



# Concert Band Program Handbook



**Serving the students of EUSD  
Administered by Encinitas Educational Foundation**

Hello Families,

Thank you for your interest in the Concert Band Program. We are pleased to bring instrumental music back to the Encinitas Union School District students! Your decision to enroll your child in our music program is an investment in your child's future and will provide an opportunity for self-expression, creativity, and achievement that will stay with them for a lifetime. Our program prepares students for curricular music classes in middle and high school and opens up college scholarship opportunities. Plus, students have a lot of FUN learning to play a musical instrument and making new friends!

## **BAND PROGRAM BASICS**

Welcome to the Concert Band Ensemble! Our Winter 2024 Session is open to both beginning and returning band students. All band students will have the opportunity to learn in sectionals, as well as full band ensemble, and combined playing with the Overture Strings for a full orchestra experience!

Rehearsals will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2 different school sites:

**MONDAYS - Park Dale Lane Elementary 2:45 - 4:45**

**WEDNESDAYS - Mission Estancia Elementary 2:45 - 4:45**



**Students are Welcome to come to both weekly sessions at no extra cost - instruction is the same both days.**





## BEGINNING BAND PLAYERS

New musicians will learn proper playing posture, care of their instrument, note reading and rhythm, and how to produce a sound. We will work as an ensemble and in sectionals to build their musical foundation.

## RETURNING BAND PLAYERS

Returning band students will review care of their instrument and playing posture, rhythms, note reading and producing sounds. They will also grow their skills with more advanced pieces and rhythms, and leadership opportunities within their sections and ensemble.



We will also be discussing the band rules and rehearsal procedures with all students. All students must review the Behavior Contract with their parent, sign, and return to Instructor at the next rehearsal.



The two-hour rehearsals are from 2:45-4:45pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. Instructors are available for 15 minutes before and after rehearsal for additional support.

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# Band Schedule



Band & Strings Calendar

2024

Two - 9 week Programs:  
 Winter: Jan 22 - March 20, 2024  
 Spring: April 8 - June 3, 2024

- = Winter Instructional Week
- = Spring Instructional Week
- = Holiday
- = Performances @ 4:00pm  
Rehearsal 2:45pm - 3:55pm

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**REHEARSAL LOCATIONS**

Mondays - Park Dale Lane Elementary ● 2050 Park Dale Lane ●  
2:45pm - 4:45pm

Wednesdays - Mission Estancia Elementary ● 3330 Calle Barcelona ●  
2:45pm - 4:45pm

**IMPORTANT DATES**

MAKE UP DATES ● 2/19 is 2/21 ● 5/27 is 5/29

CONFERENCE WEEK MARCH 11 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:45 ● Band Practice is 1:00 - 3:00pm

WINTER "INFORMANCE": Monday March 18, 2024 ● Park Dale Lane Elementary ● 4:00pm

BANDORAMA: Saturday March 23, 2024 ● La Costa Canyon HS ● TBD

SPRING CONCERT: Wednesday June 5, 2024 ● Mission Estancia Elementary ● 4:00pm



# What's next?

## Accessories For Band:

All students will need certain accessories. Some of them are specific to their instrument and some of them are general and are needed by all levels. SD Music Studio or other local music stores should have all of these accessories. Please make sure you have these items at the first day of class:

- Essential Elements for Band Book I (for your instrument)
- Folding wire music stand (only for practice at home, we have them at the school sites for rehearsals)
- \*REEDS - if your instrument requires a reed to play, please be sure to PURCHASE EXTRA
- Pencil
- Highlighter
- Name tag for instrument case
- Cleaning cloth or swab for your instrument

## Instruments:

Please be sure to make arrangements to have an instrument for your child prior to our first class. If you own an instrument, please make sure that the instrument is in good working condition. All rentals can be handled through some of the companies below. All of these companies will deliver the rented instrument to the school of your choice

- Bertrand's Music 888-780-1812 [www.bertrandsmusic.com](http://www.bertrandsmusic.com)
  - Cullin Blaine - Schools District Manager [cullenb@bertrandsmusic.com](mailto:cullenb@bertrandsmusic.com)
- San Diego Music Exchange 760-630-7451 [www.sdmusicexchange.com](http://www.sdmusicexchange.com)
- San Diego Music Studio 760-761-0055 [kdeverell@sandiegomusicstudio.com](mailto:kdeverell@sandiegomusicstudio.com)
  - Kimberly Deverell is our EEF Band Rep



# Instructors

The instructors for the Band & Strings Program are professionals with many years of teaching experience. They each have a proven record of excellence in instrumental music education.

Our instructors are:

- Lara Heck, Music & Strings Director - Strings Instructor
  - [laraheckviolin@gmail.com](mailto:laraheckviolin@gmail.com)
- Ben Fox, Band Director - Brass and Percussion Instructor
  - [benb3@me.com](mailto:benb3@me.com)
- Julie Szweda, Strings Instructor
  - [julie.szweda@gmail.com](mailto:julie.szweda@gmail.com)

## HS Student Mentors

Additionally, excellent music students from the local high schools will assist as student mentors by coaching the elementary students to make further progress on their instruments.

Thank you again for your interest in the  
Concert Band Program.

Please if you have any questions feel free to  
contact Michelle Bay at [info@eefonline.org](mailto:info@eefonline.org) or  
visit our website [eefonline.org](http://eefonline.org)





# EEF Band & Strings Behavior Contract

PLEASE REVIEW WITH YOUR CHILD

\*Please keep this page for reference & return the second page on the first day of class.

## Behavioral Guidelines

We are thrilled to have your child participate in the EEF Band & Strings Program. We believe that each person involved will have a positive experience. As part of this philosophy, all participants are required to follow the behavioral standards listed below:

- Participants are expected to show respect for each other, their instructors, and any volunteers
- Supportive, positive, and respectful language and actions are expected
- Instructors will create a positive classroom environment to encourage and empower students
- Instructors will share clear behavior expectations with their students on the first day and throughout the session
- Inappropriate or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated
- If student displays inappropriate or disrespectful behavior, the instructor will speak with the student and review the guidelines and the class norms
- If disrespectful behavior continues, the student's parents/guardians will be contacted in an effort to partner to work on the child's behavior
- If this behavior continues, the student may be asked to leave the band and strings program

## Rehearsal and Performance Guidelines

- All Participants must **be on time, come prepared, & attend rehearsals** unless ill or have received permission
- Students should **attend the entire two- hour class**. Students who have a conflict and need to leave early on a regular basis will need to work this out with their Instructor.
- **Practice at home** - we have a limited time to prepare for our performance(s)!
- Avoid unnecessary noise and distractions during rehearsals and performances
- Be supportive of all students in our program
- No gum or electronics (cell phones, smart watches) are permitted to be on during rehearsal
- Students are expected to stay in approved areas during rehearsals and performances. They should not leave the facilities at any time, unless released to a parent
- Behave in a professional manner at all times during performances and rehearsals
- Treat the rehearsal and performance space professionally - no running, food, or yelling
- Students may not be left unattended during pick-up time. Students should continue to follow behavior expectations - no running, yelling, throwing objects, etc. Students will wait with their instructor until they are picked up by a parent and/or guardian





- I have read, understand, and agree to the conditions in the EEF Behavior Contract.
- As the parent or guardian, I authorize my child's participation in the EEF Band and Strings Program, performances and all rehearsals and related events. By doing so, I hereby release all of EEF officers and agents from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action in conjunction with the EEF performances, rehearsals, and related events. In case of illness or accident, permission is granted for emergency treatment to be administered and I will assume full responsibility for such action, including payment of costs.
- I hereby release EUSD and EEF from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action in conjunction with the EEF rehearsals, performances, and related events. In case of illness or accident, permission is granted for emergency treatment to be administered and I will assume full responsibility for such action, including payment of costs.

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 (Instructor signature)

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