



South Side Band
Registration Information
2016 - 2017 Academic Year

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the South Side band all about?

The People's Music School has provided free instruction to thousands of Chicagoland children over the last 40 years. In the winter of 2016, in partnership with the Gary Comer Youth Center, we launched our South Side Band program. We are excited to bring our innovative curriculum and outstanding teachers to the children of the South Side. All South Side Band rehearsals will be held at the Gary Comer Youth Center located at 7200 S. Ingleside.

How do I register my child?

Registration will begin on August 1st of each year. Parents/Guardians will fill out a registration form for each child they would like to enroll in the band. Registration forms can be found online at <http://www.peoplesmusicsschool.org> one week before registration opens. To register your child you need to:

1. Download and print out the registration form.
2. Answer all questions on the registration form.
3. Email the completed registration form (as a picture or an attachment to an email) to natalie.butler@peoplesmusicsschool.org
4. Mail or bring in the hard copy of this form addressed to Natalie Butler, The People's Music School, 931 W Eastwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60640

Students will be accepted into the band (as spaces become available) on a first come first served basis. Once all spaces for the year are filled, all other students who applied will be placed on a waiting list.

Does my child need to have any previous musical experience?

Your child does not need to know how to read music or play an instrument to enter the South Side Band. We will teach them everything they need to know!

Do you accept all children?

We accept children who are in 4th – 8th grade. The number of spaces available for new students to enroll in band will vary from year to year. Once accepted for enrollment in the South Side Band children will be grouped by ability and instrument.

How will I know if my child has been selected to attend the South Side Band?

If your child is accepted for enrollment in the South Side Band a staff member from The People's Music School will contact you by phone/email to let you know. Waiting list students will only be contacted if spaces become available during the school year.

What do we need to do once we find out my child has been selected?

Once you are notified that your child has been selected to enroll in our program you and your child will be required to attend an orientation session prior to starting band rehearsals. Should you or another adult family representative be unable to attend this meeting, you will forfeit your child's registration and a waiting list applicant will be contacted to take his/her space.

Do I need to provide my child with an instrument?

The People's Music School has instruments and other necessary equipment and supplies for band. Once a parent/guardian signs an Instrument Loan Contract we are happy to loan an instrument to your child. You can also choose to rent/purchase your own instrument for your child to use, and we can help you find a local store where you can get an instrument.

What instruments do you offer?

The South Side Band program offers instruction on flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, and percussion. Our faculty and staff will assist your child with finding the instrument that is the best fit for him/her based upon their age, physical size, and interests.

What is the class schedule?

For the 2016 -2017 year the South Side Band will rehearse on Tuesdays (5 - 7 pm), Thursdays (5 - 7 pm) and Fridays (3:30 - 6 pm).

When does the semester start/end?

The fall semester runs from Monday, September 6th through Saturday, December 15th.

What is my child required to do?

Please note that the South Side Band is an intensive musical program that requires your child's attendance at rehearsals, performances, and special events. In order to remain a student in our program your child must:

- Be on time to rehearsals/performances and have regular attendance
- Progress to the next level through instrument juries and teacher evaluations

What is required of parents?

We require the following from our parents:

- Completion of 4 hours of volunteer work every semester, for each child enrolled
- Participation in all fundraising events for the school
- Support and encouragement of your child's musical progress
- Compliance with all The People's Music School, South Side Band policies and requirements

If you would like more information about enrolling your child at The People's Music School, South Side Band, please contact:

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