



The place to be for
Fine Arts
in Cherokee County

Concerts

Make Friends
Try Something New
 Learn to Be a Musician

Cool Trips

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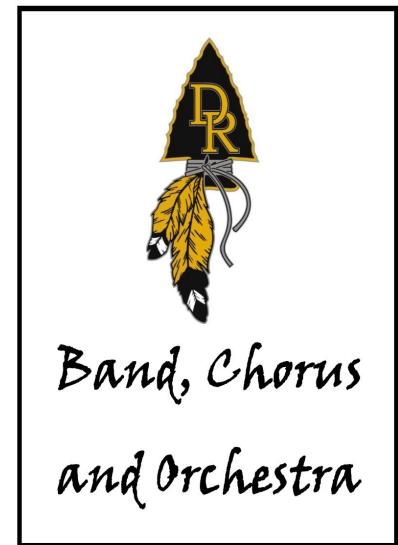
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Dean Rusk Middle School Fine Arts



Music
at Dean Rusk

*The best way to make
 friends in middle school is
 to become a musician!*



Dean Rusk Middle School

2018-19 Information

General Information

Welcome to Dean Rusk Middle School! The 2018-19 school year is the best time ever to join the Dean Rusk band, chorus, or orchestra. We hope that you will become part of the most comprehensive middle school music program in Cherokee County! The band, chorus, and orchestra programs are ready and waiting for you. *No experience is necessary.*

During the middle school years, very little time is required outside of class except for at-home practice and 2 to 3 concerts each year. Students may choose to participate in up to two music programs! However, students may not swap music programs once the school year begins.

Dean Rusk has much to offer its young musicians. Music classes meet separately for each grade during the school day. Advanced academic classes, cheerleading, sports, and other activities do not interfere with music in middle school. *As a matter of fact, most of our band, chorus, and orchestra students are involved in advanced academic classes and extra activities!*

Music classes are **year-long** courses while other Connections change for each nine weeks. Unless you choose to enroll in two music classes, you will still be able to take the other Connections classes such as Business and Technology, Physical Education, Art, and Family and Consumer Sciences.

Please join us for our Spring Concerts:

May 8: Band (DRMS Gym at 7:00 PM)
May 10: Chorus (DRMS Caf  at 6:00 PM)
May 14: Orchestra (DRMS Gym at 7:00 PM)

**Music in middle school...
Get involved!!!**

How do we sign up?

There are two registration options:

- On-line registration (preferred)
- Registration Form (only if no Internet)

On-line registration is very simple. Visit the DRMS web site at <http://cherokeek12.net/deanruskms/> and follow the prompts. Links will also be available on your elementary school's web site.

If choosing the paper registration, the **registration form** must be turned in to your homeroom teacher on or before **May 18** in order to be scheduled for a music class! Don't delay!

My child has never been in an band, chorus, or orchestra. No problem! We will offer beginning classes for all of our music programs at the 6th grade level. For band and orchestra, students will have the opportunity in August to try the instruments that they are interested in playing. Do not get an instrument yet! In selecting an instrument, many factors must be considered including aptitude, interest, and, of course the balance of the ensemble. ***Together, we will find an instrument on which each student can be successful.***

My child already plays an instrument.

No problem! Although scheduled in a class with beginners, enrichment and leadership opportunities will be made available throughout the year in order to challenge students who already have instrumental experience in a band or orchestra class.

As you and your child consider whether or not band, chorus, or orchestra would be right for him/her, please remember the positive aspects of a music education. Among these are self-discipline, self-confidence, pride, and teamwork. If you have any questions, concerns, please contact us. We hope to see your student in the music department!

**Dean Rusk Middle School
Music Department**

Continuing a Tradition of Excellence

Dean Rusk Middle School

Music Registration for 2018-19

Student _____

Elementary School _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

E-Mail _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

I would like to enroll my student in the following program(s). ***I realize that no more than two programs may be chosen and that music classes are a year-long commitment.***

Band Chorus Orchestra

Please indicate experience level:

___ Beginner ___ Experienced

Instrument if Experienced _____

Parent's Signature _____

Completed forms must be returned to your student's homeroom teacher no later than May 18