

Band Course Description 2014-2015

Band is a year-long graded class. Students will continue their music development in a hands-on performance based setting. Students will learn intermediate music concepts by studying and performing in a wide variety of styles including classical, popular, marches, jazz, world music, and many others.

Band Schedule

The middle school operates on a 5 Day cycle. Band students will rehearse twice during each cycle. The first rehearsal will take place during the elective time on Day 5. Students will come to band during the first half of their elective. When band is over students will go to the second half of the elective class. Elective classes are **not graded**. Band rehearsals will not affect the students' **elective** grades in any way. The following is the rehearsal time for each grade on Day 5:

Day 5

7th Grade Band - 1st Period for 45 Minutes

6th Grade Band - 3rd Period for 45 Minutes

8th Grade Band - 6th Period for 45 minutes

Rotating Lessons

In addition to band rehearsals, students must also attend a weekly rotating lesson. This lesson pulls students out of their general classes to attend a 35 minute small group lesson. The lesson rotates to a different time every week so the student is not always missing the same class. Students will stay in class for 15 minutes to receive important lesson/homework information before being dismissed. Small group lessons will be either on day 1 or 2. The lessons schedule is in the process of being created. Students will receive the schedule at the first day 5 rehearsal. **There will not be lessons on Day 1 or 2 during the first and last week of school.**

After School Rehearsal/ICE CREAM SOCIAL!! for 7th and 8th Grade Band

The new middle school schedule does not allow any time to combine the 7th and 8th grade bands as we traditionally have done. In order to do this we will need to have a mandatory after school rehearsal before the winter and spring concerts. **However**, in order to make this fun for everyone, each rehearsal will conclude with an ice cream social provided by Mr. Tiffany and the Band Booster Organization. 6th grade band members do not have to attend these rehearsals.

After School Rehearsal Dates (7th grade and 8th Grade Only)

Monday, December 1st 2:45-4:30

Monday, April 27th 2:45-4:30

*** The Rehearsal dates may need to be rescheduled due to unforeseen conflicts and schedule changes. Any Changes will be made at least two weeks in advance with plenty of notice.**

Concert Dress

All students will be expected to purchase a Maroon Band Polo Shirt. We will wear it at all performances. The official dress is **Maroon Band Polo, Black Pants/Knee length Skirt, black socks and black shoes.**

Skip Policy

Being pulled from regular classes can sometimes be stressful for students. For this reason, we in the instrumental program have implemented a skip policy. Students are permitted to miss **ONE** lesson per quarter. The student must notify Mr. Tiffany before using a skip and have a signed pass from a teacher. Skips are permitted only for the following reasons:

- Having difficulty in class and need extra time with the teacher
- Important Test
- Student has been absent from school and needs to make-up work
- Student is failing a course and needs extra help

If a student needs additional skips for the quarter a **Parent/Guardian or Teacher** must contact Mr. Tiffany and request one.

Equipment

Each student will need to have the following at each band class:

- A Pencil
- Essential Elements Books 1 and 2 (for all wind instruments)
- Alfred's Percussion Method (for all percussionists)
- Their Instrument with all necessary parts
- Slide Oil
- Valve Oil
- Reeds
- Band Music
- And a Positive Attitude!

Equipment Sales

Mr. Tiffany will be selling the following items throughout the year:

Item	Price
Oboe Reeds	\$7.00 Each
Clarinet Reeds	\$1.50 Each
Alto Sax Reeds	\$2.00 Each
Tenor Sax Reeds	\$2.50 Each
Bass Clarinet Reeds	\$2.50 Each
Baritone Sax Reeds	\$3.00 Each
Slide Oil	\$1.00 Each
Valve Oil	\$1.00 Each
Slide Grease	Price Upon Request
Mouthpieces	Price Upon Request

Grading Procedures

Students will be given a grade for every lesson and rehearsal. The grade will be calculated the following way:

- Lessons -
 - 20% Participation
 - 30% Preparation
 - 40% Quizzes and Tests
 - 10% Practice Logs

Rehearsals
20% Participation
30% Preparation
40% Performances
10% Practice logs

Music Replacement procedure

Students will be distributed original copies of each piece we perform. Any music that is lost or damaged will need to be replaced. Replacement cost will vary. Students/Parents will be held responsible for the replacement cost of the music.

Band Quitting Policy

Band is a year-long graded class. All students who join the band are expected to complete the full year. Once the band contract is signed and turned in, **No students will be allowed to drop the class until the end of the year.** If you have any questions about this policy please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Tiffany or the school administration.

Band and Chorus

Band members are allowed and encouraged to participate in the choral program as well. Please consider participation in both for the most well-rounded music experience possible.