

5th Grade Common Questions and Responses

- **MY CHILD WAS NOT PART OF THE 4TH GRADE BAND. IS IT POSSIBLE TO JOIN IN 5TH GRADE?**

We make every effort to accommodate every student when possible. However, there are limits to the number of students a teacher can work with simultaneously and still be productive in a half-hour lesson.

1 A student's instrument selection is limited to instrument sections in our 5th-grade band that have not reached capacity.

2 Due to class size and scheduling constraints between grades, new students can speed up the process by studying privately before matriculating into the 5th-grade program. Please visit our "private lessons" page for a list of private tutors.

- **ARE 5TH GRADERS REQUIRED TO ATTEND FULL BAND REHEARSALS?**

Students will attend an average of 4 rehearsals before each of their concert Performances (4 rehearsals in the fall and 4 in the spring). Band rehearsals are weekly on Tuesday Mornings, which take place before school at Haven Middle School, from 8:10 am to 8:45 am.

- **HOW DO STUDENTS GET TO HAVEN REHEARSALS?**

Transportation to and from Haven is the responsibility of the parent. We recognize that it can be a struggle. However, many parents have carpooled students. One parent may agree to pick up students from their homes for them to attend the rehearsal, while another may arrange transportation from Haven to the primary school. Many students walk back to school in groups with parental authorization.

- **WHAT ARE THE CONCERT PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR 5TH-GRADE BAND?**

A: 5th grade Band students perform two concerts per school year, once in December at Haven and once in March at Evanston Township High School, for our annual Band-A-Thon!

When possible a white top, with dark or black bottoms and black shoes, is preferable.

- **CAN MY CHILD SWITCH INSTRUMENTS?**

We always recommend students continue with their initial instrument

Each instrument presents its own set of obstacles. Learning to play a musical instrument is a lifelong endeavor, and no one ever completely masters their instrument.