



DIEGUEÑO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Join the Diegueño Middle School 2017-18 Music Program!

COURSE OFFERINGS

Our Band classes include Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion instruments; each one is a year-long course. Vocal performance is also a year-long commitment.

- 1) Beginning/Intermediate Band (no experience required/some experience)
- 2) Concert Band (1+ years of experience/placement audition required)
- 3) Vocal Performance (no experience necessary)
- 4) Jazz Band (offered after school only – sign up in the fall) Students must participate in Beginning Band or Concert Band in order to be eligible for Jazz Band. Auditions will be held for impacted spots (usually piano and drum set)

ISPE – HOW TO TAKE BAND AND ANOTHER ELECTIVE

Many of our music students need to make space in their schedule for both Band and another elective, especially in the case of the Spanish program. In order to do this, Band students are eligible to take a PE class outside of school hours if they apply for "ISPE". This opens up a free period in their schedule so they can take band and another elective. Be sure to apply during the designated window on the district's web site: www.sduhsd.net.

INSTRUMENT CHOICES

Students enrolled in Beginning Band will make their choices in the fall. Part of the curriculum of the class is to hear and learn about the different instruments before making an informed choice. So there is no need to rush this decision ahead of time. There are several ways to obtain an instrument. We do encourage families to rent or purchase their own instrument. The music program has a limited inventory of instruments to loan as well.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMMITMENTS

Participating in the music program includes a time commitment both during and outside of school. It is important to know that there will be evening concerts and possible field trips throughout the school year in which your student will participate. All of these dates are announced on the course syllabus on the first day of school so you can plan ahead. There is also a minimum of 120 minutes per week of required home practice – this is the homework for the class.

Meet and Greet "Auditions"

Mrs. Yaeger will be holding these in May of 2017 on campus at Diegueño. Any students who already play an instrument will need to make an appointment to meet Mrs. Yaeger and play their favorite song for her in this informal placement audition. Students who are not quite ready for Concert Band may be placed temporarily in the Beginning/Intermediate Band where they can develop their skills further in preparation for the Concert Band. Please check the Web site at: www.yaegerband.weebly.com for more information on auditions.

Please be sure to fill out the online application to declare your intent to be in our Music Program. This link is included on Mrs. Yaeger's web site.

Please contact Mrs. Yaeger at Julie.yaeger@sduhsd.net with any questions!

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Is your student enrolling in music at Diegueño?

The Diegueño Middle School Music Boosters are a community of families supporting our student musicians through volunteer efforts and fundraising. All parents and guardians are part of the Boosters. Many essential elements of the music program are not funded by the school district, so the Boosters have focused on the following areas:

- Raising funds to pay music coaches for weekly sessions, purchase and repair instruments, purchase sheet music, books, and needed equipment such as music stands and instrument cases
- Helping the Music Director organize performance events throughout the year
- Assisting the Music Director with communications to music families

We invite you to join the Music Booster Board for 2017-2018. The board meets once per month. It's a great way to be involved at the middle school, and to meet new families!

The Diegueño Music Boosters are a committee of the Diegueño Middle School PTSA. You can find our website by going to: <http://www.dieguenoptsa.org/links>

Please feel free to attend a Booster meeting this spring – 3/6, 4/3 and 5/8 at 9:30 am in the Diegueño conference room. We are happy to answer your questions!

Contact Patty Jones, Music Booster chair, at patty.jones@roadrunner.com if you are interested in joining the board, or for more information!

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