

**GATOR BAND**

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Syllabus

The Mossy Creek Middle School Gator Band offers a three year Standards based instrumental music education program that will prepare your child to perform in a high school level band program. We will use the semester grading system outlined in the Mossy Creek Middle School teacher handbook.

Grade 6th 7th 8th

Major 40% 40% 40%

Minor 30% 30% 30%

Daily 25% 20% 15%

Final 5% 10% 15%

\***Major tests** and the final exam will include playing tests from the essential elements book 1 or 2, major scales, sight reading examples, a tone production assessment, excerpts from music to be performed. The two yearly concerts are mandatory. Attendance will be graded. The only excuses that will be accepted are cases of family emergency and sickness. The dates are Thursday, December 19th and Wednesday, May 14th, and both will start at 6:30 and end at 8pm. 8th grade concert, recital and jazz is Monday, May 19th.

\***Minor tests** will include written music theory work handed in class and a culmination of a daily participation grade. Every two weeks, the daily grade that your child receives for bringing his or her instrument and materials (book, folder, music) will be accumulated into one minor test grade. That’s how important participation, effort and discipline are in the learning of how to play an instrument in an ensemble.

\***Discipline**-**Daily** points will be deducted from their daily average when your child misses band due to ISS or OSS. If your child has to make up a test for another teacher, a written pass, signed by that teacher, presented to me at the beginning of that period is acceptable.

If your child is continually disruptive, won’t try to follow directions, stays in the restroom for long periods of time, or is continually in need of a school counselor, I will communicate with you by phone to work on a plan that will work for your child’s education and the needs of the work we do as a band. Thank you for your support.