

4th Grade Band Frequently Asked Questions

What instrument can my child learn to play?

The following are some examples of instruments that your child can play:

Woodwind- Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone

Brass- French horn, Trumpet, Trombone

Percussion- Snare drum, Bass drum, Timpani, Xylophone, Vibraphone, Marimba, Glockenspiel, Cymbals, Tambourine etc.

How will my child be affected by being pulled out of class?

Many institutions use the pull out method for 4th grade band. This allows for a more flexible schedule accommodating school events and class field trips. Students are not pulled from the same class every week as the schedule rotates. If students have a test scheduled at the same time as their band class, class is either rescheduled or they are accommodated by their teacher.

What are the benefits of being in band?

Studies have shown that playing an instrument is good for your brain. Below is a list of benefits:

- Students that play an instrument become better readers with better vocabularies.
- Playing an instrument also increases the timeframe with which students have to soak up new information
- Band can boost a student's self-esteem and help students channel emotions in a healthy productive way.
- Students in band are able to expand on and develop their social skills more easily
- Band teaches students how effectively multi-task, manage their time and have better organizational skills

What concert opportunities will my child have?

4th grade band students perform in both of Caravel Academy's end of semester concerts, our Winter Fine Arts Festival and our Spring Fine Arts Festival.

Is 4th grade band a graded class?

While this class is not graded, students are expected to follow the class guidelines and practice their instrument so that they are well equipped to join 5th grade band if they choose to do so. Parents may also receive a report at the end of the year notifying them of their child's progress if they choose.

Where can I get an instrument for my child?

Instruments can be bought or rented for any music store. Below is a list of stores and their location:

- Music and Arts -4707 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington De 19808
- Music and Arts- 4380 Summit Bridge Rd Suite 7, Middletown De 19709
- Accent Music-5180 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington De, 19808
- B&B Music and Sound-3443 S Dupont Highway, Camden Wyoming De 19934

Should I buy or rent an instrument?

At the 4th grade level, many students are still trying to figure out what they like and what they don't. For this reason, I recommend that parents rent an instrument until they are sure that their child wants to continue playing.