



DIEGUEÑO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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“A California Distinguished School”

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Join the Diegueño Middle School 2018-19 Music Program

COURSE OFFERINGS

Our band classes include Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion instruments; each class is a year-long course.

- 1) Beginning/Intermediate Band (no experience required!)
- 2) Concert Band (1+ years of experience/placement audition required)
- 3) 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 website: www.sduhsd.net.

INSTRUMENT CHOICES

Students enrolled in Beginning Band will make their instrument selection in the fall. Part of the curriculum of the class is to hear and learn about the different instruments before making an informed choice. There is no need to rush this decision ahead of time. Since the music program has a limited inventory of instruments to loan out, we do encourage families to rent or purchase their own instrument when possible.

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 at the beginning of the school year 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”

Any student who already plays an instrument and is interested in participating in the Concert Band will need to make an appointment and attend our “Meet and Greet” in April. This event will be held in the band room at Diegueno and is a great time to meet Ms. Gold and showcase your playing ability in an informal audition setting. Students who are not quite ready for Concert Band may be placed in the Beginning/Intermediate Band where they can develop their skills further in preparation for Concert Band. Please check the website at: dieguenomusic.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 Ms. Gold’s website.

Please contact Ms. Gold, Catherine.gold@sduhsd.net with any questions!

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