

Beginning Band Syllabus

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General Information

Description

This course is open to all 6th grade students. Beginning Band students will learn music reading, tone production, posture, breathing and breath control, embouchure, articulation, and ear training.

Assigning Instruments

Beginning Band students will be assigned an instrument based on student interest, physical characteristics (formation of lips/teeth may not allow some students to properly form their mouth to be able to play the desired instrument), rhythmic coordination (for percussionist only) and instrumentation requirements (the number of students playing each instrument must be kept within reasonable limits in order to properly perform concert repertoire). Please know that I will do my best to ensure that your student is able to play the instrument of his/her choice, but there may be times when instrumentation requirements or physical characteristics will not allow that. Ultimately, I want your student to be successful on their assigned instrument. **Once instruments have been assigned students will be given an instrument information sheet for their parent/guardian.**

Required Materials

- 3 Ring Binder with paper
- Pencil
- Instrument (Director will designate what instrument students will play)
- Wire Music Stand (for home practice)
- Method Book (will be designated after classes have begun)

Performances

Beginning Band students are required to attend and perform in the Winter (December) and Spring (May) Concerts. All concerts will be held in the gym.

Uniform

Students will wear their band T-shirt with school uniform grey slacks/black slacks or floor length black skirt for Winter and Spring Concerts.

Fee

The band fee is \$75. The band fee covers the cost of the band T-shirt and goes towards the purchase of concert music and other band program needs. If there are any conflicts or hardships with the band fee, please contact me directly.

Grading Policy

Major Tests and Performances - 60%

Minor Tests (including classroom participation) - 40%