

The Sheldon region prides itself on a long standing commitment to arts education and we are proud of the high quality music education programs we provide our students. Our programs are designed to create a well rounded musician.

Our students in the beginning band program come to us with a varied set of prior musical experiences. Some students have participated in their elementary music programs, while others have extended their music education to include instrumental and vocal opportunities such as piano lessons or youth choirs.

We develop critical thinking, imagination and creativity, useful in and out of the classroom, some musicians continue their musical education through college while others apply their skills to other classroom environments and everyday life. Nearly 50% of Monroe's student population is in a band class! An exciting and unique experience for musicians adding to our positive community.

The Monroe Music program offers Beginning Band, Intermediate Band and Advanced Band. Our Choir is available to 7th & 8th grade students.

Beginning Band holds a special place in my heart. Students will have the opportunity to participate, regardless of any previous musical experience, and they can all learn how to be a musician together in our community. Beginning Band is a fantastic opportunity for all different levels of learning modalities and all students will be accommodated.

For more than 5 years, over 100 students have enrolled in our beginning band every school year. Band is an integral part of the Monroe and Sheldon Community and I hope you and your student choose to join our team.

The first two weeks of school students will explore the instruments found in a symphonic band. Students will have the choice of playing for the school year:

Flute	Clarinet	Alto Saxophone	Tenor Saxophone
French Horn		Trumpet	Trombone
Baritone/Euphonium		Tuba	Percussion (by audition only)

Most students rent an instrument through a local music store. For families that are under financial burden or hardship Monroe has an instrument inventory that the 4J school district asks for a \$50 donation for the school year to help with instrument maintenance. This \$50 can be waived at the discretion of the music director. No student will be turned away from participating in our music program due to financial reasons.

To enroll your student in beginning band, please fill out your 5th grade forecasting sheet sent to you through your elementary school or email our Assistant Principal, Brian Watson - watson_b@4j.lane.edu or Registrar Anna Wellman- wellman_a@4j.lane.edu

If you have questions that are more specific to our music program at Monroe please email Mr. Nansel - nansel_t@4j.lane.edu