**Heron Lake-Okabena Junior/Senior High Band 2019-2020**

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**All band members and their parents are to read this handbook and understand that students are expected to follow the expectations, rules, and procedures detailed in this packet.**

**A portion of the back page is to be returned, with student and parent signatures, by Wednesday September 15th.**

This class is intended to increase student’s music appreciation, music knowledge, and performing ability through rehearsals, lessons, daily practice, concerts, worksheets, videos, concert performances etc.

**Expectations**

Students will:

1. Be to class on time, stay on task, and be prepared to learn.
2. Respect each other, instruments, equipment, and the teacher.
3. Bring all necessary materials to class every day. (Instrument, Music, **Pencil**, etc.)
4. Keep gum, candy, and all food/drink out of the Band Room except for covered, clear water bottles.
5. Practice individually at home or school regularly. (Be prepared for rehearsal and lessons)
6. Attend all lessons, rehearsals, and performances, and perform to the best of their ability.
7. Communicate with Miss Erpelding about absences, instruments in need of repair, or any other circumstance that may prohibit participating in rehearsal or a performance.

**Grading**

Students will be graded in 4 areas:

1. Daily Rehearsal Participation (40%)
2. Lessons (20%)
3. Concert/Performance Attendance (30%)
4. Written Work (10%)

Unexcused absences from class will result in loss of points for that day. If your absence is excused by the school, it will not affect your grade. If you know ahead of time that you will be missing class, please let me know so that I can plan for our rehearsal knowing if anyone will be gone.

Lessons will take place during 6th period. (Other times before or after school may be scheduled if necessary.) Students will be required to attend lessons every other week. You will receive points for your lesson for attending, as well as for being prepared and attentive. If you wish to take additional lessons or need individual work, let me know and we can schedule times to meet before or after school, during a study hall, etc.

Concerts, Pep Band, and other performances are mandatory (for 7-8th graders, pep band is optional but encouraged). If you are unable to attend a concert due to an emergency or prior conflict, please communicate with me as soon as you can to let me know why you will be gone. If you must miss a Pep Band performance due to a school conflict or you are playing in the game you will be excused. I will try to schedule our pep band performances to have the least conflict with other school activities. If you have an excused absence from a performance, I will have make up activities for you to complete in order to receive the points. A signed letter from a parent/guardian is necessary for an absence to be considered excused. If it is a school event, this letter is not necessary. **If you have an unexcused absence from a performance, you will be given a zero for that performance, no exceptions.**

We will occasionally have listening assignments, basic theory worksheets, quizzes and projects pertaining to the music we are playing. Most of these assignments will be completed in class, but occasionally there may be out of class work. Mainly, your homework should be practicing your instrument.

Grading Curve:

A = 95+

A-= 92

B+= 88

B = 84

B- = 80

C+= 78

C = 74

C- = 70

D+= 68

D = 64

D- = 60

F = 59-

**Concert/Performance Attire**

All band members will be expected to wear appropriate concert attire. This consists of black pants and a button up shirt (any color), black shoes and socks for boys. Girls may choose to wear pants, a skirt or a dress (skirts or dresses must go past the knee **when you are sitting down,** and tops must have a high neckline) and black shoes**.** Ties or scarves are encouraged, though not required. Make sure it is comfortable to play your instrument in what you are wearing.

For pep band we will dress comfortably in school related, and school appropriate clothing. If we are outside, make sure you dress appropriately for the weather.

**Parents and Students**

If you have any comments or concerns, feel free to contact me either by phone, email, or in person. My goal is to give everyone the best learning environment that we can make here at HL-O. I look forward to getting to work together with all of you and am excited to have an excellent year with both the junior and senior high bands.

Please sign and return this section stating that you have read and understand the information in this packet

Student name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_