

## Lower School Modern Band (Grades 6-8)

Room A112 (Band Room)

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### Course Description:

This is an introductory course where students will learn how to play the ukulele, guitar, bass guitar, piano and drum set. Students will perform popular music (pop, rock, hip hop, r&b, funk, soul, etc) as a group, and learn basic arranging, music theory, and performance skills.

### Disciplinary long-term transfer goals aligned with East's Mission & Vision:

1. **Creating:** Create new musical ideas and work that express their experiences and connections to the world around them.
2. **Performing:** Prepare for performance through analysis, interpretation, and intentional practice in order to communicate perspectives and experiences to an audience.
3. **Responding:** Develop an understanding of a variety of music through listening, analyzing and connecting to personal experience and society.

### Grading:

A+	Superior (95 – 100)	C+	Above Average (75 – 79)
A	Excellent (90 – 94)	C	Average (70 – 74)
B+	Very Good (85 – 89)	D	Below Average (65 – 69)
B	Good (80 – 84)	F	Failure (Below 65)

### Breakdown:

40%	Demonstration of Skills and Knowledge of Content
30%	Habits of Work
20%	Feedback, Reflections, Journals
10%	Concerts/Performances

**Extra Credit Opportunities:** Citywide Performance, Stage Crew, Pride of Rochester Marching Band, ROC Band, Eastman Pathways Auditions, NYSSMA Solo Festival.

### **Information and Requirements:**

**1. INSTRUMENT RENTALS** - Students will be responsible for maintaining their instruments as well as any shared classroom instruments. ~~A Rental fee of \$10 (Cash or Money Order) is required for ALL STUDENTS RENTING INSTRUMENTS FROM RCSD. This covers the cost of your instrument rental for the entire school year.~~ No student will be able to participate without signing and returning the rental form. ~~NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED! THIS IS DUE IMMEDIATELY!~~

**2. MATERIALS** - Students will be responsible for coming to rehearsal EVERY DAY prepared to learn. You MUST have:

- Your folder with your name and assigned folder # on the label, with the method book, music, and all music and handouts inside.
- A pencil AT ALL TIMES!
- Your Instrument with the case labeled!
- Staff paper (provided)

**3. ATTITUDE** - Students will demonstrate a positive attitude and aid in creating a positive learning environment during rehearsals, performances, and lessons. BE A LEADER and demonstrate the 7 Healthy Habits of Successful Teens - Be Proactive, Begin With The End In Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win-Win, Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood, Synergize, and Sharpen The Saw.

**4. PERFORMANCES** - Participation in performances is a vital part of being a band member; therefore attendance at concerts/performances is required. Attendance at all band rehearsals and performances is extremely important to become a better musician and performer.. Performances and rehearsals are scheduled many weeks in advance and students are made aware of these dates at the beginning of each marking period. Only emergency situations and illness can be accepted as excused absences from a performance. In these situations, contact Mr. Weber in advance and supply a note of explanation, as soon as possible.

**5. ATTENDANCE** - Regular attendance at rehearsals and lessons is extremely important! If you get yourself to class and lessons, I promise that you will be successful. Even when you struggle, being present and working towards becoming a better musician shows more progress than not showing up at all. Phone calls home for unexcused absences will be made.

**6. TECHNOLOGY** - All students are required to abide by the school's technology agreement. This includes appropriate use of technology in class.

#### **Band Room Norms and Expectations:**

1. Treat others as you wish to be treated. Respect others and they will respect you.
2. Do not handle or touch anything that does not belong to you - be respectful of other people's belongings and THE TEACHER'S belongings!
3. Know the rules of the East Student Handbook and abide by them.
4. Come to class on time and promptly follow the instructions on the board. Do not leave your seat without permission throughout the class period. *Sign out/in on the hall-pass sheet whenever you leave the room during class. Hall passes will be limited.*
5. Come to class with required materials and ready to rehearse within six minutes of the bell. Be in the room *en route* to your seat before the bell rings.
6. Take pride in your surroundings. (No food, gum, or drinks in the entire music suite – Clean-up after yourself! – **Leave No Trace!**) **At the end of the period, the band room should be as neat and organized as it was when you entered. This is a shared space with other music classes!!**