



Frequently Asked Questions (F.A.Q.):

- Can you be in both band and athletics? Band and choir? Band and Cheer? *Yes, you can be in band and any other sport or activity.*
- When does band meet? *Band meets during the school day during 6th period. It's a normal class period just like math and reading.*
- Are there any after school practices? *There are no after school practices for any band students until they are in 9th grade.*
- I want to play in band, but I don't know how to play an instrument or even read music. Can I still be successful? *Absolutely! 99% of incoming 6th graders don't know how to play an instrument or read music. That's what being in band is all about! Beginning band is designed to teach students everything they need to know.*
- I already know what my child will play. Can I go ahead and purchase an instrument? *We recommend that parents do NOT purchase an instrument before our meeting in September.*
- How do I get an instrument? *Come to our beginner parent meeting in September. A representative from Amro Music Store will be present and it will be possible to rent an instrument very reasonably on a rental/purchase plan. We have asked him to bring the brands of instruments which we feel will give your child the best opportunity for success and good service. The Amro Beginner Package will provide everything your child needs to get started. Their representative will also come by our school regularly to service the instruments rented. You may certainly get your instrument anywhere you wish; however, please be careful to get an instrument of good quality. Many "good deals" turn out to be irreparable and can hinder your child's musical development. **If you already have an instrument, please bring it to the meeting so that we can be sure that it will be playable. We will start with instruments on the following day.***
- *Other than the cost of renting an instrument, are there any other fees for sixth grade band? All middle school band students need to purchase a blue Grenada Bands polo shirt. These are available for purchase at the band hall for \$15. We recommend that sixth grade students buy a shirt that is too big, so that they can use it for their 6th-8th grade band performances.*

If you have any other questions please email Mr. Presley at grendabands@gmail.com or call the band hall at (662)226-4456.