

2021-22 BAND PROGRAM

At the elementary level, all children from Kindergarten to Grade 7 are provided with a comprehensive and sequenced music education taught by specialist music teachers. In addition to the regular classroom program, our elementary schools offer Beginner and Intermediate Band Programs for Grade 6 and 7 students. In 2021-2022, the supplemental fee for the Band Program remains \$390 and can be paid by credit card at the time of registration, or by cheque, given directly to your band teacher.

Please note: In-person payments for 2021-2022 are due by Friday, September 17, 2021.

This school-based instrumental instruction for students is designed as a preparatory program for the secondary band programs offered in each high school. Students will develop a range of instrumental music skills according to guidelines outlined by the BC Ministry of Education elementary Music Curriculum and learning outcomes. This quality music program includes multiple components to enable students to develop skills knowledge, attitudes and values through active participation. Core components of the program include:

- **Instrumental Playing Skills:**

Students receive two lessons a week. The Band Program provides school-based instrumental instruction and is funded by supplemental fees. In 2021-2022, there is no increase to the supplemental fee for the Band Program of \$390.

The program is designed to develop a range of instrumental music skills and complements the BC Ministry of Education's Music curriculum. Students acquire knowledge about music theory, music skills (tonal and rhythmic), executive or instrumental playing skills, and ensemble skills. In each instrumental group, the following skills are taught:

- **Music Making Skills:**

Students learn how to keep time, hear pitch, and control musical expression

- **Instrument Playing Skills:**

Students learn how to hold an instrument, make the appropriate sounds, and control the pitch of the instrument:

- **Music Reading Skills:**

Students begin with the basics of musical notation and progress to reading more complex music as their playing skills increase

- **Group Skills:**

Students develop the ability to work cooperatively and democratically in a group, building on the ideals of shared work, empathy, and mutual support.

2021 – 2022 Online band registration form – [Click here to register](#)

Fees may be paid online via PayPal (no account required) or by cheque made out to West Vancouver Schools. Payment by cheque should be indicated on the online registration form and cheques given directly to your child's band teacher before September 17, 2021.

Refund Policy: There is a \$50.00 non-refundable processing fee for all students, which will be deducted from any fees refunded for withdrawals made prior to September 30th. Once the program starts, all resources are committed for the year, and NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

For more information, please contact your school band teacher through the school office.