

Expectations, Grading & Classroom Management Policies 2020-2021 for 7/8 Grade Band & HS School Band for in person and remote learners (Melanie Knowles)

1. Practice!

- Practice More Consistently (Every Day)
- Practice More (At Least 20 Minutes Per Day)
- Practice More Efficiently Alone & During Rehearsals:
 - If you can play everything but 3 notes, practice those 3 notes first.
 - Practice slowly before speeding up!!!
 - Practice the difficult sections first.
 - Don't practice things you can already play perfectly!
- If you make a mistake, don't go back to the beginning and start the piece over again. Play through the section(s) you are having an issue with.

2. Focus in Rehearsals!

- Phones are not allowed and will not be used during rehearsals. We are there to play, and your hands will be occupied with your instruments!
- Concentrate on every note played in rehearsal and make sure you are always working towards performance mode.
- Begin focusing during warm-ups and keep focus through the end of rehearsal.
- Use every second of rehearsal effectively!
 - When director is rehearsing other sections, mentally practice your own music (fingerings, rhythms, etc.)
 - Always think about how you can make your playing better. (Don't do math, English, etc. homework during music class – ever!)
 - When the director is talking, students are actively listening and not talking to their neighbors.

3. Watch!

- Look at the conductor! Make sure you are positioned where you can see the conductor, your music and still sit with good posture.
- Listen to what the conductor says to all sections during rehearsal. It may affect your part also.
- Rely on conductor for feedback on ensemble performance during rehearsals.

4. Listen!

- Listen to every note you play, always.
- NO blasting or honking!
- Listen and match others in your section.
 - Make sure you can always hear the people sitting next to you.
- Listen for intonation always.
- Listen to the lowest instrument that you can hear.
- Listen for ensemble precision: where and how to start and end every note.
 - Make sure you are matching note length with others in your section, and through the entire ensemble.
- Listen for blend and balance.
 - Make sure you always know where the melody or melodic line is (which section/instrument/player), in every measure of every piece. If you don't know...ask!

5. Be Prepared and on Time for Rehearsals and Lessons!

- Do you have your instrument, music, pencil, extra reeds, valve oil – anything you need to have a successful rehearsal.
- While you wait for lessons or rehearsals to start, make sure you are using your time efficiently by warming-up or running through parts you need some extra practice on.
- If you have gum, get rid of it before you set your instrument up.

6. Respect!

- Be respectful of the room, equipment, and each other!
 - There is no reason for you to touch any of the percussion equipment or each other's instrument/equipment, ESPECIALLY during the time of COVID-19.
- If you need to write something in the music, do so, LIGHTLY in pencil.
 - There is no reason to write a novel in your music. Anything you do write in should be erased by you before music is collected.
- Be supportive of each other.
 - Compliment when something is played well
 - Help students in your section who might be struggling with their part.
 - Treat others how you want to be treated!

Grading Policy for 7/8 Grade Band & HS School Band:

We are not in a normal school year, since right now our performances have been postponed. Because of this, the following has been put into place for the 2020-2021 school year. 7/8 Band students have band on Thursdays and Fridays and HS Band students have band on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Band Rehearsals will meet twice a week.

- Track A & B students will have band 1 day in person and 1 day remote
- Track C students will have band 2 days in person
- Track D student will have band 2 days remote

Students **MUST** attend both rehearsals! Skipping remote rehearsals will affect your rehearsal grade.

Band Lessons will meet individually, remotely, once a week for twenty minutes. Students have been given a schedule to show how the rotation will work. These schedules can be found (by day) under the Files tab in Teams.

Band Rehearsals: 50%

Band Lessons: 25%

Smartmusic Band Assignments/Performances: 20%

Assignments: 5%

Final Exam – 20% of Your Final Average (since each quarter is 20% of your final average)

****This grading policy is subject to change based on the status of the 2020-2021 School year****
****All performances scheduled in the district calendar are currently postponed until further notice****

Classroom Management:

1. Students not following the classroom expectations (see above) will be spoken to on an individual basis. If the behavior doesn't correct itself after a discussion with the student, further action such as contacting the parents/guardians, then giving the student a disciplinary referral will take place. If behavior continues to be a problem, special privileges such will be kept from the student (ex. Field trip opportunities).
2. When it comes to disobeying the cell phone rule, students will leave the phone with me, until the end of the day. If it continues to become a problem, the phone will be taken to the office for the administration to further deal with.
3. When it comes to disrespecting equipment and school property, the student will need to meet with me one-on-one so we can rectify the situation together. Afterwards they will understand the importance of respecting property of all types and what it takes to maintain the property in good, clean, working order.
4. When a student makes light of or disobeys school policy about social distancing situation/mask requirements, it will be an automatic detention, and student will be removed from the situation by being sent to the office.