

Marbury Middle School Beginning Band
2024-2025 Syllabus
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Instructor:

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Required Materials:

- Essential Elements, Book 1(Your instrument)
- Black 1 ½ -inch Binder
- Clear Sheet Protectors
- Correct Brass Mouthpiece for Brass Instrumentalists
- Correct Reeds for Woodwinds (2.5 strength)
- Pencils (**No Pens!**)
- Cleaning & Care Kit (Brass & Woodwinds)

Provided Materials:

- Music Stands
- Chairs
- Sheet Music

Classroom Policies and Procedures:

Above all else, the policies set forth for the Marbury Middle School and the Autauga County Schools student code of conduct will be adhered to at all times. Beyond those policies, several classroom policies have been put in place to ensure the most productive, fun, musical experience that we can offer. Those include:

1. We will meet in the classroom next to the weight room each day for attendance. After attendance, we will transition to the band room.
2. Students will then get their instruments (leaving bigger cases in the instrument storage), be seated and start to warm-up tune prior to full ensemble warm-up.
3. Band is fun and will be fun. This being said, there will be no bullying, harassing, mocking or disrespect tolerated in any way.
4. No foods, gum or drinks allowed in the band room. The only drink a student is allowed to have is water. And it must in a resealable container at all times.
5. Last rule, practice, give it your all and have fun!

Grading:

MMS Band students grades will come from a combination of playing tests, performances, weekly assignments and daily supply checks.

- **Grade Breakdown:**

- Playing Test/Performance: 50%
- Weekly Assignment/Daily Supply Check: 50%

Playing Tests/Performances:

During each nine weeks, students will be given 4 playing tests to complete during class. These are major grades. These may be played on an individual basis or in a group setting. The playing tests will be used to evaluate the skills and knowledge gained in class.

All scheduled performances are mandatory for all band students. The only exceptions will be an absence that would be considered excused via the MMS Student Code of Conduct or involvement in an MMS athletic team (football, cheer, softball, baseball, etc.). In the event that a student has an excused absence from a performance, the student will be given an alternative assignment and will have 3 school days to complete the assignment. All unexcused absences from performances will result in a zero. There is a current list of scheduled performances at the end of this syllabus. Please plan accordingly.

Weekly Assignments/Daily Supply Check:

Students will have a weekly playing assignment. There will be a minimum of 6 playing assignments throughout each nine weeks. These are minor grades and will be due at the end of each week. These assignments will be posted to Schoology and must be completed outside of class. The playing tests will be used to evaluate the skills and knowledge gained in class. Accommodations can be made for students who do not have internet access and/or devices at home if confirmed by the parent/guardian.

A portion of the weekly assignment will be daily supply checks. At the beginning of each class, students will be checked to make sure they have their instrument (2 points), music (1 point) and a pencil (1 point). Failure to have proper supplies will affect the students grade and may result in disciplinary action for multiple offenses.

Performance Attire:

All Band students will wear Concert Black: black top (Polo, Button Down, Blouse), black dress pants, black dress socks and black dress shoes. Black flats may be worn. Solid black dresses may be worn as long as they are within the dress code. No T-Shirts, Jeans or tennis shoes.

After School Rehearsals:

Beginning Band will have after school rehearsals in order to rehearse as a full ensemble before performances. Dates are listed at the end of this syllabus. These rehearsals will be from 3:30-4:30 in the MMS Band Room. As a reminder, attendance is required for all Beginning Band members. If a student has 2 or more unexcused absences from after school rehearsals, they may be removed from the upcoming performance. Students must be picked up at 4:30.

Fees:

This year's fee for Beginning Band is \$60 per student due no later than August 28th, 2024. This fee will be used to provide an MMS Band Shirt, purchase music for concerts, and purchase supplies needed for the band program throughout the school year. These fees cover the basic needs of the band program to provide our students with the best experience possible. Fees can be paid with cash or check made payable to Marbury Middle School. If there is a financial need, please contact Mr. Handerhan through Parent Square or at sean.handerhan@acboe.net.

Important Dates/Performance Calendar 24-25 Beginning Band

August 12th-September 2nd, 2024: Vertical Raise Fundraiser

August 28th, 2024: Band Fee of \$60 due

September 10th, 2024: After School Rehearsal 3:30-4:30

October 1st, 2024: After School Rehearsal 3:30-4:30

October 18th-November 1st, 2024: Pecan Fundraiser

October 21st, 2024: After School Rehearsal 3:30-4:30

October 22nd, 2024: Fall Concert at Boones Chapel Baptist Church 6 p.m.

November 19th, 2024: After School Rehearsal 3:30-4:30

December 2nd, 2024: After School Rehearsal 3:30-4:30

December 3rd, 2024: Winter Concert at Boones Chapel Baptist Church @ 6 p.m.

February 11th, 2025: After School Rehearsal 3:30-4:30

March 18th, 2025: After School Rehearsal 3:30-4:30

April 8th, 2025: After School Rehearsal 3:30-4:30

*April 17th, 2025: Solo and Ensemble at Prattville Junior High School

April 28th, 2025: After School Rehearsal 3:30-4:30

April 29th, 2025: Spring Concert at Boones Chapel Baptist Church (Time TBA)

*May 3rd, 2025: Beginning Band Extravaganza, Marbury High School

Spring Trip TBA

*= optional for students

All dates and times are subject to change. Additional performances may be added to the calendar. Itineraries for each performance will be sent out at least one week prior to the performance.