

7th Grade Band Guidelines

2017-18 Riley Street Middle School

Two things make band fun:

1. You improving on your instrument skills.
2. All Band students working together toward the goal of playing our best.

We all must be supportive of each other. We, (including Mr. Sheckler and Mr. Buikema), will make mistakes on our instruments. And that is great because there is no learning without mistakes! We expect all students to give sincere encouragement and support to each other whenever appropriate. It is never OK to laugh or make fun of a student when they make a mistake.

Classroom expectations:

1. Be Respectful and Supportive with your words and actions.
2. Give a Good Effort, especially on those days when it is tough to do.
3. Come to Class Prepared to Learn.
4. Be a Leader by Example.

#1 Goal every day in Band Class will be to DEMONSTRATE EXCELLENT LISTENING SKILLS.

This is definitely the most important skill of any musician and you have to practice it regularly.

1. One person talks the rest of us Listening
2. Sit or Stand Quietly.
3. Look at the Person Talking.
4. Raise Your Hand if You have a Comment or Question.

Consequences for behavior that affect the students' ability to learn, or the teacher's ability to teach:

First reminder – Look or comment from teacher.

Second reminder – Discussion with teacher at the end of class and possible seat move, parent contact.

Third Reminder – Move student to another part of the classroom and given worksheets for the remainder of class. Student will be assigned time before or after school to make up the learning they missed. Parent Contact.

Fourth Reminder – Sent to office, parent meeting scheduled.

Please Note: Severe Disrespectful or Harmful Behavior will result in immediately being sent to the Office.

Repeated reminders on a daily basis will result in parent contact.

We, students and teachers, must be able to trust all students to make good choices. That is what allows us to go to Band Festival and out of State to Cedar Point. If you see something or know something let us know.

Absolutely no gum, candy, drink or food in any of the band room areas. You must rinse your mouth out with water before playing. You may bring a water bottle to class as long as it is not a distraction.

Only Band Students are allowed in the Band Room areas. No non-music friends, choir students, etc.

Instrument Storage Lockers – Lockers will be assigned. You may sign out a lock (\$5 if the lock is lost)

Only your musical instrument and music may be kept in your storage locker, absolutely no food or drink.

Percussion Storage Room – Only designated percussionists are allowed in the percussion storage room.

This room should be kept clean and organized. Students will do a visual inventory before they are dismissed from class.

There should never be trash on the floor of any Band Room areas. If you see it, pick it up. Students who do not follow the band guidelines may be assigned cleaning duties such as music stands, instrument lockers, chairs, etc.

Class Rehearsal Procedures:

You must be seated with your instrument, music, pencil, ready to start, by three minutes after the bell. Otherwise you will be marked tardy. You will have 5 minutes at the end of class to properly clean your instrument, put it away, and prepare to be dismissed. Do not play your instrument until we all start our warmup.

Be careful when getting your instrument from the instrument storage room. The instrument storage room will be open for you to drop off your instrument before school. Please put it in your assigned locker, not on the floor. During class the following cases can be stored by your seat: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, and trombone. All other cases should be kept in a designated area during rehearsal.

While you are seated you will see the daily goals and rehearsal schedule on the screen.
Take that time to get your music in order.

Students are responsible for having the following:

All students should have a working pencil (never write on music with ink pen).

Flute: cleaning cloth/rod; **Clarinet/Saxophone:** cleaning cloth, C1 swab, at least 3 good working reeds;

Trumpet/Baritone/Tuba: cleaning cloth, valve oil; **Trombone:** slide oil, cleaning cloth;

French Horn: mouthpiece, cleaning cloth. (Mr. Sheckler will assist with rotor oil and slides).

If you need to leave your seat, please raise your hand for permission (unless it is an emergency).

Any needs you may have, reeds, oil, music, repair, should be taken care of before school or before class starts.

If you cannot play your instrument (dental, etc) please let us know before class starts. You should bring a parent note and finger along in playing position.

You are responsible for keeping your instrument in good playing condition. Please bring any problems you are having to our attention. Stuck valves, slides, loose screws, are easy to fix but if left unattended can cause expensive damage to your instrument and prevent you from playing in class. Let us help you with this.

7th Grade Band Concert Uniform:

White Long Sleeve Shirt, Black dress pants/belt, Black dress shoes & black socks.

Riley Street Middle School Band Grading Policy:

Rehearsal Skills: 30%

Assessment includes: Demonstration of quality listening, preparation to play, and following musical direction.

Playing Skills: 10%

Assessment includes: performance formative and summative assessments.

Practice Skills: 20%

Assessment includes: Demonstration of practice skills outside the class rehearsal.

Practice logs are due on Monday of the following week with a grace day of Tuesday. They are available from the RMS Band website or in the bandroom.

Minutes 70 = 100%, 63 = 90%, 56 = 80%, 49 = 70%, 42 = 60%, and so on. Students can practice over 70 minutes for up to 20% extra credit weekly.

Concert Skills: 40%

Assessment includes: Demonstration of Concert performance skills: quality listening, on time preparation to play, proper uniform, and following musical direction.

2017-18 7TH GRADE BAND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

October 26-28	MSBOA All-State Band Auditions	(more information to be announced)
Wednesday, December 6th	Middle School Holiday Concert, Riley Street 8:00 P.M.	Hudsonville Auditorium
Friday & Saturday January 12th & 13th	Middle School Band Weekend at the HS	(more information to be announced)
Thursday, February 8th	PreFestival Concert 7:00 P.M.	Hudsonville Auditorium
(2/20-2/22, 2/27-3/01)	MSBOA Band Festival	(more information to be announced)
Saturday, April 21st	MSBOA Middle School S&E Festival	Northpointe Christian
Thursday, May 3rd	RMS Spring Band Concert 7:30 P.M.	Hudsonville Auditorium

This Calendar Is Subject To Change With Advance Notice

Attendance for the entire Riley Street Middle School Concerts is mandatory for all band students.

If the absence is known before the rehearsal/performance a parent must contact Mr. Sheckler by phone or in person. Notes will not be accepted.

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 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.

Thank you for supporting your child in the Riley Street Middle School Band. Please let me know if you have any questions.

James Sheckler

Riley Street Middle School Band

896-1920 ext. 18123

JSHECKLE@HPSEAGLES.NET

cut here, keep the guidelines for your reference and submit the slip below to Mr. Sheckler

Please sign the slip below and return to Mr. Sheckler by Friday, September 8th

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

Student _____ Parent _____

Date _____