

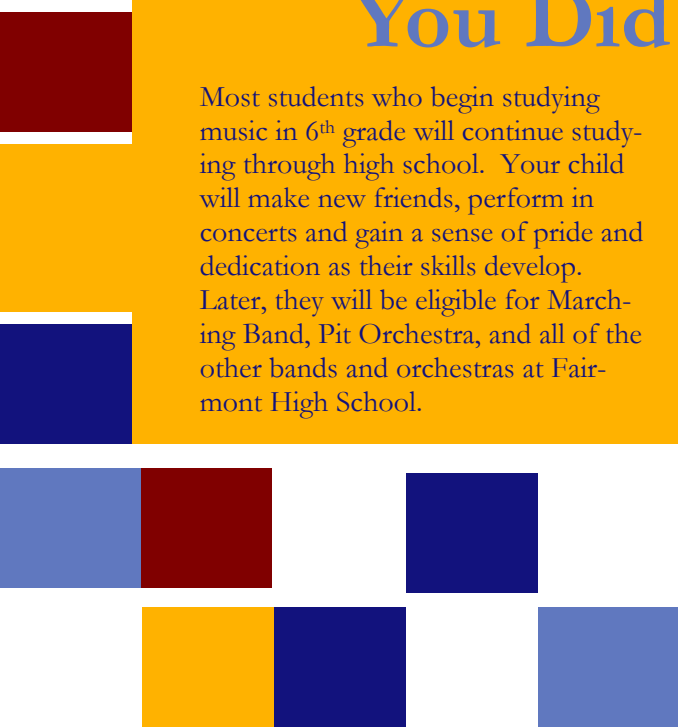


Register your child for

Exploratory Band & Orchestra

You'll be Glad You Did

Most students who begin studying music in 6th grade will continue studying through high school. Your child will make new friends, perform in concerts and gain a sense of pride and dedication as their skills develop. Later, they will be eligible for Marching Band, Pit Orchestra, and all of the other bands and orchestras at Fairmont High School.



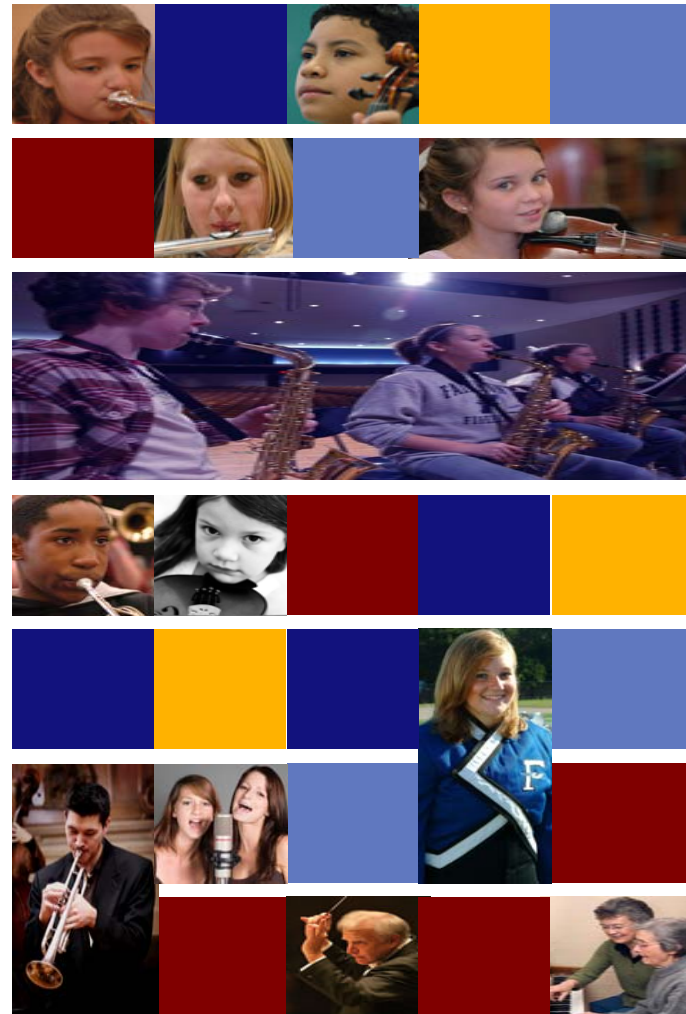
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Kettering City Schools
Music Department
3750 Far Hills Ave.
Kettering, OH 45429

For Kids From 1 to 92



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Exploratory Band & Orchestra
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If you already own an instrument, your child will be instructed to bring it to school. Their music teachers will inspect the instrument and inform you of any repairs needed before classes begin. Sometimes the cost of repairing older instruments is more costly than purchasing a new one or your student may have physical qualities that may make them better suited for a different instrument. Your child's music teacher will advise you of the best course of action but the final decision will be yours.

IT'S FREE. IT'S FUN. IT'S FULLFILLING.

What is Exploratory Band & Orchestra?

Finding the instrument that's right for your child is important. **Exploratory Band & Orchestra** is designed to take the guess-work out of this process and insure that before you invest money in to a musical instrument, your child has found an instrument they enjoy playing and are excited about learning.



Registration Form

Complete the form below and return to your child's music teacher or register online

Student ID# _____

Student Name _____

Phone# _____

Current School _____

Classroom Teacher _____

Register online at
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Why Study Music?

Studies have linked active music making with better language, math ability, and social behavior. A recent study found that students who studied music had a higher grade point average than those who didn't. Students who study music tend to score higher on the ACT and SAT. Lastly, music classes help prepare your child for the Ohio Graduation Test using evaluation methods found on these tests.

Here's How it Works

For the first nine weeks of school your child will be introduced to band and orchestra instruments and taught how to produce a sound and play a simple song. At the end of the exploratory period, teachers will interview your child and determine which instrument they feel your child will be most successful studying. Information will be sent home telling you on how to obtain an instrument. Once **Exploratory Band & Orchestra** has concluded, regular Band and Orchestra classes will begin.

What will my child need?

Exploratory Band & Orchestra is free for all Kettering City Schools students. At the end of the nine week period, all students will be interviewed by their music teachers and a joint decision will be made as to which instrument to study. Parents will receive information about renting an instrument from a local music store for and which music book to purchase. Qualifying families will be able to rent an instrument from the school for a reduced rate.

What about Chorus?

Although **Exploratory Band & Orchestra** only focuses on instrumental music, students have the option of joining chorus beginning in the 7th grade. If students don't begin studying instrumental music in 6th grade, it's very difficult to join band or orchestra in later years as formal instruction is required for enrollment. All choirs are open to any student throughout their middle and high school studies. For that reason all incoming 6th grade students are encouraged to enroll in **Exploratory Band & Orchestra**.