

BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Parents:

Your child has completed instrumental music instruction at the elementary level and is now ready to begin junior high/middle school music classes next fall.

Music classes at the junior high/middle schools include Band, Choir, and Orchestra, all scheduled as separate class periods during the school day. These classes are offered concurrently with the students' other subjects, such as Reading-Language Arts and Mathematics.

In addition to winter and spring concerts at the schools, junior high/middle school music students participate in additional performance activities such as parades, band competitions, a district-wide Band and Orchestra Standards Festival, a district-wide Honor Concert, out-of-town field trips, and school graduation ceremonies. The District's Instrumental Music Program is a nationally-recognized program, earning the National Association for Music Merchants (NAMM) *Best Communities for Music Education* Award for the past six years!

Participation in the District's Instrumental Music Program has grown dramatically in recent years. I am very proud of the work of the talented music teachers who work with your children. Your child's name has been forwarded to the music teacher at the junior high/middle school where your child will attend.

I look forward to seeing your child's continued progress in music as he or she transitions to the junior high/middle school level.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael D. Stone'.

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