

6th Grade Band:

Expectations and Grading

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In band class students will:

- A. Learn the fundamental techniques of playing their instruments.
- B. Learn to read and notate music.
- C. Learn proper care and maintenance of their instrument.
- D. Learn to play with a good sound in a group setting.
- E. Perform alone and in groups.

Required materials for band class:

- 1. Instrument in good working condition
- 2. Band method book (Measures of Success Book 1)
- 3. Music folder with sheet music
- 4. Pencil
- 5. Folding music stand for home practice and All-Town Band Festival
- 6. Cleaning kit

Most importantly, come to class prepared to work hard and be a team player. A band is a team and we need to work together to be successful.

Student Responsibilities / Classroom Policies:

Late to class- students arriving late to class will be given detention per NAMS policy.

Arriving to class- Upon arriving to class, students should unpack their instrument, sit down, and begin to warm up. They should make sure they have all their materials, chair, and stand.

Talking/Distractions- It is very important students understand when talking to others is not acceptable. When we are teaching a lesson or conducting a rehearsal there can be no talking amongst students. Questions should be directed to the teacher. If we are working in small groups students may talk and help each other.

Homework/Books- Students may not bring work from other classes or reading books to band unless given permission from their teacher.

Respect- Students are to be respectful of other students and myself. Verbal or physical harm will not be tolerated.

Instrument care- students need to treat their equipment and school equipment with care. Brass players should clean their instruments every 3-6 months.

Classroom rules-

- 1. Students are not to touch curtains in the auditorium for any reason. Students found doing this will be given detention.**
- 2. No running in the auditorium.**
- 3. Do not enter or exit the auditorium through the stage doors. Please enter and exit as directed by your teacher.**
- 4. No food or drink in the auditorium.**
- 5. No gum chewing is allowed in NAMS.**
- 6. No cell phones or chrome books are allowed on stage without permission from Mr. Nelson**

Practice- Out of class homework is rarely given and it is expected that students use time at home to practice their instrument. Without practice at home students will not meet their potential and not achieve success on playing tests. Students should be practicing 15 mins daily.

Private Lessons/Extra Help- It is highly suggested students seek out private lessons on their instrument. Students should never hesitate to ask Mr. Nelson or Mr. Ignos for after school help. We are always willing to work with students after school. If your student seems frustrated or falling behind, encourage them to make an after school important. Music study is very cumulative so keeping up with class is important.

Grading

At the end of each trimester students will be given a letter grade according to the following criteria.

50%- Playing tests and class work

50%- Concerts/Prepared/Participating in for class with instrument, music, and pencil.

Each trimester there are 30 days of band and students will receive a daily grade based on the following rubric:

10 points- Student comes prepared with instrument, pencil, all music/book, and participates fully in class activities. Points will be deducted in the following manner if a student is not prepared or participating.

-5 points if a student does not have their instrument in class.

-1 point if a student is missing their pencil or music (1 point each)

-1 point for each instance of non-participation.

Concert Dates and Important Events.

Performance is an integral part of the band experience and participation is required of all students. Concerts are 100 point assignments.

**Tuesday, January 27th 7pm- Winter Concert in the NAMS Auditorium
(snow date Feb 3rd)**

Tuesday, April 7th 7pm- All-Town Band Festival in the NAHS Gym

Wednesday, May 20th 7pm- Spring Concert in the NAMS Auditorium

Jazz Band

6th Grade band students with at least one year of experience on their instrument are eligible to audition for the Jazz Band. The group meets once a week after school. Auditions will be held in September. Dates will be announced soon. Please see Mr. Nelson for audition requirements.

6th Grade Band Grading and Expectations Signature Page

Please have your parents sign this page and give it to Mr. Nelson or Mr. Ignos by Friday, September 12th.. Students should keep the other pages in their folder for reference.
I have read and understand the 6th grade band expectations and grading.

X_____ date: _____
Parent signature

X_____
Student signature