

5th Grade Parent University

Question and Answers

1. Can a student join Orchestra or Band if they have never played an instrument.

Yes, any student can join Orchestra or Band. Band and Orchestra both hold a Drive where students come and get fitted for an instrument. This process will also determine Band or Orchestra placement for the 2026-2027 school year.

2. Are the students in GT Innovation Lab required to complete the Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP)?

For the 2025-2026 school year, students who are enrolled in the GT Innovation Lab do not complete the TPSP. Students in the GT Innovation Lab are required to submit a project that they complete in class. A decision has not been made for the 2026-2027 school year regarding GT Innovation Lab students completing the TPSP.

3. Can a student who is enrolled in Band and Choir also play UIL sports in 7th & 8th Grade?

Yes, any student can try out for a sport in the 7th or 8th grade. A student does not need to be enrolled in Athletics to tryout.

4. If a student takes a Credit by Exam (CBE) during Session 3 or Session 4 and is successful, how will their courses be updated?

We receive all CBE scores from the district for our incoming elementary school students. If the student is successful on the CBE, the counselors will automatically place them in the correct course for the following school year. We typically do not receive Session 4 results until late July or early August.