



# ELEMENTARY BAND

## AT TIMBERLINE!

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[Band at Timberline](#)



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# What is Elementary Band?



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- Elementary Band is an enrichment class offered by the Lake Washington SD for **all** 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students
- There is no cost to participate in Elementary Band.
- In Band, students will receive the opportunity to learn a musical instrument that is typically found in the Western concert band.
- The Timberline Elementary will offer **flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, and percussion (snare and mallets)** as beginning instruments

# What do I need for Band?



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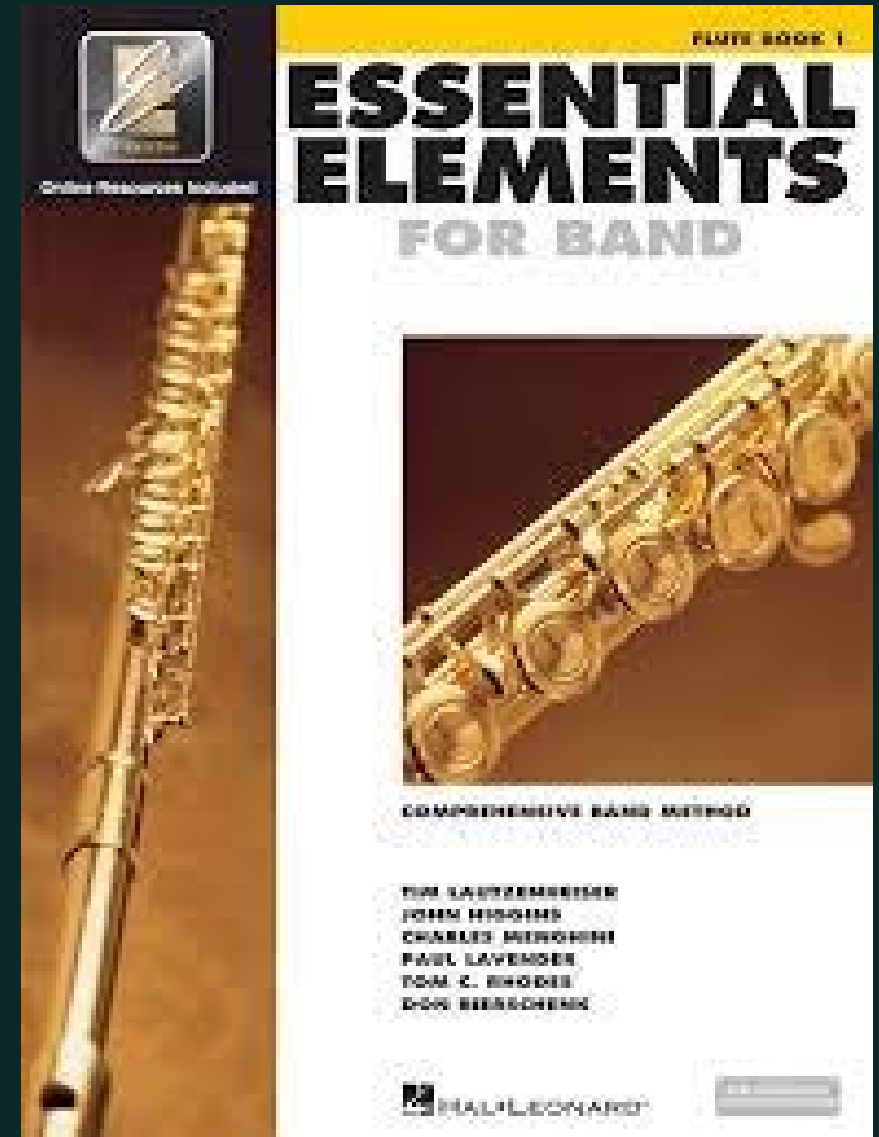
- Your instrument
- Two sharpened (mechanical) pencils
- Your music folder and/or method book

# Method Book?

- This year, students in this cluster will use Essential Elements, Book 1 as a band method
- Make sure you get the correct book (and book number) for YOUR instrument
- This book will typically serve you for both years of Elementary Band



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# What about "experienced" instruments?

- Some instruments listed are not typical beginning instruments, but students may already have experience learning with another program or a private lesson instructor.
- In such cases, that student is typically allowed to continue with that instrument in Elementary Band
- “Experienced Instruments” include oboe, bassoon, and French Horn. Other instruments may be considered on a case-by-case basis.



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# Why should I join?



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- Because it's awesome!
- You'll meet new friends who go to different schools
- You'll learn a challenging new instrument
- You'll be well-prepared for middle school and high school band (which gets REALLY fun)!
- If you stick with it, you can earn scholarships for college!



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## Cool, so when is it?

- Elementary Band will take place, in-person, at Timberline Middle School in the mornings.
- Right now, rehearsal schedule is slated for 7:40 – 8:20.
- Band is offered twice a week for each group:
- Buses will be made available for students to travel to their home schools beginning at 8:30a (Rosa Parks arrival – app. 8:40a, Wilder arrival – app. 8:50a, Ella Baker – app. 8:50a)

## 2019-20 Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cadet Band	Beginning Brass (trumpet and trombone) and Percussion	Cadet Band	Beginning Woodwinds (flute, clarinet, and alto saxophone)	All Beginners



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## Will there be concerts?



- The current plan is to have two concerts: one just before Winter Break (mid December) and one just before Summer (early June)
- Concerts are planned to be at Timberline MS in the commons area
- Cadet Band – Redmond LC Band Festival at Redmond HS (mid March)



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# The Flute

- One of the oldest instruments in the world, the flute comes in all sorts of shapes and sizes (and sounds)
- It is extremely portable (made of three sections) and uses keys to change pitches (notes).
- The flute makes a higher pitched sound, but can still be very thick and rich



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# The Clarinet



- The clarinet is made up of a LOT of different parts and makes a sound using a wooden *reed*.
- The reed works with the mouthpiece to vibrate when air is introduced, and the player uses keys to change pitches (notes)
- It has a smooth and buttery sound that can be very full and rich



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## The Alto Saxophone

- There are four main types of saxophone: soprano, alto, tenor and baritone. Of those, the alto saxophone is considered the most common for beginners and it is also common for some players to switch to tenor or baritone in middle school. Soprano is something of a specialty instrument that is encountered in high school.
- A relatively young instrument, the saxophone is played using a reed/mouthpiece, like the clarinet and uses keys to change pitches (notes).
- The alto saxophone has a nice, meaty sound that is wonderful as a solo instrument and can be used well in ensembles ranging from orchestra, to band, to jazz.



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# The Trumpet

- A member of the Brass family, the trumpet sound is made by creating vibrations with the lips into the mouthpiece, which is then amplified by the trumpet.
- Valves are pressed to change the length of the brass tubing, which creates different pitches (notes)
- It is the highest pitched sounding instrument of the Brass family and can sound glorious and heroic but also calm and lyrical.



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# The Trombone

- The trombone is also a Brass instrument and is played like the trumpet (with lip vibrations in the mouthpiece).
- Trombones use a slide to change pitch
- Trombones make a lower pitched sound, but it can have lots of fun edge as well as a smooth velvety side.



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# The Baritone

- Sometimes also referred to as “euphonium” (which loosely translates to “good sound”), the baritone is a Brass instrument that makes a sound that is like a trombone, but a bit more mellow and round.
- Like the trumpet, it uses valves to change pitches (notes)
- Because it also reads in the bass clef, it is common for baritone players to switch to tuba in middle school.



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# Percussion (Mallets and Snare)

- Percussion in Elementary Band is consisted of two parts: the bell kit and the snare drum
- We do not teach “drums” or drum-set at the elementary level
- Percussionists will spend their time mostly on mallets in the beginning (coincides with learning how to read treble clef notes), but will also be learning the rudiments of the snare drum later in the year
- Percussion requires a lot of self-management and patience



# Where can I find these instruments?

- There are several wonderful vendors in the area, each with very comprehensive rental programs
- [Music and Arts](#)
- [Metropolitan Music](#)
- Kennelly Keys ([American Music](#))
- [Ted Brown](#)





# Questions?

- If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at my [email address!](#)
- Also, visit our [website](#) for some frequently asked questions, private lesson information, and anything else I may have missed.



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# Ready to Register?

- [Register Here](#) or visit the Lake Washington SD Elementary Band [website](#)



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Thank you!

I hope to see you all in Band!

