

Band & Strings Program Information

2019 – 2020

<https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings>

About the Band and Strings Program

The Elementary Band and Strings program is a unique instrumental music program that is distinct to the North Vancouver School District. The program provides school-based instrumental instruction to students in the intermediate grades (Grades 5 - 7 for Band and Grades 4 - 7 for Strings).

This program is one of British Columbia's finest and has been made possible over the years through the direct support of a large number of dedicated parents/guardians, staff, and administrators.

The Elementary Band and Strings program complements the BC Ministry of Education's Arts Education curriculum. Involvement in a music program can benefit children's academic and social-emotional development, and provides an opportunity to develop a child's musicianship and creativity (Hallam, S. 2016). Classes are held twice a week, with one class typically scheduled during school time, while the other is held before school, during recess, or after school.

A preliminary schedule is determined at the school and may be available in June. Teachers will provide registered students with a final schedule early in September. As a participant in the program, students commit to attending all classes, rehearsals, and concerts.

About the Band Program

Elementary Band is offered for students in grades 5 to 7 on-site at all elementary schools in North Vancouver, with the exception of Norgate and Westview due to insufficient program enrolment at those locations.

Children from all schools are welcome to register for band. If band is not offered at your child's school due to low enrollment you may choose to attend at another school, or receive a full refund prior to the start of instruction.

Transportation to and from band is the responsibility of parents. Please note that students enrolled in the Band program at Lynnmour Elementary have one lesson per week on site and one lesson per week at Seymour Heights Elementary.

About the Strings Program

Strings instruction is open to all students in grades 4-7. Strings classes are offered at the following schools: Braemar, Canyon Heights, Cleveland, Dorothy Lynas, Highlands, Larson, Montroyal, Ross Road, and Seymour Heights. Seymour Heights strings students currently have one class per week at Dorothy Lynas.

Students from schools other than those listed above are welcome to join, but will have to travel to one of the schools offering the program. Transportation to and from strings instruction is the responsibility of parents.

The Band and Strings program offers a wonderful opportunity for students to receive instrumental instruction in a group setting, and represents the start of an exciting musical journey which they can follow through to the end of their secondary school years.



Instruments

In September, students will be required to provide an instrument and to purchase a method book. Instruments are available with a user fee of \$100 or \$150 through the NVSD's instrument room. A damage deposit of \$100 is also required. You may also choose to rent from local music stores. Further information will be provided by the school Band and/or Strings teacher and is available on the website: <https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/>

Registration

The Elementary Band and Strings program complements the BC Ministry of Education's Arts Education curriculum and is funded by registration fees. Payment can be made in a single payment or installments through SchoolCash Online.

If you register in February with the Early Bird rate your payments from March 1- September 1 will be under \$65 per month (7 installments). The earlier the payments begin, the lower the monthly fees by instalment.

Early Bird Registration Fees for 2019/2020:

Feb 20 – April 19, 2019 - \$450

Full Registration Fees for 2019/2020:

April 20 – Sept 30, 2019 - \$480

For more information about registration please visit: <https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings>.

Withdrawals & Refunds

All requests for refunds must be done in writing by completing a withdrawal form and submitting it to your child's school office. Withdrawal forms are available on the school district website.

Full refunds will be processed until June 15, 2019. After June 15, a \$75.00 non-refundable fee will be charged. No refunds will be issued after September 30, 2019.

