



To Parents and Guardians of Students in Grades 3-6

Re: NVSD Band and Strings Programs - Registration for 2026-27 school year opens January 12th

Elementary Band and Strings is open to students in Grades 5 – 7 for the Band Program, and Grades 4 – 7 for the Strings Program. Although these programs are housed in various schools across the school district, the programs are organized and staffed by NVSD (not individual schools). As a result registration is done via the NVSD website.

QM offers a thriving Band Program! Over the past few years we have had enough students register for Band to allow us to hold Band Program practices at our school. A minimum registration threshold must be reached by February 27th in order for us to sustain this valuable program at QM - so we encourage registration! The many benefits of learning to play an instrument are well known, and membership in the band can contribute to positive peer relationships and increased sense of belonging – we encourage serious consideration of this tremendous opportunity!

**Note that the Strings Programs are only offered at Braemar, Cleveland, Dorothy Lynas, Highlands, Larson, Montroyal, Ross Road and Sherwood Park.*

If your child is interested, please register by February 27th! While there is a late registration period, this is subject to program availability (based on sufficient registrations received by February 27th).

Visit the [Elementary Band and Strings](#) web page for information and registration details, including program fees.

Email bandandstring@sd44.ca with any questions.

Registration Options and Fees:

1. Early Registration (January 12 – February 27, 2026) Fee: \$555 (Monthly installment plan available until September 1, 2025.)
2. Late Registration (March 13 – September 29, 2026): Fee: \$630 (No installment plan available for late registration. *Late Registration is subject to program availability and low early registration numbers may impact this option.*)

Refund Policy:

- Full refund available for withdrawals up to June 12, 2026.
- After June 12, a \$75 withdrawal fee applies.
- No refunds after September 29, 2026.

If finances are a barrier, please note that bursaries are available through NVSD

Band and Strings Bursaries: Application **Deadline is February 13, 2025**

Bursary Application: Complete the attached form and drop it off to JEN WILSON at the school office ***no later than 1:00 p.m. on February 13th***. We will submit applications to bandandstring@sd44.ca on your behalf.

IF you are applying for a Bursary, hold off on completing the online registration for Band until after the February 13th Bursary deadline, to allow for fee adjustments to be made. Once the bursaries are approved by NVSD, and before Feb 27th, you will received an email from NVSD bandandstring@sd44.ca stating that the adjusted fee will be reflected in [SchoolCash Online](#), and THEN you will be able to register your child at that time.

Please contact me, or bandandstring@sd44.ca with any questions.

Thank you!

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