

Leighton Area Middle School

6th Grade Band

Ms. Kutzner



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Course Description:

6th grade band is an optional course that is a basic continuation of instrumental skills learned in earlier years. Participation in band will take the place of general music class. Rehearsal will take place during the school day. Rehearsals will be structured to cover instrumental technique, including but not limited to: reading music, pitch, melody, rhythm, meter, style, sight reading, music history, dynamics, tone production, posture, team work, and performance etiquette.

Course Goals and Objectives:

Students will improve their instrumental technique, music reading abilities, and musical knowledge in preparation for two or more performances during the school year.

Expectations and Class Rules:

All school rules apply to rehearsals. Absolutely no gum or candy will be allowed in rehearsal.

Social Distancing and Rehearsal:

Band class will be held in the auditorium, or outside pending weather. Each student (with the exception of percussion) will receive a specially designed face mask and bell cover. These items **MUST BE USED** during band class. The care of these items will be the responsibility of the student. Masks and bell covers **MUST** go home to be washed every Friday. If students would like to take them to be washed more often, that is their choice. However, students who do not have their face mask and bell cover **MAY NOT** participate in band class. Percussionists **MAY NOT** share sticks or mallets. Percussionists who do not bring their own stick will not be able to participate in band class for that day. Mallets will be assigned to students as needed for the pieces we will be performing. Students will be expected to be on their best behavior when moving in and out of the building. **Everyone must cooperate for this to work!**

Reeds/Valve Oil/Lesson Books

Students must provide their own reeds, valve oil, and lesson books.

Grading:

Students will receive a numeric grade throughout the school year. Attendance, quizzes, practice records, classroom participation, will determine a grade. Since band is a performance class there will be some recorded assignments and practice will be necessary to improve.

Music

Each student will receive a folder. The music in the folder will be numbered for record keeping purposes. The music inside of the folder is the students' responsibility. Any lost or damaged music must be paid for by the student it was assigned to. Music costs \$3.00 per piece.

Students must bring their folder to every rehearsal. Students will not be allowed to return to their lockers to get their folders before rehearsal.

Field Trips

The 6th grade band may take a trip near the end of, or during the school year.

Anyone who, receives an in- or out-of-school suspension, or receives a failing grade on the quarterly report card, may be disqualified from any field trips or bonus activities; decision to participate will be made by the director and school administration.

Please sign below:

Return by Friday March 26, 2021

____ Yes, I will be participating in band during the 2021-2022 school year.

____ No, I will not be participating in band the 2021-2022 school year.

(Parent Signature)

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(Student Signature)

Grade _____

Instrument _____