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Tucker Creek Middle School Band Syllabus

Welcome to the Tucker Creek Middle School Band!

To save paper and resources this year, we have moved our band handbook to a digital-only format. The last page of this syllabus is the **only form** you will need to physically sign and return.

1. **Please visit the TCMS Band website** to read the complete 2025-2026 Band Handbook with your student.
2. After reviewing the handbook online, parents and students will need to sign the last page.
3. Return the back, signed form to school no later than **Thursday, August 28, 2025**.

Band Mission Statement:

The Tucker Creek Middle School Band is dedicated to achieving a higher standard of musical excellence this year. We will focus on two key areas to achieve our goals:

- **Exceptional Performances:** The band will perform challenging and entertaining music for both our Christmas/Holiday and Spring Concerts. We will also participate in the district festival, aiming to receive a **Superior** or **Excellent** rating on Grade II or higher music.
- **Student Participation and Development:** Our students will have numerous opportunities to grow as musicians. We will have dedicated **6th, 7th, and 8th-grade bands**, as well as the **TCMS Pep Band** and a **jazz band**. Students will also be encouraged to audition for **All-County Band**, **All-District Band**, and to participate in the **Solo and Ensemble Festival**.

To reach these goals, all members are expected to follow **attentive and courteous rehearsal procedures** and commit to **daily home practice**. We will measure our success through performance testing rubrics and stakeholder surveys, ensuring we meet state-mandated goals for instrumental music education.

Supply Expectations for all Students:




Instrument: Recommended to rent from Fuller's Music in New Bern. See contact information below

1 or 1.5" - 3 ring binder	1 pack of dividers	Headphones (must be wired)
Music stand to use at home (keep at home)	Method Book (listed below)	Instrument specific supplies on the back of this list
Pencil pouch	Pencils	10-15 sheets of notebook paper

Instrument & Method Book Requirements:

Please have your method book for the year by September 6th at the latest.

Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
1. Instrument 2. Habits of a Successful Beginning Band Musician - (Green) <i>for your instrument</i>	1. Instrument 2. Habits of a Successful Beginning Band Musician - (Green) Will finish this book and then will use Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician - (Orange) <i>for your instrument</i>	1. Instrument 2. Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician - (Orange) <i>for your instrument</i>
Jazz Band		
Standard of Excellence Jazz Ensemble Method <i>For your jazz band instrument</i>		

Band Wish List: These are items we can use in the classroom throughout the year		
Tissues	Hand sanitizer	Hand soap
Paper Towels	Ziplock Bags - Quart	Individual snacks (granola bars/chips/etc)
Clorox Wipes	Pencils - wood not mechanical	½ or 1 inch binder with cover
Highlighters (thin)	Colored printing paper	Sticky Note pads (medium or large sized)
Amazon Wishlist Small instructional items needed for our students. Any contribution is appreciated!!!		Donors Choose Project Larger instructional items needed for our students. Any contribution is appreciated!!!
		
 USE THIS QR CODE TO DIRECTLY ORDER FROM FULLER'S MUSIC "SHOP BY SCHOOL" FOR TCMS. Fuller's Music will deliver ordered items directly to Tucker Creek weekly. www.fullersmusic.com		
Contact Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email: jodi.campbell@cravenk12.org Google Phone: 252-518-5204 		Additional Resources Instrument information https://www.bepartofthemusic.org/

- We will be using Class Dojo in the future, but check for emails in the meantime.



Mustang Band at TCMS



tcmsmustangband

Start learning how to read music

<http://www.musictheory.net/>

<https://www.musicracer.com>

Check out our TCMS Band site

<https://tinyurl.com/mr3ys7nn>

Look at your future high school band

<https://www.havelockband.com/>

Instrument Specific Supplies:

Flute	Oboe/Bassoon	All Clarinets	All Saxophones
Flute cleaning kit including a swab, key brush and polishing cloth	Handmade oboe reeds - can help with finding these Oboe/Bassoon cleaning kit including a swab, cork grease, key brush	Clarinet cleaning kit including a swab and cork grease, key brush and mouthpiece brush Size 2.5 reeds (6th/7th) Size 3 reeds (7th/8th) <i>Students need at least 3 good reeds in their case at all times (consider buying the box of 10 and refilling as needed)</i>	Saxophone cleaning kit including a swab and cork grease, key brush and mouthpiece brush Neck strap (<i>preferably padded</i>) Size 2.5 reeds (6th/7th) Size 3 reeds (7th/8th) <i>Students need at least 3 good reeds in their case at all times (consider buying the box of 10 and refilling as needed)</i>
Trumpet/Baritone/Tuba	French Horn	Trombone	Percussion (Practice xylophone will be used at home, this is mallets only. These will need to be brought to class each day)
Trumpet/Baritone/Tuba cleaning kit including valve oil, slide cream, and mouthpiece brush Mouthpiece suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trumpet-Bach 7C or 5C • Baritone-Bach 6.5 AL • Tuba-Yamaha 67 or Hellenburg 	French Horn cleaning kit including rotor oil, cleaning cloth, and mouthpiece brush Mouthpiece suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamaha 30C4 or 32C4 • Holton Farkas • Schilke 30 or 33 	Trombone cleaning kit including Yamaha slide oil, slide cream and a mouthpiece brush Mouthpiece suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamaha 48 or 51D • Bach 6.5 AL 	SD1 General Snare Sticks Medium Marimba Mallets Bell Mallets General Timpani Mallets Tuning Gauge/Pitch Pipe Stick Bag Recommended Brands for mallets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vic Firth • Musser • Mike Baltar • Innovative Percussion • ProMark **Mallets are a great investment - Ask Dyal for suggestions!**
Technology recommended for all students:			
<p>These are suggestions but are not required:</p> <p>Tonal Energy App on smart device for home practice (it is provided on the iPads but not for cell phones)</p> <p>Peterson Pitch Grabber Tuner (highly recommended-we will use in class and students should use it at home)</p>			

Grading:

Band will receive full credit as a regular class. Band grades will count towards promotion and honor roll. Therefore, ***you will have to EARN a good grade in band class.*** Students will be evaluated on three aspects of music-making in band class: Skill, Participation, and Theoretical Knowledge. We aim for each of the band students to strive to be as successful as possible. If a student is not doing well in band class they will be asked to stay for help after school or before. If the student has failed two consecutive grading terms, a parent conference will be requested to discuss dropping band

- 30% - Test/Projects (Band Performances)
- 25% - Playing or Music Theory Quizzes
- 45% - Student Work (Participation/Classwork/Homework)

2025-26 Band Calendar

HPAC-Havelock Performing arts Center at Havelock High School

MPA-Music Performance Adjudication (the band's "EOG")

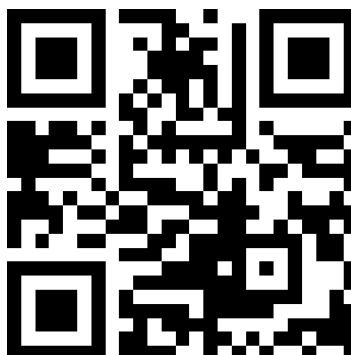
Dates and Times	Event	Who is involved?
September 5th	Eighth Grade Band Night at HHS	All Eighth Grade Band Students (additional info and permission slip will be sent home)
September 17th September 24th	Pep Band Games 3:30 until the game is over - usually about 6:00 PM	Any interested 7th/8th Grade students with 1 year of experience, & permission slips.
October	Calendar Fundraiser	All band students - additional info sent home
October 15th	All-District Concert and Jazz Band Registration Opens	Any 7th or 8th grade band student interested, with at least 1 year experience (additional info will be sent home)
November 5th (6:30)	Veterans Day Concert	All Eighth Grade Band Students
November 17th & 18th	All County Band Schedule shared with selected students	7th & 8th grade students selected by director based on audition and performance in class
November (TBA)	All-District Preparation Clinic Tucker Creek Middle School	All 7th & 8th grade students Auditioning for All-District. Details will be shared closer to the date
TBD	Jazz Band Concert	All Jazz Band Students
TCMS DEADLINE: December 10th	All District Registration Closes December 10th	Any 7th or 8th grade band student who is planning on auditioning for All-District must return payment and permission form by this date
December 8th	Winter Concert at HPAC	Required for all band students
Friday (Dec. 12) Tuesday (Dec. 16) Wednesday (Dec. 17)	Christmas Small Ensemble "Caroling"	Band and chorus
December (TBA)	All District Prep Clinic Tucker Creek Middle	All 7th & 8th grade students auditioning for All District will work with tutors on their material - additional information sent home
January 10th All Day	All District Auditions in Greenville, NC	7th & 8th grade registered students
January 23rd, Virtual/Digital	East Region Jazz Auditions	7th & 8th grade students who have registered (All District students can do both District and Jazz)
February 5-7th	All District Band Clinic in	Any 7th or 8th grade student who scored high enough

All Day	Greenville, NC	to be in the band
February 20-21	East Region Jazz Clinic	Any 7th or 8th grade student who make the Eastern District Jazz Band
March 7th All Day	All State Honors Band Auditions	Any 7th or 8th grade all-district student who scores high enough to audition for State
Feb. 25th	MPA Rehearsal Concert at HPAC - 6:00 PM	Seventh Grade Band and Eighth Grade Band
March 17th/18th One Date and Time TBA per band on these three days	MPA Concert at HPAC	Seventh Grade Band and Eighth Grade Band
March	Solo and Ensemble Registration Opens	Any interested student or group of students (more info will be sent home)
April	Visiting the Elementary Schools	TBD depending on the visit time
April 4th	Solo and Ensemble Registration Ends (deadline)	Any interested student must be registered and paid by this date!
April 17-19th	7th & 8th Grade Band Trip to Busch Gardens	All seventh and eighth grade band students that meet eligibility outlined in trip information
May 1-3, All Day	All State Honors Band Clinic	Any 7th or 8th grade student who scores high enough at the All-State Audition
May 5th (6:30pm)	Spring Concert at HPAC	Required for all band students
May 9th	Solo and Ensemble MPA at New Bern High School	Registered groups and soloists who prepare to perform
TBA	Havelock Jazz Fest	All Havelock Jazz Bands - HMS, TCMS, HHS, 2nd MAW Band - date pending Marine schedule
May - TBA	End of year awards	Band and Chorus

Volunteering

We are always looking for volunteers for our program. Please scan the code below to see what you can help us with. Examples of what we need help with are:

- 1. Scanning music in our music library. Ideally I would like to have entire library digital**
- 2. Vinyl cutouts of students names to put on their cases**
- 3. Music performers**
- 4. Grant writing**



Tucker Creek Video and Media Release Form

Please Complete this page and return by August 28th

STUDENT LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

CIRCLE GRADE: 6 7 8

Due to the nature of our class, much of what we do in the band room is a visual and audial process. Students often learn the most from watching and listening to themselves perform and practice. Most of our playing tests will be turned in this year as videos so that progress can be tracked and suggestions for growth given. Many times over the course of the year opportunities arise for students to be photographed and videotaped, and for that to be shared on social media and with our band family. We will ensure that students without parental permission do not have video publicly displayed, ***all students will be taped or recorded in class for teacher only use and evaluation.*** We cannot control other people but will make our best effort to share "no photo lists" with chaperones on trips. The band program currently uses our webpage, Facebook, Instagram, local news and media, and local print media for publicity, information and to show off the wonderful things our students are doing each day!

We will continue to teach students appropriate use of video and photographing tools and apps, and what acceptable media use looks like in today's changing digital world. We will be working together (the director, parents, and student) to help our students learn to be responsible on social media.

Please initial below to give or deny permission for media use with the band programs at Tucker Creek and Havelock Middle School. Please note that there are times in the year that we are [as a performing arts program] in situations and places that the public media are involved, and we have no control over those sources.

Permission to take pictures and videos:

_____ My student can be photographed and videotaped and his/her picture or video displayed on the band's social media pages, band or school webpages, can be photographed and videotaped and his/her picture or video displayed in the band room and around the school for recognition and promotion of excellence in our classroom, can be photographed and videotaped and his/her picture or video displayed in videos and media advertising the band program does to incoming students or for events in the band program that the community is invited to attend.

Permission denied for all pictures and videos:

_____ My child may ONLY be photographed and videotaped for teacher use in the classroom for instruction and learning, but cannot be in group photos or videos that may be displayed publicly. .

Parent/Guardian Signature Signature: _____

Date: _____

Tucker Creek Middle School Band Agreement Form 2025-26

By signing below, we acknowledge the following:

- We have read and understood the rules, policies, and expectations for the TCMS Band program for the 2025-2026 school year.
- We understand that the band calendar is subject to change and that we will be notified in a timely manner of any updates, additions, or scheduling changes.
- We know that the complete TCMS Band Handbook is available on the band website for reference at any time.

We agree to support the band program and its policies throughout the school year.

Student's Name (print) _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print)_____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____

Date:_____

Check us out!



Our band website!!



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ClassDojo

ClassDojo - Coming soon!