



6th Grade Band Syllabus

(The information found on this syllabus can also be found in the LMS Band Handbook.)

Supply List:

Black 1 inch 3 ring binder with clear cover

Pencil

Essential Elements Book 1

Instrument and all necessary accessories (beginning on August 22nd)

Grading Policy:

Daily Participation and Binder Checks - 40%

Weekly Practice Charts - 30%

Concert Participation and Playing Tests - 30%

- Practice charts will be due on Mondays. The first practice chart due date for 6th graders is **Monday September 14th**.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance at all rehearsals and concerts is mandatory! We are a team!

Excused Absences-

Illness

Death in the Family

Religious Holiday

In the event of an *excused* absence, the student will be given the opportunity to make up the grade for the concert by completing the make up assignment.

Rules:

1. No gum, candy, food, or drink other than water.
2. Have your instrument, binder, and pencil every day in class.
3. No running or roughhousing in the band room.
4. Do not talk during instructional time.
5. Always treat others with kindness and respect.

6th Grade Fall After School Rehearsal Calendar:

August 22, 9-3pm (Saturday)

October 6, 3-4 rehearsal

October 13, 3-4:30 rehearsal

October 15, 7-8:30 Fall Concert

December 1, 3-4 rehearsal

December 7, 3-4:30 rehearsal

December 8, 7-8:30 Winter Concert

Course of Study for the first 8 weeks:

Breathing Exercises and Posture

Concepts of steady beat, tempo, and subdividing

Notes of the staff (treble and bass)

Developing a musical ear, humming, and matching pitch

Learning musical notation and symbols

Reading, counting, and clapping rhythms

Musical vocabulary

Time Signatures and Key Signatures

Instrument assembly, care, and maintenance

Developing a characteristic tone on the mouthpiece and on the instrument

Embouchure and breath control

Sustaining a steady pitch

Learning the first notes

Playing and reading music together

Concepts of proper practice techniques

Developing good musical playing and practice habits

Performance Etiquette

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Parents, the only form you need to sign is the last page of the Band Handbook, which is located on CHARMS. If you have trouble accessing it from there I can email it to you directly.

Please RSVP on CHARMS to sign up for pizza at the Parent Meeting on August 13th from 6-8pm!

I am looking forward to a great year!