

Beginning Band Expectations

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Class Rules

Give it your best
Own your behavior
Lead by example
Display your respect

Discipline Plan

1. Warning
2. Student will be moved and will continue the lesson in the new location
3. Student will back up their equipment and will be assigned a packet of music-related worksheets

Attendance

There will be two concerts this school year:

1. Winter Concert on Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. (in the Corner High School Auditorium) with a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 8th from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. (in the Corner Middle School Band Room)
2. Spring Concert on Thursday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. (in the Corner High School Auditorium) with a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, April 20th from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. (In the Corner Middle School Band Room)

In addition, there will be the opportunity to perform at Solo and Ensemble.

Please make attendance at all rehearsals and performances a top priority. Conflicts with rehearsals and performances will be handled on a case-by-case basis outside of class time. Parents/guardians are asked to call or email Mrs. Saunders to discuss absences no less than two school days ahead of time – the sooner you communicate, the sooner we can come to an agreeable solution.

Grading Procedures

Students will be graded on the following:

1. Daily participation and preparedness for class, activities, and performances (this includes, but is not limited to, having music, instrument in good working order, pencil, and all necessary accessories)
2. Properly storing equipment
3. Completion of all pass offs, theory assignments, and other activities that may come up throughout the year.

Financial Obligations

Each student will need the following:

1. An instrument and appropriate accessories (reeds, oil, mouthpiece, etc.)
2. A method book (*Sound Innovations – Book 1*)
3. Concert outfit (see below)
4. Small umbrella or rain coat to leave in school locker – strongly suggested, but not required
5. Pencil
6. Band T-Shirt (\$10)

Uniform Requirements

1. Black band shirt
2. Blue Jeans (ankle length, no holes)
3. Closed toe shoes of your choice

Parent Expectations

The CMS Band runs almost exclusively on money that we raise. We will have several fundraisers and after school activities and performances. These events could not take place without assistance from our wonderful parents and guardians. Please make every effort to help whenever possible.

We will have a parent meeting Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30 via WebEx (link will be posted in our Schoology class) to answer any questions you may have. Please make a concerted effort to have every child represented by an adult.

Instrument Placements

The CMS Band will host an instrument placement on Thursday, September 17th, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the CMS Band Room. This is a night where all beginning band students come to find an instrument that fits the student best. We will have a music store (Art's Music Shop) set up in the band room for this event so that you can discuss, rent, and/or purchase all of the required equipment that is necessary for beginning band. *It is highly recommended that you bring a check.* Please make this event a priority. *Please make sure your student has an instrument in class by Monday, September 28th.* If there are extenuating circumstances that prevent this from happening, please contact Mrs. Saunders so we can work something out.

Communication

There is always something going on in the CMS Band Program, so please stay informed by using the following tools:

1. Check your email
2. Sign up for Remind 101 (text @35180 to 81010 or email 35180@mail.remind.com)
3. Check the band website (www.cornermsband.com)