

**Arlington School District  
Grade Beginning Band Learning Targets**

- Purpose:** To identify attainable and verifiable learning targets relative to Grade School students enrolled in Beginning Band Class.
- Rationale:** The importance of a comprehensive music education program at Arlington Grade School fosters healthy “Whole Brain” functioning for all students involved.
- Goal:** Student participation in music classes will be more likely to, through proper training, multi-task at higher levels, express themselves creatively, perform a musical instrument with proficiency, and enhance their academic performances in core classes at Arlington School District.
- Target #1:** Beginning Band students will be able to assemble/disassemble the instrument of their choosing.
- Target #2:** Beginning Band students will be able to produce a pleasing tone on the instrument they have chosen.
- Target #3:** Beginning Band students will be able to understand the concepts of Breath Support/Intonation.
- Target #4:** Beginning Band students will be able to understand the varied “fingerings”, “valve combinations”, “slide positions”, “stick positions” of their instrument.
- Target #5:** Beginning Band students will learn the mechanics of reading music and apply that knowledge to playing on their instrument.
- Target #6:** Beginning Band students will be able to apply their learned skills (delineated in Targets 1-5) to perform with proficiency songs in the music book “ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS 2000-Comprehensive Method for beginning band.
- Target #7:** Beginning Band students will perform selected songs from their method book (cited in Target #6) in public performances format.