



Registration and Audition Information
for
Instrumental Music

Instrumental Music:

— The Instrumental Music program at LSA is designed for **CLASSICAL OR JAZZ INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC** only. We do NOT offer instruction in **piano, guitar (of any type) or drum set**. **Exceptions are ONLY made for advanced players with years of music-reading experience for jazz band.**

Instruments Offered

Woodwinds	Brass	Percussion	Strings
Flute Clarinet Bass Clarinet Oboe Alto Saxophone Tenor Saxophone Baritone Saxophone Bassoon	Trumpet French Horn Euphonium/Baritone Trombone Tuba	CLASSICAL PERCUSSION. There is <u>NOT</u> drumset offered at LSA unless you are an advanced player for an extracurricular jazz band.	Violin Viola Cello Upright Bass We do <u>NOT</u> offer guitar, piano, ukulele, or bass guitar.

— If you are interested in taking instrumental music, consider the following criteria:

- Do you currently play a **woodwind, brass, or concert percussion** instrument?
 - If you **currently** play one of these instruments and would like to audition for higher placement, audition to place into a higher level of **Concert Band** or enter into **Wind Ensemble**.
 - See the placement audition procedures in the FAQ.
- Do you want to learn how to play a **woodwind, brass, or concert percussion** instrument?
 - Sign up for **Concert Band (Beginning)** to learn from scratch.
- Do you currently play or want to learn classical **violin, viola, cello, or upright bass**?
 - Sign up for **Strings Ensemble**.
 - You should audition if you are a current player to receive a higher placement.
 - See the placement audition procedures in the FAQ.
- Do you have ADVANCED training (years) of music-reading piano, guitar, or drum set?
 - Audition for the **after-school** jazz ensemble. **MUST READ MUSIC!**



FAQs

- *I've never played an instrument before. I can't read music. Can I sign up for band or strings?*
 - Yes! We teach instruments from scratch at LSA. However, if you are joining at the high school level without any prior experience, we *highly* recommend taking private lessons while the student is enrolled. You will be taught basic skills in reading and playing, but the class will move **VERY** quickly. Outside training is strongly encouraged to avoid being flustered and left behind.
 - It's also quite helpful to also sign up for **Fundamentals of Music**.
- *I play a rock or pop instrument like piano, guitar, or drum set. Can I join?*
 - Unfortunately, we do **not** offer any type of classes geared toward rock or pop instruments. You are welcome to join a class to learn a new classical instrument listed above, but students will not be allowed to play piano, guitar, or drum set in an ensemble.
 - NOTE: These instruments ARE offered in an advanced instrumental **jazz** after school ensemble. Students playing these instruments in jazz MUST be able to read music, understand chords and pitches, and have had several years of experience.
- *Do I have to audition?*
 - If you want to start from scratch without auditioning, that is absolutely acceptable. You will be placed in a **Beginning** level coded course and you can join without an audition.
 - Auditions **ARE** recommended for students with several years of experience to avoid being automatically placed into a beginner course where a student may not be challenged.
- *What is the placement audition procedure?*
 - If you would like to audition for placement other than Beginning, create an **Unlisted YouTube video** and submit the link **by May 4** to alberti@longleafschool.com. The video should contain the following:
 - 1 to 2 minutes of a classical solo, displaying your development, range, and technical skill on your principal instrument.
 - As many scales as you are comfortable performing, in as many octaves as you can achieve with success.

If you have questions, you are welcome to email alberti@longleafschool.com for more information.