

WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Visual and Performing Arts Department

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Program Description

Elementary Instrumental Music Program

This year, the West Contra Costa Unified School District is offering an elementary instrumental music program at each of its elementary schools.

This will program will provide instruction in Band instruments in all Elementary Schools and Violin in the Hercules area to support the strings program in the Middle and High School. These programs will operate

30-40 minutes. It is imperative that students attend each band class session along with their instrument and other materials (book, sheet music etc.) In the event that it is necessary to miss a class, a note from the

missing instrument and materials may lead to a discussion about dropping the program.

Students that participate will be required to make up any assignments missed in the classroom.

Instructors will be assigned the equivalent of 6 schools per week and will provide both beginning and intermediate instruction on Flute, Clarinet, and Trumpet.

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be screened to determine the best instrument to pursue based on interest and embouchure. The next step is to issue instruments and begin instruction.

Students will learn to assemble their instruments and to hold them with appropriate finger positions. Students will be instructed in the basics of tone production and music notation. Students will participate in school level performances of various types and District level performances providing students, parents and the community the opportunity to participate in their learning experience as members of the audience.

School level performances will be determined by individual site needs and availability as determined by the Principal and the Music Instructor.

It is our hope that participation in the Band or Orchestra program will lead your child to a lifelong appreciation of musical art and the discipline required to bring it to life.