

Beginning Band**Instrument Tryout form****Instructions:**

Try EVERY instrument! after trying out a new instrument take a moment to reflect on how successful you were on that instrument. Did you like it? Did it feel easy to play? Is it a good fit for you?

Percussion Family:

Percussion instruments are instruments that you hit to make a sound. There are pitched percussion instruments and non-pitched. It is a lot of responsibility to be a percussionist, you need to learn how to read treble clef instruments as well as play a lot of different rhythms. In fact there is so much to learn, Mr. Dwyer requires you to come for extra classes just to get it all in. You need to agree to this if you pick this family. All new percussionists learn mallet instruments first then the other drum type instruments later.

I can set extra time aside to learn

i Like This	I Didn't Like This	I think I might be good at this	This will be hard but worth the work	This is just not a good fit for me

Woodwind Family:

The woodwind family are instruments that use a wood Reed to make a sound. Flute is the odd ball because it has no reed but is still classified as a woodwind. For this family group you will try:

Instrument	i Like This	I Didn't Like This	I think I might be good at this	This will be hard but worth the work	This is just not a good fit for me
Flute					
Clarinet					
Alto Sax					
Bassoon					
Oboe					

Brass Family:

The Brass Family are instruments that are made of metal and use metal mouthpieces to make a sound.

Instrument	i Like This	I Didn't Like This	I think I might be good at this	This will be hard but worth the work	This is just not a good fit for me
Trumpet					
Trombone					
Baritone					
French Horn					
Tuba					

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Now take some time and think about the instruments you tried. What do you want to play? When making a decision, don't just pick your favorite one but think about which one will be successful on. Use the information from the like forms to help guide you in a good decision. Don't worry, if you later decide things aren't going well we can always talk about a switch! Now put down you top three choices in order of preference:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Now I will try my best to get you your first choice but realize we need to have a balanced band with a good variety of instruments and my instrument availability may also dictate what I am able to provide you.

Good luck and lets start making music!!!