

Instrument Selection Night

How to Join our PHM 6th Grade Bands and Orchestras
Steps to follow at your Instrument Selection Night Appointment



Fall in love with the way you sound!

Beginning Instrument Classes are offered **ONLY** to students entering Sixth Grade
THIS is the RIGHT TIME and PLACE to PLAY an INSTRUMENT!

You will learn how to hold the instrument, make a good tone, and try out a few fingerings and notes. Be open to new experiences! Ask questions. We will help you every step of the way. Discover an instrument that will provide you an enjoyable and successful musical experience. You will share this new found love with your fellow musicians starting in 6th grade.

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MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Which instrument is most natural to play? You should be able to make a sound with ease.

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SELECT AN INSTRUMENT

Which instrument is most natural to play? You should be able to make a sound with ease.

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CHOOSE YOUR SUMMER CLASS TIME

July 17 - August 4
15 Classes at PHS
8, 9, 10, or 11am



4. Visit Quinlan & Fabish tonight

Get set-up with every instrument need, rental or purchase, book, music stand.



5. Sign Up for Band or Orchestra

Turn in you Instrument Selection Night sheet after your appointment, then register with your Middle School scheduling.



6. Contact Your New Director with Questions

Email your new Band or Orchestra Director with instrument inquiries.

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MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT

Instrument Selection Night is for both Parent and Student! If possible, make your appointment at the school your child will attend. However appointments may be made at another middle school as needed.
Appointments are Required as we are not able to accommodate walk-ins due to COVID protocols.

Online (QR code or Website)

<https://sites.google.com/phm.k12.in.us/phmisen/home>

or PHM link

- go to the PHM main page www.phm.k12.in.us
- click on **P-H-M News** header (middle of page in gold bar)
- scroll down to find the **Instrument Selection Night** link
- choose a Selection Night **Appointment Date & time**



Or Call

No internet access? No problem.
Schedule your appointment by calling:

Rachelle Morris
PHS Fine Arts Secretary

574-258-9515

INSTRUMENT SELECTION DATES

all appointments between **4:30-7:30pm**

Discovery MS Monday 2/27 and Tuesday 2/28
Schmucker MS Monday 3/6 and Tuesday 3/7
Grissom MS Monday 3/13 and Tuesday 3/14

On the **Scheduling Form** please use **Full Contact information for US Postal mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers for ALL parent/guardians.** We need full and correct information to contact you with:

- Scheduling your child into 6th Band and Orchestra classes
- Scheduling your child for Summer Beginner Instrument Classes: July 17 - August 4
- Set Up Carpool information for Summer Beginner Instrument Classes

2 ATTEND YOUR INSTRUMENT SELECTION NIGHT APPOINTMENT

Plan to try 3-4 instruments

Your visit will probably take 30-60 minutes.

Your Instrument Specialist will work with you to find an instrument that your child will enjoy both musically and successfully.

Students interested in Percussion will be evaluated at each Selection Night. Each candidate Must have a second instrument choice. Percussion slots will be filled by the band director after the final Selection Night - so it does not matter which night you attend. The number of percussion will be determined by the director to balance their band.

Most families decide which instrument to play at ISN. If you are undecided it is OK to not declare your instrument choice immediately. However please note that **some instrument sections fill up quickly and close**, so later decisions might keep your child from an instrument choice if that section has closed.

TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH INSTRUMENT TO PLAY?

Your body will guide you to the instrument that matches your innate abilities and helps your natural learning soar. This choice may be different than you thought, but that is okay! Natural ease of sound production today is a precursor to future success and enjoyment!

Most families will decide tonight which band or orchestra instrument to play. If you are weighing your options between instruments it is okay not to declare your instrument tonight, but please note that some instrument sections fill up quickly and become closed when number limits have been met.

Helpful Hint: considering your future playing. What is your interest in years to come? Penn High School offers Concert Bands, Marching Band, Jazz Bands, String Orchestras, and Full Orchestra. These state and national level performing groups come with high level performances and travel opportunities, drawing many students to perform from 6th grade through 12th grade and beyond.



3 SIGN-UP for SUMMER BEGINNER INSTRUMENT CLASSES

Our PHM free Summer classes are taught at Penn High by our Middle and High School Staff.

Classes are grouped by instrument to help our new members receive streamlined instruction tailored to each instrument's needs. Required Beginner Instruction is only offered in the summer, not when school starts in August.

July 17 - August 4 (15 Classes)

Classes meet for one hour, Monday - Friday
8am, 9am, 10am, or 11am

Transportation is not provided but Carpooling is available. Sign-up by choosing this participation option during appointment sign-up.

Private lessons are required for those who will miss the first 3 days or 5 or more summer classes. Email your new music director for a PHM list of approved teachers. Private Lessons are at the parent's expense.

You will receive your Summer Beginner Class information via US Postal Mail by June 9. Contact Mr. Glenn Northern with any Summer Classes questions or if this mailing does not arrive at your home: gnorthern@phm.k12.in.us

Choose from these offered Summer Class Times

Flute	8am	10am		
Oboe	8am			
Clarinet	8am	9am	10am	11am
Alto Sax		9am	10am	11am
Trumpet	8am	9am	10am	11am
French Horn	8am			
Trombone	8am		10am	11am
Baritone		9am		11am
Percussion	8am	9am	10am	
Violin	8am	9am	10am	11am
Viola	8am	9am	10am	11am
Cello		9am	10am	11am
String Bass	8am			

4 OBTAIN YOUR INSTRUMENT

Rent or purchase. Each student must have an instrument in good playing condition. **Quinlan & Fabish Music Company** representatives are available to help you at Selection Night or you may obtain an instrument from another vendor. Reputable music stores sell and service quality instruments. PLEASE use caution if you deal with a vendor other than Quinlan & Fabish Music Company. (Ask - What is your recourse if the instrument needs repair or is not playable? What is the return policy? Reputable music vendors will not repair poor quality instruments, as they cannot guarantee their workmanship.) Q&F can help you with purchase of the Method Book, Music Stand, and other items.

If your family has serious financial concerns, ask us about instruments available from the PHM Foundation.

5 REGISTER FOR CLASS

Sign-Up for Band/Orchestra 6th Grade Course at your Middle School

You may have done this already, if not contact your school.

Place Band or Orchestra for your 6th grade scheduling music choice.



6 PHM Middle School Band and Orchestra Directors

Discovery Middle School Bands

Mr. Murray Weaver mweaver@phm.k12.in.us
Ms. Carol Weirich cweirich@phm.k12.in.us

Discovery Middle School Orchestras

Mrs. April Oppenheim eoppenheim@phm.k12.in.us

Grissom Middle School Bands

Mrs. Heather Baker hbaker@phm.k12.in.us

Grissom Middle School Orchestras

Ms. Vickie Marshall vmarshall@phm.k12.in.us

Schmucker Middle School Bands

Mr. Jeff Carnall jcarnall@phm.k12.in.us

Ms. Kristen Hills khills@phm.k12.in.us

Schmucker Middle School Orchestras

Mrs. Dodi Carnall dcarnall@phm.k12.in.us

Contact your middle school director with any questions.

Discovery, Grissom, and Schmucker Middle Schools Bands and Orchestras

The PHM middle school music choices of Band, Orchestra, and Choir meet as curricular classes within the regular school day. More than two-thirds of all PHM middle school students participate in one of these three courses. In these programs students usually perform 3-4 concerts per year as well as the opportunity to participate in the annual solo and ensemble contest.

- *The middle school and orchestra schedules do not conflict with other after or before school activities.*
- *Band and orchestra members can participate in ANY other sport or activity while in middle school.*

Your Middle School Student's Music Future at Penn High School

Band Concert Bands - 5 concert bands; student placement is by ability level
 Marching Band - involves an extensive late summer and fall rehearsal schedule, completely voluntary
 Jazz Ensembles - 3 jazz ensembles, 2 are curricular and 1 meets after school
 Basketball Pep Band - Extra-Curricular group that plays for home games

Orchestra String Orchestras - 5 string orchestras; student placement is by ability level
 Full Orchestra - Top string orchestra combines with top band members to play symphonic music
 Pit Orchestra - Orchestra and Band members combine as pit ensemble for musical productions
*Students in our Bands and Orchestras participate in every sport, activity, and extra-curricular club in our schools.
 Participation in instrumental music does not limit a student's involvement in other school sports or activities.*

Sample instrument FOUR MONTH Introductory rental program costs:

	4-Month	per month after trial period
Violin, Viola	\$69.00	\$25.00
Cello	\$99.00	\$35.00
String Bass	\$156.00	\$59.00
Wood Clarinet (preferred by PHM!), Alto Saxophone, Oboe	\$119.00	\$53.00
Flute, Clarinet*(Resonite, not wood), Trumpet, Trombone	\$72.00	\$39.00
French Horn in F, Baritone	\$149.00	\$63.00

Trial fees and monthly payments include optional Maintenance & Replacement Coverage which covers the instruments for all repairs (regardless of frequency) and replacement if lost, stolen, or damaged beyond repair. Free pick-up & delivery to your school on a regularly scheduled basis.

We recommend the following instrument brands:

Armstrong, Artley, Bach, Conn, Emerson, Glaesel, Holton, King, Leblanc, Yamaha, Ludwig, Scherl & Roth, Knilling, Eastman, Selmer, Signet, and Vito! *This is very important as there are many brands available at lower prices, however many of these lower priced instruments fail easily and are not repairable due to the quality of their construction. This scenario has often caused an even greater expense for many of our parents.*

Percussionist will need sticks, a drum pad and stand, and a student model xylophone/marimba, Snare Drum Sticks, Keyboard Mallets, Timpani Mallets, and Book. Information on these instruments will be available at selection night.

Instruction book for most instruments is \$8.99. Music stand is \$15.90

Quinlan & Fabish Music Company representatives will be present for your convenience. However, instruments may be purchased or rented at any place of your choice. We strongly encourage you to rent/buy recommended brands (above) and will have information for you on appropriate equipment, mouthpieces, etc.

We encourage you to be a careful consumer. If you find a price that seems too good to be true – it probably is! Inquire about repair services, loaner instrument availability during repair, and warranty. Each year a few students bring instruments that are not playable. Make sure your child has equipment that will work.

If you have any questions about Instrument Selection Night please contact Mr. Glenn Northern at gnorthern@phm.k12.in.us

If you have specific questions about the music program at your middle school please direct these to the Band and Orchestra Directors at the schools your child will attend.