

Burrillville Middle School Band Syllabus

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Teacher: Garrett Campbell

Course Title: Beginning Band

Date: 2016-2017 School Year

Grade: 6th Grade

Required Texts: (Can be purchased from Rick's Musical Instruments)
Essential Elements Book I

Course Description: The Beginning Band at Burrillville Middle School is a course intended for students who have never played a band instrument before. Throughout the year we will cover basic technique, note reading and performance etiquette. The class utilizes the Common Core Performance Standards for Band in order to teach and improve student understanding and performance in Music.

Course Outline/Objectives: Each week throughout the year, the class will cover the following objectives: posture, playing position, breathing, tone quality, intonation, articulation, style, fingerings, syncopation, rhythm, rhythmic precision, dynamics, balance & blend, and phrasing. In addition, students will have weekly vocabulary and music theory lessons.

Grades:

75% Full Participation (One Participation grade will be given per week, based on the standard of 20 points per day to be earned) This includes all performances which are mandatory.

15% Playing/Written Exams- Playing and written assessments will be administered in class. All playing tests will consist of familiar content we have worked on throughout the year. Students that do not meet minimum proficiency will be given a grade of a 50 and have until the end of the grading period to make it up for full credit. (Tests can be made up any day after school)

10% Practice Logs- Practice logs will be due every MONDAY. A minimum of 60 minutes must be practiced a week for full credit. Parents will need to sign each log for verification.

After School Help: I will be available after school every day for extra help. Please attend if you are feeling overwhelmed or have questions!

Teacher/Parent Communication: Parents are encouraged to contact me if they have any questions or concerns. Email is the most convenient way to get in touch. (See top of document for email address)

BMS Band Procedures and Expectations

Procedures:

1. Come prepared to class. Instrument, book/music, pencil, oil, reeds and a positive attitude!
2. Instruments can be placed in the instrument room or in your locker.
3. Be in your seat with your instrument assembled ready to play at the beginning of class.
4. Participate! Class participation is 60% of your grade.
5. Take your instrument home to practice.

Expectations:

1. FOCUS: It is vital that everyone hears and responds properly to instruction. This helps to ensure a successful rehearsal.
2. PREPARATION: Having your instrument set up and your music supplies at the ready is the only way we can make music together!
3. RESPECT: Please have respect for the band room and to each other. Instruments are expensive and we definitely don't want them to be damaged. Please don't touch anything that isn't yours!
4. ENTHUSIASM: Making music is fun. Ask questions and practice hard. The better you play the more fun band will be!

*We are going to have a great year in the Burrillville Middle School Band!
We are a family, and we rely on everyone to make us great; make sure
you are giving your all for the Band!*



Student/Parent Signature Sheet

Student Name: _____

Please check the box indicating you have read and understand it

- I have read and understand the course description, grading requirements, procedures and expectations.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____