

URL: <https://forms.office.com/r/Bf1dSMkJSm>

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