



LEHIGHTON AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS

7th & 8th Grade Band

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Course Description

Instrumental band will give students the opportunity to learn the fundamentals, terminology, and technique of music through lessons and performance in ensembles.

Objectives and Goals

The students will be able to learn and perform on their instrument as part of an ensemble and lessons during the school year. Instrumental technique, note and rhythm reading, musical terminology, stylistic markings and overall performance etiquette and ability will be the focus of this course.

Determination of Grades

Grades will be determined by the following:

- Performance ability based on level of student.
- Growth throughout the semester.
- Performance ability on concert music.
- Recognition and knowledge of musical terms.
- Written quizzes on musical terms.

A weekly performance grade will be earned by each student encompassing the above factors.

Every student is required to submit a weekly practice record. 60 minutes a week of individual practice is expected. A grade will be given for each practice record based on the following rubric:

60 or more minutes = 100

50 - 59 minutes = 90

40 -49 minutes = 80

30 - 39 minutes = 70

20 -29 minutes = 60

1 - 19 minutes = 50

0 minutes or not turned in = 0

Every two weeks we will have a written test on musical terms, stylistic markings, and performance terminology. Every four weeks we will have a test on scales and rhythm.

All Performances are mandatory and are considered exam grades as they are a culmination of the preparation and rehearsal during the semester. All missed performances will receive a 0 with the **ONLY** exceptions being for:

- Illness with Doctor's note
- Sudden unavoidable family emergency with parent note
- Funerals of family members. (Must be approved 2 days prior to the performance)

-Students must have their instruments, music and lesson books everyday unless otherwise stated by Mr. Buffington

Classroom Rules and Discipline

- * Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- * Be in your seat with your instrument and music on time
- * Do not touch or play other instruments beside your own.
- * Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated

Dates to be remembered:

Winter Concert:

Thursday December 16, 2021 – 7:00pm

- Arrive @ 6:30
- Proper concert attire (Dress pants, dress shirt, tie, sweater, dresses, skirts. No jeans or sneaker)

Spring Concert:

Wednesday May 18, 2022 – 7:00pm

- Arrive @6:30
- Proper concert attire (Dress pants, dress shirt, tie, sweater, dresses, skirts. No jeans or sneaker)

-Other performances may occur throughout the year. Advanced notice will be given if these opportunities occur.

We, student and parent/guardian, have read and understand the course syllabus. We are aware of the classroom guidelines and requirements of the course. We understand that this is a co-curricular course and graded activities will occur both during and outside of school hours.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

