



Join the Alston Ridge Band!

Rising 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, you're invited to join the Alston Ridge After-School Band! If you'd like to learn to play a musical instrument and make great new friends, read on to learn more about band.

What is band?

Band is a musical learning group designed especially for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders interested in playing wind, brass, or percussion instruments. In band, we don't just learn to appreciate music--we learn how to *make* music! Band gives students meaningful experience with activities that working musicians do every day, and challenges them to use higher-order thinking skills and grow as independent learners. And best of all, band is FUN!

Which instruments are offered in band?

Flute	Clarinet	Trumpet	Trombone	Percussion (bells and snare drum)
				

Do I have to know how to play an instrument to join the band?

NO! In band, you'll pick an instrument and learn to play from the ground up. The band director will guide you every step of the way--from choosing an instrument to the final performance.

What are students expected to do in band?

In band, students learn to play instruments, count rhythms, read music, improvise, compose, follow a conductor, and more. The band director will teach all these skills and help students grow musically throughout the year.

What do parents need to contribute to the band program?

Parents are asked to provide an instrument, book, & music stand for their children, encourage daily practice, and ensure that their children stick with band for at least one year.



Who are our band teachers?

Our band is led by Christina Thompson, a professional trombonist and NC certified music educator, and Andrew Munger, a music educator and principal percussionist with the Raleigh Symphony. Ms. Thompson and Mr. Munger have over 35 years combined experience helping young people build their musical skills in fun, positive environments.

How much does it cost?

Tuition for an entire year of band is \$500. You can also split the tuition into 4 quarterly payments of \$128, or 11 monthly payments of \$48. This works out to about \$7.25 per band rehearsal, an amazing value!

When do we rehearse? Our band rehearses on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4-5pm starting on July 12.

For more information, including COVID protocols, or to register, please visit:

<http://www.alstonridgebands.com>