

6th Grade Band Syllabus

General Course Information:

Instructors: Mr. Downer: downerdo@tcaps.net

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Prerequisite: None

Textbook:

- Text Book: Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician (Marshall Music)
- Sheet music
- Handouts
- Rhythm charts

Daily Expectations:

- Student has instrument/sticks/mallets/etc
- Student has rhythm charts, music, handouts, etc
- Student has sharpened pencil & pencil pouch on their stand
- Student has 3 ring binder with at least 10 plastic sheet protectors
- Student has extra reeds and basic accessories as needed
- Instrument is in good working condition
- Student's behavior is conducive to learning

Assessments:

- Concerts (see band calendar/website)
- Homework (Home practice/Video Assignment)
- Preparation check (Instrument, Binder, Book, and Pencil)
- Playing Tests
- Written Exams
- Pop Quizzes
- Worksheets
- Scale Pass-off: 4 Major Scales (Bb, Eb, F, C) and "F" Chromatic scale

Participation = 20%

Practice Assignments, Homework = 30%

Playing Tests, Performances = 50%

Participation - Each student will be graded daily for being prepared.

- **Instrument - (1 point)**
- **Binder/Book - (1 point)**
- **Pencil - (1 point)**
- **Total - 3 points/day**

Home Practice:

It is expected that students will practice 3 to 5 times weekly for 20 minutes or more each session.

Weekly Assignments:

Students will be given 1-2 short video assignments each week. Students can submit as many times as they would like during a marking period for a higher grade.

Course Description:

This course studies and seeks to master many aspects of music such as note identification, proper fingerings/stickings, rhythm identification, posture/hand position, knowledge of musical terms, articulations, phrasing, musical interpretation, and proper application of time and key signatures.

An emphasis is placed on each student being able to play 4 major scales and the concert "F" chromatic scale. In addition, percussionists are expected to read both bass and treble clefs, be able to perform the snare rudiments specified by the director, and exhibit proficiency on the timpani, mallet instruments, tambourine, triangle, etc.

Attendance at Concerts:

Because performing is a major function of a band, attendance at concerts is required. If a student must be absent from a concert, a minimum 2 week notification should be given to the band director. If an emergency occurs within the 2 weeks prior to a concert please notify the director as soon as possible. (231-933-8346) or downerdo@tcaps.net

We are looking forward to have you in band. Stay positive, work hard, and have fun. Let's have an awesome year!

Bonus Points:

10 bonus points are available for each musical event a student attends outside the WMS music department schedule of events. (Example: Special music program at church, concerts at Interlochen, etc.) Bring a copy of the program with a parent's signature and get 10 bonus points for that 9 week marking period.