

# Depoali Percussion Ensemble 2024

Dear Depoali Students and Families,

I am pleased to announce the 2024 Depoali Percussion Ensemble. This group is open to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students and to 6<sup>th</sup> grade band students by special permission. This group is perfect for those students who have always wanted to try out percussion without discontinuing their primary instrument and for percussionists who wish to enhance their skills. We will start practices in January and these will lead to our performances in February and March. If you would like to participate, **please complete the online info form (link on band homepage) and return Percussion Ensemble Participation Contract by 1/19/24.**

-Mr. Barthel, Depoali Band Director  
[dbarthel@washoeschools.net](mailto:dbarthel@washoeschools.net)

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## Rehearsal Days/Times (the calendar can also be found in Google Calendar format on the Band Calendar webpage)

- Monday, January 22, 2-3:30pm
- Monday, January 29, 2-3:30pm
- Monday, February 5, 2-3:30pm
- Monday, February 12, 2-3:30pm
- Thursday, February 15, 2-3:30pm
- Thursday, February 22, 2-4:00pm
- Friday, February 23, 2-4:30pm
- Friday, March 1, 2-4:00pm
- Friday, March 8, 2-4:30pm

## Performances/Competitions

- Saturday, Feb 24      **NMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival** (North Valleys HS)      **TBA** (probably morning)
  - *Parents provide transportation to North Valleys HS*
- Friday, March 9      **Depoali Winter Competition** (Depoali Gym)      **TBA** (estimated times: 10am-3pm)

*Performance day schedules will be released as the events approach. Admission is charged for spectators.*

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## Academic/Attendance/Citizenship Policy

- Students must be passing all classes and a 'B' or better in citizenship in all classes in order to participate. Grade checks will be done regularly according to school policy. Those who are not passing will not be allowed to perform until grades are raised to passing status.
  - Students who have 2 or more unexcused absences for rehearsals and/or 1 absence from a performance may be asked to leave the group.
  - Students who demonstrate poor behavior during rehearsals/performances or who receive a major referral may be asked to leave the group.
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## Fees

**The cost per member is \$15 (Checks to: Depoali MS).**

The total fee may be adjusted according to how many students are in the group. Students may use their Band Account to pay towards the fee if they have money left over from fundraisers.

**Payment due date:** Monday, January 22

**Projected program expenses are listed below** (to give you an idea of what your fees are paying for!):

-NMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival, around \$5/member

-NNIA Preview Competition, around \$5/member

-Music & percussion supply cost (pooled with program budget), mallets are around \$40/pair, music is around \$50 per selection

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*\*\*Information for the Percussion Ensemble upcoming events can be found on the Depoali Band website:*

[www.washoeschools.net/dbarthel](http://www.washoeschools.net/dbarthel)

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## Items to be completed by Monday, January 22, 2024

1. Online registration (instructions below)
  2. Print out an IC Overall Grade Report from Term 2 and turn in to Mr. Barthel
  3. Complete Contract (this form) and turn in to Mr. Barthel
  4. Complete a Trip Waiver (Linked on band website)
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### Depoali Percussion Ensemble: Online Registration

Registration needs to be completed **online**. Go to the band website ([www.washoeschools.net/dbarthel](http://www.washoeschools.net/dbarthel)). Click the Percussion Ensemble section on the bottom of website home page. Complete the registration form (survey style) on this webpage by Monday, January 22, 2024.

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*Return this signed Contract **with an IC Overall Grade print out** by Monday, January 22, 2024*

### Depoali Percussion Ensemble: Participation Contract

*I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Academic/Attendance/Citizenship Policy mentioned in the info letter.*

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Student Name

Student Signature

Date

*I give consent for my child (named above) to participate in the Depoali Percussion Ensemble. I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Academic/Attendance/Citizenship Policy mentioned above. I understand that if my child has an overall grade of a 65% or below in any class, they may not be allowed to participate and if grades do not show improvement, they may be asked to leave the group without a refund. I also understand that if band fees are owed to my child's account (not counting spring trips or Winterguard), my child may not be allowed to participate. I will ensure that after-rehearsal transportation is arranged so Mr. B will not need to stay after with my child. I understand that if my child decides to withdraw from the group after the payment deadline, they will not be issued a refund. The student will not be considered officially withdrawn until written notification is received by Mr. Barthel (email is ok). I also understand that the total participation cost may change according to how many students choose to participate (Fee change notification will be sent out by the end of January if necessary).*

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Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date