



7th and 8th 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 (7th Grade Only)
Instrument and all necessary accessories

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 7th and 8th graders is Monday, **August 17th**.

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.

7th and 8th Grade Fall After School Rehearsal Calendar:

October 7, 3-4 rehearsal
October 12, 3-4:30 rehearsal
October 15, 7-8:30 Fall Concert
November 30, 3-4 rehearsal
December 2, 3-4:30 rehearsal
December 8, 7-8:30 Winter Concert

Course of Study for the first 8 weeks:

Breathing Exercises and Posture
Review of steady beat, tempo, and subdividing
Review of musical notation and vocabulary
Ear Training and Intonation Exercises
Reading, counting, and clapping more advanced rhythms
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
Concert F, Bb, Eb, and Ab scales
The chromatic scale
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!