



BEEBE
BADGER BANDS

Pride, Perseverance, Excellence

7th GRADE HANDBOOK 2025-2026

STATEMENT OF POLICIES & REGULATIONS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Beebe Bands offers 2 sections of beginning band. The classes are split according to which instrument the student will be playing (Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion). In these classes, students will learn the fundamental skills and techniques of playing an instrument, as well as basic musicianship, rehearsal etiquette, and performance procedures. The beginning band will participate in a full band evaluation concert at the end of the fall and spring semesters.

MATERIALS

In addition to their band instrument, beginning band students will be required to have the following items:

- Same book as last year (Blue Sound Innovations)
- Pencil for use in class everyday
- 1 inch, 3 ring binder (any color)
- 5 tab dividers for the binder

REMIND 101

Remind is how we communicate with students and parents quickly in case of sudden changes in schedule or important information/reminders.

You can either:

Download the App:

- Class Code for 7th Grade
 - @7bbbband
- You will be approved as soon as possible

Text:

- Create a new text message to the number 81010
- In the text field, type "@7bbbband"
- You will be approved as soon as possible

GRADING POLICY

I. Daily Grades

Rehearsal Procedures Grade: This grade is earned weekly for class participation and having all needed materials in class, including music, pencil, book, instrument, reeds,

valve oil, etc. Students will usually have one rehearsal procedure grade per week. Students earn 20 points daily for their preparation and full and appropriate participation in each day's rehearsal, yielding a maximum of 100 points per week. This grade cannot be made up; however, the student may improve his/her grade by bringing all materials to class and participating fully for the remainder of the grading period. Absences from school will not count against a student's rehearsal procedures grade.

Written Assignments: Band students will occasionally have written work to reinforce content covered in class, or to allow for assessment of a student's understanding of objectives covered in class. Ample time will be allocated during the class period for students to complete these assignments. If a student is unable to complete their assignment in the time given, they will be allowed a small portion of time during the next class period in order to finish.

Make-up Assignment Policy: If a student is absent from school when an assignment is given, that student is allowed to make up the work. The student will be given one day per day absent to complete missing assignments.

Late Work Policy: When a student does not turn in assigned work by the set due date, ten points will be deducted per day that an assignment is late. In addition, students who fail to complete and turn-in their assignment after the 3rd day will be assigned a grade of zero.

II. Assessments

Playing Grades: Playing grades will be performed individually in the class setting, and directors will provide feedback to each student. Students will be graded by a set performance rubric. If a student earns a grade lower than 70, the student will need to schedule a time to retake the assessment with their band teacher to demonstrate mastery. Students may retake a playing assessment any time during the nine weeks it was assigned. A student may also try to improve a playing grade at any time during the nine weeks by scheduling a time with their band director. Students may retake a playing grade as many times as they wish prior to the end of the grading period to work toward a desired grade (one attempt daily).

Performances: Performance grades consist of grades taken for participation in informal and formal concerts, including small solo performances. To earn full credit for a formal concert, the student must be on time and in the required uniform with all necessary equipment and music. Performance grades cannot be made up (see below). The beginning band student will only have 2-3 concerts per year. Because Beginning Band is a performance-based course, attendance and performance at these concerts is required and will be graded. Proper concert attire, promptness, and participation is required at each performance.

Our staff does understand that sometimes emergencies arise. The only excuse to miss a performance is a family emergency, religious obligation/conflict, or serious illness. Should an extenuating circumstance arise, please contact a band director as soon as possible. Upon return to school, students will need to provide written documentation to support the absence (i.e. doctor's note, etc.), and we will work with the student to find an acceptable solution.

Performances and Attendance

Beginning Band students will perform 2 concerts. Attendance at concerts is required. Performance grades will be earned on the following basis:

- On time with the proper uniform: 100
- Unexcused Tardy: 80
- Unexcused absence: 0
- Incorrect uniform: -20 per item (See Uniform Policy below)

UNIFORM POLICY

The band will participate in 2-3 public performances throughout the school year. We want all of our students to look as well as sound their best when in performance. All district dress code rules will apply. The following dress code will be for 6th and 7th grade band concerts ONLY:

- Dress nice. If you can't wear it on Easter Sunday, do not wear it to the concert.
 - No crocs, slides or flip flops. Some Hey Dude's are okay, others are not. Asking permission before forgiveness will help you A LOT in band.
 - You can wear jeans, just no holes or tears in the fabric.

Expectations for Band Participation

Please take a few minutes to read over the following guidelines with your child so that everyone involved with our band program will understand what is expected of each member. These guidelines have been established so that our band program can continue to attain high standards of excellence. Each guideline is designed to create a positive learning environment and to build a sense of pride and unity within the organization.

NO TALKING IN BAND REHEARSAL

It becomes impossible to create a learning atmosphere in a class of up to 70 students when individuals are talking out of turn. Students are expected to raise their hand and wait to be recognized.

BE ON TIME FOR CLASS AND REHEARSAL

Each member in the band depends on other members being present so that proper rehearsal can occur. Therefore, each student is expected to be in his/her seat with all equipment and materials by the start of rehearsal (2 minutes after the bus drops everyone off).

BE PREPARED FOR REHEARSAL

Students should bring all materials that might be necessary in class such as instruments, music, pencil, and accessories daily. Being prepared also means students have practiced individual notes and rhythms at home so that rehearsal time may be spent on improving the group. Please use the restroom before coming to class to keep class interruptions to a minimum.

WATER ONLY INSIDE THE BAND HALL

Gum, food, candy, and drinks tend to disrupt proper breathing techniques and can damage instruments and equipment in the band room. Water bottles and other belongings must be kept in their designated area during class. This helps us to keep our facility clean, hygienic, and free of harmful pests.

BE RESPONSIBLE

The equipment in the band hall is very expensive and easily damaged. Students are expected to treat the facility and equipment with care, respect, and pride. We also ask that students avoid handling any instrument or equipment that is not their personal property or is not issued to them. Students will be trained on proper use and care of equipment as appropriate.

Respect is a Two-Way Street

We will respect you if you respect us. Respect our classroom, us, and each other and everything will work in your favor!

SCHOOL AND PERSONAL INSTRUMENT CARE

Students who have the privilege of using a school instrument are responsible for the general maintenance of their individual instrument. If the instrument is damaged while

in your care, it is the financial responsibility of the family to have the instrument repaired, within two weeks, by a qualified MUSICAL INSTRUMENT REPAIR PERSON. The main place that we take our repairs to is Independent Music Service in Sherwood or AMRO Music Company in Russellville. With AMRO, if you contact them, our service representative will come down and pick up/drop off the equipment.

NEVER ATTEMPT (OR PARENT ATTEMPT) TO REPAIR AN INSTRUMENT YOURSELF!

When a school instrument is found with damages, the parents will be notified and will be responsible for the repair. The incident will be documented on the school inventory spreadsheet. The student/guardian is financially responsible for negligence of school owned equipment.

Technology

Band is a class that needs undivided attention at all times. Students should not have ANY electronic device. Our rules will follow the Junior High handbook as well as state legislation. There will not be a warning. Electronic devices will be sent straight to the office.

DISCIPLINE

Band is a participation and performance based class. This means that not having the necessary supplies (instrument, band book, pencil) will result in lower grades in participation and classwork. The same is said with outbursts or distractions.

1st offense: Loss of participation grade with work to be completed while in band class. (Work will be graded as a homework grade.)

2nd offense: Loss of participation grade with work to be completed while in band class and phone call to parent.

3rd offense: Loss of participation grade with work to be completed while in band class, a write up, and a parent and administration meeting concerning the future of your student in band.

If something happens that needs immediate attention, your student will be sent to the Junior High administration for further action.

THESE CONSEQUENCES RESET AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SEMESTER

CONCLUSION

The Beebe Band Program aspires to exhibit excellence in music performance that is expected by the staff, parents, community, and band directors. Students will be made aware of expectations and high standards placed on them as Badger Band members. They will be motivated to set attainable goals as musicians and will be encouraged to continually evaluate their progress. Badger Band Members will enjoy performing challenging yet exciting music throughout the school year.

We hope this document helps inform you about the policies and procedures of the Beebe Band Program. These policies are designed to maintain the integrity, excellence, and high standards that have been established for decades with our band program. Our goal is to provide our students with the best experience possible as they share their love and appreciation of music, improve their musical aptitude on their instrument individually and collectively, as well as developing the life skills of respect, hard work, dedication, teamwork, self-discipline, pride, and a sense of belonging to one of the premier organizations in our school.

Contact Information

Mr. Samuel Allen- Junior High Director

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**** Keep in mind that Mr and Mrs. Allen teach classes from 1-8th period. If we do not answer, we will get back with you as soon as possible.**

Schedule

October

17: BAND DAY

December

11: Christmas Concert (HS and 8th)

12: Christmas Concert (6th and 7th)

May

4: Spring Concert (HS and 8th)

5: Spring Concert (6th and 7th)

BADGER BAND HANDBOOK AGREEMENT

Student's Name (please print): _____

We, the parents/guardians of a band student, have read this statement of policy of the Beebe Bands. We will comply with all regulations and policies as stated and will encourage our child to do the same. Please initial each statement below & sign the form.

_____ We give permission for our child to be in band photographs and videos for concert programs, newspaper articles, etc. during the 2025-2026 school year.

_____ Should my child check out a school owned instrument, we agree to pay for repair costs associated with the instrument not associated with normal wear and tear.

(Parents/Guardians signature)

I, a student in the Beebe Bands, have read this statement of policies of the band program. I do support the policies and will do everything within my power to follow these guidelines.

(Band student's signature)

Please detach, sign, and return this paper no later than August 22, 2025