



Millbrook Middle School Band

Mr. Zach Smith
Syllabus

6th Grade Band:

6th Grade Band provides an introduction and development of instrumental music. Student's will be responsible for providing their instruments, excluding tubas and larger percussion instruments, and their instrument specific text book, Essential Elements. Students will learn how to read the music staff and read basic notes and rhythms on the music staff. Students will have performance opportunities throughout the year and will be graded for those performances. Our goal this year is to be reading and performing grade 1 music literature.

7th & 8th Grade Band:

In addition to all of the elements of 6th grade band, 7th & 8th grade students will have additional performance opportunities. These opportunities include the following: The Alabama Music Performance Assessment, University Honor Bands, Solo & Ensemble, District Honor Band, & Alabama All-State Honor Band. Our goal for the 7th & 8th grade students is to be able to read and perform Grade 2 Music Literature.

Grading Policy:

Weekly Rehearsal Grade/Daily Work	40%
Major Assessments/ Performances	60%

Rehearsal Grades:

- There is no "sitting on the bench" in band! Every person is important! That's why you will receive 100 points per week. If you do not participate in class, disrupt the rehearsal, chew gum, or forget to bring your positive attitude to rehearsals, points will be deducted from your daily rehearsal grade.

Daily Work and Major Assessments:

- In order to effectively perform music literature, every student is expected to learn the material presented in class. In order to assess this, daily work may be given. This includes worksheets, recordings, music notation quizzes, and playing tests.
- Major assessments will be similar to daily grades but will be weighted as a major grade. recordings and playing tests will only be given close to concert dates to assure the music was practiced and mastered.

Performances:

- We will have up to three concerts a year. These concerts are why we are here so it's essential that everyone makes it to the concert. If you know there will be a conflict with a

concert date, please contact me and let me know ASAP. Alternate assignments will only be given if there is an excused absence for that school day.

- The Millbrook Middle School 7th & 8th grade band will also perform at all home football games. These will be considered test grades.

Course Fee & Fundraising:

There is a \$80 course fee per student. This fee helps to provide students with additional materials, such as music, emergency reeds, and other maintenance items. This fee will also cover us purchasing a specific band T-shirt to wear for school events, and other off campus events. We will have fundraising to help cover this fee. If you fundraise past the fee, the balance can be used for trips, and roll over to the next school year. (excluding 8th graders)

Uniforms:

In order for students to be uniform, we will have band T-shirts made to sell at cost. This is included into the fee for students. Also for 7th and 8th grade band, concert attire may need to be purchased. We will wear "Concert Black" for concert performances, unless otherwise announced.. This needs to be a long sleeve black collared shirt, long black slacks/skirt, long black socks, and black dress shoes (flats for ladies). All concert attire must meet school dress code. Jeans and tennis shoes will not suffice for concert attire. If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

Other Opportunities:

If your student decides to audition for All State Band or University Honor Bands there will be separate costs for auditions and the event. These will be announced as the Alabama BandMasters Association & Universities announces details of these events throughout the year. We will also do fundraising throughout the year. This will help to buy new sound equipment, instruments, and other opportunities for the future development of our program. Parents, if you would like to help out with your time, financially, or with pictures, please contact me and let me know how you'd like to help. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated!

Communication:

"Every problem is a communication problem." - Robert W. Smith

I can be reached from my school phone, email, or Remind. Remind is my preferred method and comes directly to my cell phone. Attached to this syllabus is an information sheet to ensure that I have a good way to communicate with you.

Phone: 334-285-2100 ext.63045

Email: zach.smith@elmoreco.com

Remind Codes

6th Grade Band: @MbrookBND6

7th/8th Grade Band: @MMS7-8Band

Google Classroom Codes

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If you have any questions about Remind, please contact me by phone or email and I'll get back to you as soon as I can. Please fill out the Syllabus Acknowledgement Form attached to this syllabus and return to me by Monday, August 12th, 2024.

Syllabus Acknowledgement Form

I have read and understand the contents of the MMS Band Syllabus.

Print Student Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian email: _____

Parent/ Guardian phone: _____

Checklist:

____ I have joined the remind for my class!

____ I have joined my google classroom!

____ We're ALL ready for a great year!!!