

BALDWIN STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH GRADE BAND GUIDELINES

GENERAL REHEARSAL AND CLASS REQUIREMENTS

1. No gum chewing, even behind the mask. This is to ensure safety of ALL instruments in the room.
2. No playing on any instrument until directed. Please respect the time of your peers!
3. No unnecessary talking.
4. Both feet and four chair legs on the floor at all times. Please respect our materials!
5. Music/Materials to be covered will be posted, get it ready before class begins!
- 6. No one is permitted to leave their seat without permission after class begins.**
7. Instruments must be kept on the storage room shelves when not in use, NOT THE FLOOR
8. Keep the room neat and clean, FOOD AND DRINK are NOT allowed (Closed-cap water bottles are accepted)
9. Be sure you are prepared for class, including making sure your instrument is in good playing condition before class begins, and that you have the necessary supplies to participate every day
10. ALWAYS have a pencil for class

GRADING SYSTEM

The grade earned in band will be determined by the director's fair appraisal of the student's performance and progress in class. The following may be included:

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| Playing tests | Written Assignments | Effort | Class performance |
| Practice Sheets (online) | Written tests | Leadership | Online Assignments |

Grades will be available online via PowerSchool so that students will be aware of their progress throughout the marking period.

Practice Logs will be available via Google Classroom and will be due the first day of the school week for the previous week (Monday-Sunday). Practice logs more than one week late will not be accepted, and 10 points per day will be deducted for each day missing. The total number of minutes practiced equals an identical percentage of the grade; ie: 100 minutes of practice = 100%, 90 minutes=90%, 80 minutes=80%, 70 minutes=70%, 60 minutes=60%, etc. to 0 minutes or not turned in=0%. Students are allowed to practice an additional 20 minutes per week for extra credit. **PRACTICE LOGS/JOURNALS WILL BEGIN THE THIRD OR FOURTH WEEK OF SCHOOL.**

A final marking period grade will be determined according to the following scale:
Written/Online Assessments = 40% Performance Assessments (Instrument Playing) = 40%
Online Assignments = 10% Practice Logs/Journals = 10%

(Additional Information on the reverse of this sheet)

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(Please remove at the dotted line and return, completed, to school)

I have read and understand the Baldwin Street Middle School Sixth Grade Band Guidelines. I understand and agree that, if we enter Phase 6 of the Mi Safe Start Plan, I will be expected to perform at the listed performances as well as any others scheduled with ample advanced notice.

Student _____ Parent _____
Date _____

A NOTE CONCERNING PERFORMANCES

Our Instrumental Band courses at Hudsonville Public Schools are performance-based classes. This means, in general, students will be performing in public as part of completion of the course. As part of the Mi Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap, all indoor performances are suspended in Phases 1-5 of the Mi Safe Start Plan.

*In the event we do enter Phase 6 of the Mi Safe Start Plan, **we will actively pursue public performances for this course.** The following information will be helpful:*

ATTENDANCE AT ALL PERFORMANCES AND EXTRA REHEARSALS IS MANDATORY!

If a performance absence is known before the rehearsal/performance a parent must contact either director by phone or in person at least one week in advance (if applicable). **NOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!** Students are required to attend the entire concert, **this includes any other groups that are performing at the concert.** If a student exits early, points will be deducted from their grade.

Any absence may be made up by the student performing their performance music in class or during FLEX at a time set by the director. Failure to do so will result in a 0% as the student's performance grade. A final performance grade will be determined by the instructor giving a fair appraisal of the student's individual performance, holding the same rubric as an in-class performance assessment.

UNIFORMS

The Sixth Grade Band Performance Uniform will consist of the following (unless deemed different via the director):

- 1: White long sleeved shirt
- 2: Black dress shoes and black socks
- 3: Black pants or skirt

Students are responsible for providing all items prior to the first concert. *You do not need to purchase these until firm concert dates are established!*

If questions or concerns arise with regard to anything concerning your child please feel free to contact a director.

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6TH GRADE BAND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE: PHASE 6 ONLY

- March 2021 - 6th Grade Band First Performance (Actual Date TBD)
- May 5, 2021 - Baldwin Street Middle School Spring Concerts = 6th Grade/Jazz Band @ 6:30 P.M.; 7th and 8th Concert Bands @ 8:00 P.M.

This Calendar Is Subject To Change With Advance Notice

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