

August 26, 2025

DE JH Band Students and Parents:

WELCOME to one of the most exciting experiences in which you can be a part – THE BAND! We are honored to be your band directors and am looking forward to a great year. To contact Mrs. Wellner: email [catherinewellner@deschools.org](mailto:catherinewellner@deschools.org) or call 507 545 2631. To contact Mr. Anderson: [ryananderson@deschools.org](mailto:ryananderson@deschools.org). Updates will also be posted on the DOVER EYOTA MUSIC ASSOCIATION Facebook page as well.



Please read the syllabus, **sign the parent info link at the end.** **Students that use a school instrument should turn in their annual rental fee.** Brass/ woodwind players \$100, percussionists \$75. Checks to DEHS Band, Thanks! \*Accessories: Combination lock to secure their instrument locker is optional.

**Pasquales Foods Sales:** Twice a year, we sell frozen foods for the students to raise funds (they make approx 30% profit from their sales) for their band accounts. Remaining funds after graduation go towards scholarships for students in financial need.

App recommended for students and families: occasionally I will send updates/ reminders using the Band App. Open this invite link below on your smartphone or desktop to join the group. <https://band.us/n/a7a1b1J0q1Gbg>

## ***DE Middle School Band Dates 2025-2026***

***Please put dates in your calendar: Band Concerts, grades 7-12: 12/11, 3/6, 5/11, 7pm.***

***\*Pops & Pie: Feb 1, 2pm \*MS Solo Festival May 4th at DE: 3:30- 8pm***

**Grading Policy** Approx. 50% “Earn an A” essay (DUE week 1 of school) and completion of those goals. It is up to the student to follow through. 50% Lesson Grades/Assignments/Participation (class, pep band, concerts).

**Weekly Lessons: If the student comes to their lesson, it will show as a “5” in the gradebook, less points for less progress. Missed lessons will show as “M” (missing).** Insubordination by a student including but not limited to talking in class, poor attitude will result in the student (1) being removed from rehearsal and lowering of participation grade (2) Being removed temporarily from rehearsals and parent contact (3) Removal from band. **Jazz Band** meets Friday mornings from 7:25 until 8:00 am. **Marching Band** is an optional summer marching band season that begins in class and extends through June, see schedule below. **Drumline and Colorguard** are an integral part of the marching band; these groups require rehearsal outside of the school day.

## ***Tentative Marching Band Schedule for 2026***

***Band Camp (May 29-30), June 1-4 8am-4pm June 5, 8-Noon***

***June 8-11, Rehearsal 8am-4pm, June 12 8-Noon June 15-17, 20, Rehearsal 9am-Noon***

***June 18 Gopher Count Parade Load 9am (DRESSED before we go)***

***June 20 Owatonna Parade: Load at 8:00am (Bag lunch) Dew Days Parade June 22nd***

***June 27 RochesterFest Parade Load at Noon***

***Potential Band Trip June 23-27 or June 29- July 5 Practice (and Eyota Days Parade) July 18, 9am***

**CLICK HERE FOR Parent Signature link →→: <https://forms.gle/7xrZrmYyUab5anrT6>**