

West Point Middle School Band Beginning Classes

The mission of our band classes is to provide a positive musical experience in which students will be interacting with music as performers, listeners, creators, and evaluators. Throughout the year, students will participate in public performances, become skilled listeners, learn applied music theory, begin composition lessons, and connect music with other disciplines.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- BE READY WHEN CLASS BEGINS
- HAVE ALL CLASS MATERIALS
- RESPECT OTHERS AND THEIR BELONGINGS
- LISTEN TO INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY TEACHER AND OTHER ADULTS

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- **1ST OFFENSE:** WARNING BY TEACHER
- **2ND OFFENSE:** TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCE
- **3RD OFFENSE:** TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCE AND PARENT CONTACT
- **4TH OFFENSE:** TEACHER/PARENT/STUDENT CONFERENCE AND PRINCIPAL CONTACT
- **5TH OFFENSE:** CONFERENCE INCLUDING TEACHER, STUDENT, PARENT, AND PRINCIPAL

Grading Procedure

3 P's: Pride, Practice and Persistence

Effort – 20%: It is expected that you will come to class and try your best on a daily basis. Pay attention, work hard and contribute to the class.

Responsibility – 20%: You are required to bring the following to every rehearsal: instrument, music, pencil, book, and accessories (reeds, oil, etc.). There will be responsibility checks at times during band. If you forget your materials, you will lose one point from your responsibility grade.

Practice - 20%: Take some **pride** in your playing...PRACTICE! You will be given weekly assignments. If you are absent, it is up to you to get the assignment from a classmate or director and learn it. Do not forget to record this into your practice record.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarters 3 & 4
No Required Practicing	A+ = 1:30+ A = 1:00 B = 0:45-0:59 C = 0:30-0:44 D = 0:15-0:29	A+ = 1:45+ A = 1:30 B = 1:10-1:29 C = 0:50-1:09 D = 0:30-0:49

Quizzes/Projects – 20%: At least one quiz per quarter will be given to demonstrate what you have learned in lessons and rehearsal. The quiz may be replaced with a project which will demonstrate what you have learned beyond your playing.

Class Assignments – 10%: You will be working on a variety of class assignments throughout the year. This will be counted into your final grade.

Concert Attendance – 10%: You are required to be at all concerts in which you are performing throughout the year. If you have an unavoidable conflict, you must notify your teacher as early as possible. An unexcused absence will result in a severe percentage drop from your quarterly grade. Dates and additional information about concerts will be provided later in the year.