

High Rock School

New Student Enrollment

Performing Arts Course Selection for Grade 6

All 6th graders are scheduled to take English, mathematics, science, social studies, computer technology, Literacy, art, wellness, Spanish, and performing arts.

While these are required courses for students, families are asked to choose the type of **performing arts** class they wish to be enrolled.

Please fill out this section

Performing Arts Choice: Course descriptions with minimum requirements on the back of this sheet. Please check **ONLY ONE** of the following options.

_____ **BEGINNING BAND**

_____ **CONCERT BAND**

_____ **STRING ENSEMBLE**

_____ **CHORUS/GENERAL MUSIC**

Student Name

School Year Enroll

Parent/Guardian Name

Date

Please return this form to Julie Pickard at julie_pickard@needham.k12.ma.us.

If there are questions about the above music options, please contact the Fine and Performing Arts Director, LeeAnn Sutton, at 781-455-0800, ext. 22440.

Descriptions for all courses offered to sixth graders can be found by visiting the High Rock website at <http://highrock.needham.k12.ma.us/academics> and link to the Middle School's Program of Studies.

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Be Yourself – Become a Community*

Choices for PERFORMING ARTS

CHORUS and GENERAL MUSIC

This course is for all students who are not members of the band or string ensembles. In this class, students will study and perform music representative of a variety of musical styles and cultures through which they learn to control their rapidly changing adolescent voice in a safe and supportive environment. Public performances are required culminating experiences for this class.

BEGINNING BAND 6

This course is open to and designed for students WITHOUT any prior playing experience on a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument. Students will learn the fundamentals of their specific instruments, proper playing technique, and note reading. Public performances are required culminating experiences for this class. At the end of this course, students will be ready to join Concert Band 7.

CONCERT BAND 6

This course is open to students who have a minimum of one-year playing experience on a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument. Students continue to expand the fundamentals of musicianship and technical skill through the study of different styles of band literature. Participation in concert performances is a required component to this ensemble.

STRING ENSEMBLE 6

This course is open to sixth grade students who play violin, viola, cello, or string bass with a minimum of one year's playing experience or with permission of the instructor. Participation in concert performances is a required component to this ensemble.