

Statement of Policy

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools is committed to providing the opportunity for students to be involved in a Band or an Instrumental Music program in both elementary and high school.

Rationale

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools is committed to supporting programming related to the Fine Arts. We believe that Band or an Instrumental Music program assists in the acquisition of lifelong skills.

Authority

- The Education Act, Sections 85 and 174

Procedures/Guidelines

1. Elementary Schools

- a. Band instruction supplements the classroom music program for students in grade six, seven and eight.
- b. Students from grade six to eight have the option of participating in the Band program.
- c. Band instruction time must not infringe on the time allocated to core curriculum areas for students involved in the program.
- d. Instructional time assigned to Band will consist of a minimum of two forty-five minute periods per group per week during regular school hours.
- e. An Instrumental Music program may also be offered for students in grade six, seven and eight (e.g. fiddling, drumming) in consultation with the Coordinator of Band/Music instruction where there is:
 - i. Sufficient interest from the students and community to warrant the program.
 - ii. Available trained personnel to provide the instruction.

2. High Schools

- a. Band instruction and Choral will be offered as a Fine Arts elective in fulfillment of the requirements for graduation if there is sufficient student interest.
- b. The time allocation for instruction during school hours shall be the time equivalent to the time allocation for other electives.

3. Band Instruments

- a. It is the responsibility of each family to arrange to obtain an instrument prior to the commencement of instruction at the beginning of the school year.

- i. Students may purchase a new or used instrument.
- ii. Students may rent an instrument from a music store.
- iii. Students may rent an instrument from the division. Division owned instruments are available on a limited basis.
- iv. Financial need shall not preclude the participation in the Band program. Students who are not able to rent or purchase an instrument are encouraged to speak to the school principal and/or school band instructor for support on how to access an instrument.
- v. School division rental fee charges will be reviewed annually.
- vi. The proceeds from the division rental fees shall be used to provide for the proper maintenance and repair of instruments.

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