

## ~6 Questions Everyone Always Asks About Band And Orchestra)~

1. ***What if my child does not play an instrument?*** Have no fear: 98% of our beginning band members have NO prior playing experience. We teach everything!
2. ***How does my child choose and instrument?*** We go through a VERY thorough instrument selection process. Every student will be able to choose an instrument that will fit them and one that they will enjoy playing.
3. ***Will my child perform?*** YES! The beginning band performs 2 concerts a year. As students progress into 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade there are even more performing opportunities!
4. ***How do we obtain an instrument?*** I will have instrument rental fliers from our local music stores (Music & Arts, Band Room, and Atlantic Strings). Families who cannot afford to rent an instrument – or those who are playing larger more expensive instrument like Tuba or Bassoon - can rent a school instrument.
5. ***What instruments can we choose from?*** Band: Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, and Percussion. Orchestra: Violin, Viola, Cello, and Bass
6. ***What if I have more questions for Mr. Nichols?*** Please email me at keith.nichols@ocps.net or call 407-249-6420 x5034228.