



September 2025

So, you are thinking about playing an instrument in the Band Program at Copperhaven School! Great! Learning how to play a wind instrument in a group setting is an excellent way to explore and discover the joys of making music. Here are some details you should know.

The Beginning Band is an introductory ensemble for students to learn the fundamentals and proper playing techniques of band instruments. It is open to Parkland School Division students in grades 6 to 9.

The Beginning Band practice once a week, **Wednesdays After-School** from 4:00 to 5:00. Families need to arrange transportation.

It is a long-term commitment. Beginning band runs from October to the end of April. Our first practice is Wednesday October 1.

Band Instruments include: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone and percussion (snare drum, bass drum, bells). Band students will need to have their own instrument. There are a number of ways this can happen. BORROWING an instrument from a family member or friend. RENTING an instrument from a music store or PURCHASING an instrument is another option, it's expensive though.

Instruments can be rented from one of the band music stores in Edmonton (St. John's Music; Long & McQuade). See more details on the next page.

It is expected that students will play their selected instrument for the duration of the session.

The program fee for band is \$25. Fees will be paid through powerschool.

Being part of a band is more than just playing music! It provides students with an environment to imagine and invent, it fosters commitment and self-discipline, and it requires determination. These characteristics contribute to success in life.

More detailed information about the Band Program at Copperhaven School is available. contact Mr. Loge • 780.571-8488 • mark.loge@psd.ca.

The next step is to fill out the attached registration form and return it to Mr. Loge!

Sincerely,

Mr. M. Loge music director

Rental Rates

2024-2025	St. John's Music		Long & McQuade	
Instruments	Used	New	Monthly	School Year
Flute Clarinet Trumpet Trombone	\$20	\$33	\$26	\$189
Alto Saxophone	\$41	\$63	\$49	\$389
Percussion Combo Kit	\$23	\$35	n/a	n/a

G.S.T. not included in prices

<u>St. John's Music</u> has two levels of rental instruments. The USED instruments have been in their inventory for a number of years. It's important to know that all of St. John's rental instruments are always serviced after every rental. The NEW instruments are brand new to their inventory.

<u>Long & McQuade</u> has two plans for their rental instruments; monthly and school year, which is a 10-month commitment. Even though the Beginning Band session is only 8 months, the School Year plan might still make sense.

Both stores offer rent to own or financing for purchasing an instrument.

Please talk to the stores more about their plans and all that goes into renting an instrument from them.

St. John's Music 10456B Mayfield Road Edmonton (780) 452.4810 https://bandrentals.stjohnsmusic.com/ Long & McQuade 10528 Mayfield Road Edmonton (780) 423.4448 https://www.long-mcquade.com/rentals/band

Students who take the Bus

Band students who take the bus will need to check with **transportation** about restrictions. The maximum allowable dimensions for approved carry-on items is 33x33x59 cm or 13x13x23 inches. Our student transportation guide for parents and guardians states that small musical instruments that meet these allowable dimensions (flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet) are permitted on the bus. - page 9

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