



5th graders:

Play music in middle school!

Did you know almost HALF the student population at Robert Eagle Staff plays music?

It's never too late to start. Robert Eagle Staff Middle School's award-winning band and orchestra programs are available for newcomers and seasoned musicians alike, with opportunities and support for everyone. When choosing electives for next year, consider music.

Options

- Band and Orchestra are year-long electives.
- Guitar Lab, Percussion Lab, and Experience Music are semester-long electives.
- Jazz Band rehearses before school (info for auditions comes out at the start of the school year)

Support

Friends of Robert Eagle Staff Musical Arts (FORESMA) is an active non-profit music booster group that invests \$40,000 annually into these programs, helping all students thrive regardless of where they are in their musical journey. Finances should not keep anyone from signing up.

Benefits

- Nationwide, students who participate in band or orchestra report the lowest lifetime (and current) use of all substances including alcohol, tobacco, and drugs.
- Music helps adolescents control emotions, cope with peer pressure, family dynamics and friendships.
- Teens use music as their “social glue” and as a bridge for building acceptance and tolerance for people of different ages and cultural backgrounds.
- Students who learn music in middle school score significantly higher on algebra assignments in 9th grade and mathematics proficiency by 12th grade. They also have increased graduation rates.

Curious?

Our website www.foresma.org shows what the program has been up to this past year, and what may be in store for your 6th grader next year, including FAQs. For regular announcements, join our [FORESMA Facebook page](#).

Music enriches lives.