



Join the Band!

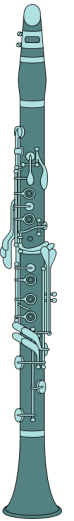
Do you play an instrument? Would you like to?
Do you enjoy challenging yourself and making new friends?
Do you want to be part of a dynamic organization on campus?
Come join the Las Colinas Band!

Las Colinas offers 3 levels of instrumental music:

Beginning Band – No previous musical experience? No problem! Join the Beginning Band and have fun learning how to play a musical instrument in a group setting. Instruction is available for the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone and Baritone. A number of instruments are available to borrow from the school, if you don't purchase your own.

Intermediate Band – Students with at least 1 year of experience on a band or other instrument may join the LCS Intermediate Band. Students will develop their technique and teamwork skills while playing a variety of music and performing at several different events throughout the school year.

Advanced band – 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students with 2 years of experience or equivalent on a band instrument may audition to join the Las Colinas Advanced Band. Students will continue to develop their technique and teamwork skills and play a wide variety of music from rock/pop to classical to jazz. LCS Advanced Band students perform at a variety of events throughout the school year and also get to participate in special activities including a recording studio workshop at Disneyland.



Why Should I Join the Las Colinas Band Program?

Learning to play an instrument is fun and challenging, and joining the band is an experience that can change your life. Still not sure about joining band? Here are some comments from band students:



“Joining band is one of the best decisions of my life.”

“You get to make new friends, have lots of fun, and be creative.”

“Band helps your grades and opens the door to opportunities in the future.”

“Learning to play an instrument is awesome and it's something not everyone can do.”

How do I sign up for band in middle school?

1. Take this flyer home and talk to your parents about joining the Las Colinas Band next year.
2. Visit my Reese Copsey teacher web page <https://www.pleasantvalleysd.org/Page/6531> for information about band & a link to a survey https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeMam9e2KlIB0k8J0Ik3rY_Zqs_H2HD6aMIQxup48hgLTSDw/viewform
3. Email Mr. Copsey rcopsey@pvscamarillo.org and request band as your elective class for next year. Please include any prior experience you have in playing an instrument.
4. When our Las Colinas school counselor Mr. Kline visits your school, he will have registration information for choosing your elective class next year. You can **pick band as your elective class** (during the school day as part of your regular class schedule). If you are interested and didn't choose “Band” as your elective, please contact Mr. Copsey or Mr. Kline jkline@pvscamarillo.org.

FAQ

If I've never played before, how do I decide which instrument I should play?

You do not have to decide which instrument you want to play until after school starts in August. Until then, think about which instruments you enjoyed listening to the most at the assembly. Ask family members or friends who already play an instrument what they think of the different instruments offered. Consider that some instruments tend to usually play the melody (trumpet, clarinet and flute), while others are very important to the band as a whole because they are in charge of the bass line (trombones and baritones). All instruments can play all styles of music and a good band will have a balanced number of all the instruments.

How do I get an instrument?

Students will need an instrument and book (*Standard of Excellence, Book 1*) for band. Students may rent, buy, or borrow an instrument. Larger instruments (trombone and baritone) are usually available from the school. Additionally, the school has a limited number of flutes, clarinets, and trumpets available to loan, based on financial need.

Does band last all year?

Yes, band is a year-long class, which means students are expected to make a commitment for the entire year.

What if I have a hard time learning my instrument?

Beginning Band is challenging because there is so much to learn. To succeed, students will need to practice and have a positive attitude about learning music. That being said, more than 90% of Beginning Band students at Las Colinas achieve the standards required to move into Intermediate Band the next year.

If I already play a band instrument, how do I know which class to sign up for?

If you have previous experience, talk to Mr. Copsey (Band Director) to figure out which class is most appropriate for your skill level.

Other Questions? Email Mr. Copsey (Band Director) at rcopsey@pvsdcamarillo.org



Music Opens the Door to Success

- * **Surveys demonstrate that exposure to music can enhance abilities in areas from reading readiness to math proficiency.** (*Gardiner, Fox, Jeffrey, & Knowles (Brown University), as reported in Nature, May 23, 1996*)
- * **Recent studies indicate that music education dramatically improves a student's ability to solve complex math and science problems.** (*Shaw, Rauscher, Levine, Wright, Dennis, & Newcomb (University of California-Irvine), "Music Training Causes Long-Term Enhancement of Preschool Children's Spatial-Temporal Reasoning," Neurological Research, Vol. 19, February 1997*)
- * **Students who participate in music programs score significantly higher on standardized tests, scoring 57 points higher on the verbal portion of the SAT and 41 points higher on the math portion than other students. Scores for those with coursework in music appreciation were 63 points higher on the verbal and 44 points higher on the math.** (*College-Bound Seniors National Report: Profile of SAT Program Test Takers, Princeton New Jersey : The College Entrance Examination Board, 2001*)
- * **Students receiving music education are also less likely to be involved in gangs, drugs or alcohol abuse, and have better attendance in school.** (*Research by Kevin Thompson, North Dakota State University, cited in Congressional Res. 380, May 5, 2004*)
- * **Music participants, on average, receive more academic honors and higher grades than do students in the general population.** (*National Educational Longitudinal Study, First Follow-Up, Washington, D.C.: National Center for Education Statistics, 1990*)
- * **Music encourages creativity, imagination, and emotional response. These areas are important for success throughout life.** (*Norman Weinberger, "Creating Creativity with Music," Musical Research Notes, Vol. 2, Sep. 1998*)
- * **Arts education develops collaborative and teamwork skills, technological competencies, flexible thinking, and an appreciation for diversity.** (*"Educating for the Workplace through the Arts," Business Week, October 28, 1996.*)

