

BALDWIN STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL

7TH GRADE BAND GUIDELINES

GENERAL REHEARSAL REQUIREMENTS

1. No gum chewing
2. No playing on any instrument until directed
3. No unnecessary talking
4. Both feet and four chair legs on the floor at all times
5. Music to be rehearsed will be written on the board, 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
9. If for some reason you can not play your instrument on any given day (braces tightened, etc.) you must bring a note from your parents or it will be unexcused
10. Be sure your instrument is in good playing condition before class begins, and that you have the necessary supplies (reeds, valve oil, etc.) to participate every day
11. ALWAYS have a pencil for class

AUDITIONS

1. Auditions for chair placement will be held in September
2. Students will perform a prepared etude, sight reading, and scales all or in part; the etude will be available well in advance of the audition
3. All auditions will be recorded in private
4. Performances will be judged on: Tone, Technique, Intonation, Rhythm, Articulation, Accuracy, Fluency, Musical Style, etc.

CHALLENGES

1. The challenge sheet must be filled out three school days in advance of the challenge
2. Students may challenge only three times during a marking period
3. Challenging more than one chair at a time is not permitted
4. All challenges will be recorded in private
5. No challenges will be permitted during the two week period before any performance
6. Material to be used must come from current music in the folder or book, one selection by the challenger, one by the challenged, and one by the director
7. Decisions as to the outcome will be made by the director on a point basis and are final
8. In the event of a tie students will remain where previously seated

UNIFORMS

The Seventh Grade Band Uniform will consist of the following:

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

Students are responsible for providing all items

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I have read and understand the Baldwin Street Middle School 7th Grade Band Guidelines.

Student _____ Parent _____
Date _____

(Please turn over for additional information)

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:

Playing tests	Behavior	Attendance	Challenges	Class performance
Practice Sheets	Written tests	Leadership	Effort	Concert performance

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

Practice sheets are due electronically on CHARMS the LAST day (Sunday) of the school week for the current week (Monday-Sunday). Late practice sheets will not be accepted. Practice sheet percentages are based on 60 point scale where 60 minutes=100% to 0 minutes= 0%. Students are allowed to practice an additional 10 minutes per week for extra credit. **All students have been given an account on CHARMS, our band program's organizational software. If you or your child does not remember their login credentials, please contact the director ASAP.**

Additionally, the director will be available before school, after school and during the class period to give assistance with CHARMS.

A final marking period grade will be determined according to the following scale:
Performances = 40% Tests = 40% Rehearsal Skills = 10% Practice Sheets = 10%

ATTENDANCE AT ALL PERFORMANCES AND EXTRA REHEARSALS IS MANDATORY!

If the 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.**

Any absence may be made up by the student performing their performance music in class no later than one week following the absence. Failure to do so will result in an 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.

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

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7TH GRADE BANDS REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

November 11 - MS Fall Solo & Ensemble (Optional)
December 6 - Middle School Christmas Concert = 6:45 P.M.
February 8 - Middle School Pre-Festival Concert= times T.B.A.
February 20-22 - MSBOA Middle School Band Festival
or February 27-March 21
April 22 - MS Spring Solo & Ensemble Festival (Optional)
May 1 - Baldwin St. Middle School Spring Concert = 7:00 P.M.

This Calendar Is Subject To Change With Advance Notice
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