

How to Choose the Right Instrumental Music Class at BJH

Get involved in the **award-winning** instrumental music program at BJH! Use this quick guide to help you pick the class where you will best belong. For thorough details, please see the course description in your registration packet. If you have further questions about signing up, please contact Glenda Bartell at gbartell@bousd.us

Intermediate Band

Choose this class if:

- You have played your instrument through fifth and sixth grade and are currently in band at your elementary school.
 - You are a seventh grader currently enrolled in Beginning Band at Brea Junior High.
 - You have at least one year of experience playing a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument at school outside of the Brea Olinda Unified School District.
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Concert Band

Choose this class if:

- You are a seventh grader currently enrolled in Intermediate Band or Concert Band at Brea Junior High.
 - You have received prior approval from Mrs. Bartell to enroll in Concert Band.
 - You were previously enrolled in a top-level, audition only band of similar ability level at another junior high or middle school.
 - **This is the highest level band class. An audition is required unless you have received prior approval from Mrs. Bartell**
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Jazz Band

Choose this class if:

- You are a seventh grader currently enrolled in Intermediate Band or Concert Band at Brea Junior High.
- You play saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, guitar, bass, or drums only.
- You are also enrolling in Concert Band.
- **Jazz Band is available by audition or teacher recommendation only. All students must be concurrently enrolled in Concert Band to participate unless permission is granted from Mrs. Bartell.**

Beginning Orchestra

Choose this class if:

- You wish to learn to play a string instrument (violin, viola, cello, and bass only).
 - You have little to no experience playing a string instrument
 - You have played an instrument before but want to learn a string instrument.
 - **No experience is required. All students welcome!**
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Advanced Orchestra

Choose this class if:

- You have completed Beginning Orchestra at BJH or a similar level class at another school
 - You have previous experience or take private lessons on a string instrument.
 - You were previously enrolled in an advanced level orchestra at another junior high or middle school.
 - **This is the highest level orchestra class. Approval from Mrs. Bartell is required to enroll.**
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Beginning Guitar

Choose this class if:

- You have no previous experience playing guitar and would like to learn.
- You have previous experience playing guitar but do not know how to read music and would like to learn.
- You are willing to spend time practicing and you are willing to play a variety of styles of music.

NOTE:

If a student is placed in a class of inappropriate level or other problems are encountered, students may be transferred from one instrumental music class to another.