

# TOIS Band Procedures

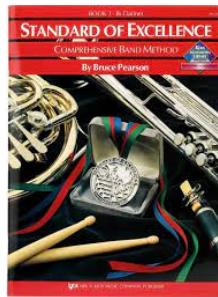
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## Materials:

- ♪ 1 sharpened pencil, NO PENS
- ♪ Instrument with accessories (reeds, mouthpiece, neck strap, sticks, etc.)
- ♪ 3-ring Binder with dividers  
(Binder Sections: Warm-Ups, Concert Music, Rhythm Sheets, Worksheets)
- ♪ **Standard of Excellence Method book 1 for 6th grade, Book 2 for 7th/8th grade**



Books should be purchased online (Amazon works!) or at a local music store, for around 8\$ each. Be sure to order the **correct instrument** book. If you need to borrow a school book, please see Mrs. Ginder ASAP.

## **Recommended Purchase:**

-Reeds (woodwinds, except flutes)

-Generally, size 2.5 or 3 (higher numbers are for more experienced players)

-Brands: Rico, Rico Royal, Van Doren -- Order from music store or Amazon.

-Neck straps (saxophones only)

-Valve oil or slide oil (brass instruments only)

### **Resources for Renting or Buying Instruments**

Garden State Music	<a href="http://GardenStateMusic.com">GardenStateMusic.com</a>
Music and Arts	<a href="http://www.musicarts.com/Rentals">www.musicarts.com/Rentals</a>
Russo Music	<a href="https://www.russomusicsymphonic.com/">https://www.russomusicsymphonic.com/</a>
Woodwind Brasswind	<a href="http://wwbw.com">wwbw.com</a>
Guitar Center	<a href="http://GuitarCenter.com">GuitarCenter.com</a>

\*However, renting is NOT required!\* If you are unable to rent, or prefer not to, the school can provide you with an instrument. School instruments will be distributed first come, first serve, from 8th grade down.

**Best Instruments to Purchase/Rent: →**



## **Instrument Repair**

*Instruments are VALUABLE= Be very careful.*

Normal instrument wear + tear are covered by the school. Avoidable accidents/destruction will be at the expense of the student/parent.

### **Repair Protocol:**

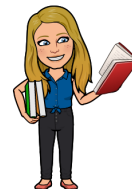
Give your teacher your instrument if damaged. One of our repair vendors can take the instrument for a few days to complete a repair, and return it to the school when fixed. Students and parents should contact the vendor and send in payment with the student. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FIX IT YOURSELF.**

## **Classroom Rules**

**1. Be Respectful to Each Other and yourself.**



**2. Be Prepared and On Time.**



**3. Follow instructions the first time they are given, every time.**



**4. Be careful.** This includes not touching another person's instrument.



**5. No gum, food, or drinks (other than water) in the band room. ESPECIALLY no eating/chewing gum while playing- this is very dangerous!**



**Consequences:** Students who break any of the classroom rules will receive a warning. Further problems will result in a call home, teacher detention, or referral to the main office.

# Daily Procedures

♪ Enter calmly, check the DO NOW.

♪ Set up and quietly complete the DO NOW.

*\*Small instruments should bring cases to seats and unpack. Larger instruments should keep cases in the back of the room.*

**Bathroom/Water Fountain:** Show the appropriate hand signal, then sign out and return quickly. Do NOT ask in the middle of a song or activity 😊

**Drills:** Maintain silence, and walk in an orderly line.

**Classroom Care:** Reset all chairs and equipment you moved, and throw away your garbage. **Instruments MUST be treated carefully, and you should not touch another person's instrument.** Do not throw or drop any instrument, no matter how small. In addition, music stands should be used to set music on, not to lean on. *Any student who does not treat instruments or classroom equipment with total care will receive an immediate detention.*

## Assignments

Summative Assignments= 65% of final grade

Formative Assignments= 35% of final grade

**Re-do's:** Re-do's of playing tests are **ENCOURAGED!**

**Assignments:** Scale tests, self-evaluations, recordings, rehearsals, video responses, FlipGrids, EdPuzzles, music theory worksheets, performances, listening reflections, materials checks,

**Performance Practice:** Points every day, graded weekly. Includes preparation (instrument, materials), musicianship skills: effort, focus, cooperation.

For each day late, an assignment will lose a letter grade. A missing assignment receives a zero, so always hand in assignments- no matter how late. Students who wish to make up late assignments **MUST** email Mrs. Ginder. Assignments that are late will not automatically be graded unless you have spoken to Mrs. G about re-doing the assignment. Be sure to check your grades online from time to time.

## Practice Requirements outside of Class

**You are expected to practice in addition to coming to class. (I hope this is not too mind-blowing).**

20-30 min/a day should do it. Playing an instrument is like lifting weights- you can't do the really hard stuff unless you work at it a little bit every day. Parents and guardians should encourage students to practice daily and on weekends.

Recommended structure for a practice session:

1. Warm Up: Scales, Long tones, tonguing exercises
2. Work on 2-3 lines from your book based on what you did in class
3. Work on concert music (play along with recordings, record yourself and listen back, etc)
4. Play something for fun to end!

# After School

All band after-school activities are 2:35-3:15pm in the band room.

<b>TUESDAYS</b>	<b>Jazz Band, 7th and 8th grade</b> Auditions: Sept 26 Woodwinds Sept 27-Brass Sept 28- Percussion + Piano
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	<b>Extra Help, all grades</b> <b>Band Buddies</b> (start date TBD): A musical mentoring program for 6-8th grade musicians.
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<b>Concert Band, 7th and 8th grade</b> <u>Rehearsals start October 12th</u> *5 rehearsals per semester required, attendance will be taken each rehearsal.



## Important Dates

Students in each ensemble are required to attend and perform in their respective concerts. Students earn a grade for their performance and behavior at each concert. Please mark these dates on your calendars.

Event	Date	Report Time	Groups Performing	Location
<b>Jazz Band Auditions</b>	Sept 26, 27, 28	2:35-3:15 *Sign up in band room beforehand	Open to 7th and 8th graders	Band Room
<b>All-Shore Intermediate Band Auditions</b>	Saturday, Nov 18th, 2023	TBA (All day)	*Optional*, open to advanced musicians. MUST register online.	TBA
<b>Band + Choir Winter Concert</b>	Thurs, Dec 21st, 2023 7pm	6pm (subject to change)	Concert band and Jazz band	TOIS Cafetorium
<b>Band + Choir Winter School-Day concert</b> *Will be publicly live-streamed	Friday, Dec 22nd, 2023	*During school*	Concert Band only	Commons
<b>Spring Band Concert</b>	Thurs, May 23rd 2024 -7pm	6pm	ALL BANDS	TOIS Cafetorium
<b>Spring Band Trip Competition</b>	TBA	TBA	Concert Band only,	TBA
<b>8th Grade Graduation</b>	June 21st, 2-3:15pm	12pm (We will eat lunch then take the bus to OTHS to perform)	6th and 7th grade band	OTHS Stadium

Winter Concert Attire- White shirts/blouse with black pants/skirt/dress and black socks and shoes.

Spring Concert Attire- Red Band shirts (More info coming in the spring) and black pants/socks/shoes.

# Class Tools

*In addition to Google Classroom, we may use the following websites and applications in class this year. Please explore them, and contact me with any questions.*



**FlipGrid:** Students can create short pictures and videos to share within a class group using the app or website. We may use this for playing tests and other assignments.



**EdPuzzle:** Students log in to watch videos and answer questions throughout the videos to check for comprehension.



**Remind 101:** Remind is a system that works through texts and enables a classroom teacher to send out class alerts about cancellations, assignments, etc., without sharing anyone's personal phone number. If your parent gives consent for you to join, follow the instructions below from your phone. Parents are also welcome to join.

**6th Grade Band Members: Text "@toisband6" to 81010**

**7th/8th Grade Band Members: Text "@toisband78" to 81010**

**Jazz Band Members: Text "@toisjazz" to 81010**

## Private Music Lessons



It is highly encouraged for students to take 1-on-1 private instrument lessons, whether they are struggling or advanced. Use this QR code to browse local lesson teachers and music studios if you are interested!



# Township of Ocean Intermediate School

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Ocean, NJ 07712

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## **TOIS Band Procedures Contract**

**Directions:** Sign and return this sheet only to Mrs. Ginder by your next band class. This is a 5 point assignment. If you have questions, please email me prior to signing and returning this form, as soon as possible.

### **Students:**

*I, the student, agree to abide by all of the TOIS Band Classroom Procedures. I will perform in all concerts listed, and understand that school rules are in place during all performances. I understand that if I do not attend a concert I will receive a 0 as my concert grade OR I will record all concert music and upload it as my replacement grade. I agree to practice regularly and follow all band rules. I understand that to participate in the 7th/8th grade band trip I must be passing all classes in accordance with the school policy. I understand that I may not be refunded if I pay for the trip and fail classes.*

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Student Name (Printed)

Student Signature

### **Parents/Guardians:**

*I, the parent/guardian, give my child permission to join the Remind 101 group for TOIS Bands. (Check below):*

☐ YES

☐ NO

*I give my child permission to use the following platforms with their school email for academic purposes: FlipGrid, EdPuzzle, ScreenCastify.*

*I, the parent/guardian, have read and will help my child abide by the TOIS Band Classroom Procedures. I have looked over the concert dates and times, and give my child permission to attend and perform in each concert. (This includes all Concerts, 8th Gr Graduation, and so on). I also give permission for them to perform in the Holiday Live-streamed concert during the school day. I understand that concerts are mandatory and I will make sure my child has a ride to and from each event. I also understand that students should be practicing their instruments at home, and will encourage my child to practice regularly. Lastly, I understand that to participate in the 7th/8th grade band trip my student must be passing all classes in accordance with school policy. If my child is failing classes after we have paid, I understand that it is possible a refund may not be able to be granted.*

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Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

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