

Band Department Philosophy Statement

The Waukeee Band Program provides all students with opportunities to develop lifelong appreciation of music, take ownership over their own accomplishments, and contribute to something larger than themselves.

5th Grade Band Description

Fifth grade band is an optional exploratory course for any and all 5th grade students interested in learning how to play one of the following band instruments: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, or percussion. Students will engage in a small group lesson during the school day once during each six day related arts cycle with like instruments focusing on the following areas: instrument position and posture, embouchure (mouth formation), breath support and tone production, articulation, music notation, rhythmic notation and steady beat, and note-reading in correlation with fingering/slide position recall. Students will participate in a large band rehearsal with all instruments twice per cycle during the school day to focus on ensemble skills and performance preparation.

Students will...

- Demonstrate fundamentals of instrument basics
- Read and perform pitches and rhythms
- Read and perform expressive elements
- Write notes and rhythms using standard musical notation
- Evaluate musical performances of self and others

5th Grade Band Course Components

- 1 Small Group Lesson per cycle (during the school day)
- 2 Large Band Rehearsals per cycle (during the school day)
- Winter Concert (may be during the school day or in the evening)
- January/February Solo Night (evening)
- Spring Concert (evening)