

Navigator Bands

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5th and 6th Grade Band Syllabus

PURPOSE OF THE COURSE:

The purpose of this class is to provide students with the fundamental musical skills necessary to become a successful instrumental musician.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

The student is expected to have his/her instrument, music book (Essential Elements 2000, Book 1), and a pencil in class each day. In addition, sheet music will be supplied along with a music folder, which should also be brought to class every day.

GRADING PROCEDURES:

Students will earn their grades in the following ways:

1. Daily Participation (50%): Students are expected to participate in class each and every day. If a student brings his/her instrument and required materials to class each day, and remains engaged in class activities, he/she will earn full credit in this area.
2. Practice Slips (20%): Practice is essential to developing proper musical skills. Every Friday, students will turn in a practice slip that they have kept from the previous week. This card requires a parent/guardian's signature in order to be valid, and entered into the grade-book. Amount of validated practice time will dictate this grade in the following manner: 100+ minutes = 4, 80-99 minutes = 3, 60-79 minutes = 2, 40-59 minutes = 1, less than 40 minutes = no credit.
3. Playing Tests (20%): Periodically, students will be asked to play a selection for evaluation. Student will play in groups of three or four at a time, and we receive a grade based on the following scale: 0-1 mistakes = 4, 2-3 mistakes = 3, 4+

mistakes = 2. Any students that attempt playing a test will receive at least the grade of 2. Students who do not attempt to play will receive a 1.

4. Performances (10%): An essential part of being a musician is to perform for others. Several times a year, our students have scheduled concerts that are required events for all band students. While they take place in the evenings and on weekends, it is important to note that they are not "extracurricular", but instead, "co-curricular" activities. Any student that participates in a concert will receive full credit for that concert. Students will only be excused from a concert in cases of extreme family emergency, illness, or prior arrangement with the director. Students who do not participate in a concert and have not been excused from the concert will receive no credit for that concert.

CLASSROOM RULES:

1. There is to be no talking when a band director is talking.
2. Be on time for class with your instrument and materials. Students will receive detention after the 4th tardy.
3. There is to be no gum, food or drink in the band room. Bottled water with a lid is acceptable.
4. Raise your hand and wait to be recognized before speaking.
5. Treat each other with the respect and dignity that you would like to receive in return.
6. There is to be no playing of another person's instrument.
7. There is to be no unauthorized playing of band instruments.
8. There is to be no horseplay of any kind in the band room at any time.
9. All backpacks and school supplies must be placed in school lockers before band.
10. Only percussionists are allowed to play on percussion instruments, no exceptions.

UNIFORMS

All beginning band students are to wear all black from the waist down, and all white above the waist. Please be sure to include black socks and shoes. Please, no shorts, jeans, t-shirts, sweats or tennis shoes. Also, please make sure to avoid clothing with logos or writing. We are presenting a professional concert.

Navigator Band Performances, 2013-2014

5th Grade Band Performances:

Tuesday, December 10th, 2013

Winter Concert @ 7pm in the Jane Tasch Theater (report time is 6:30 pm)

Saturday, February 22nd, 2014

Spaghetti Dinner, Times TBA, in the P.C.H.S. Commons

Monday, May 20th, 2014

Spring Concert @ 7 pm in the Jane Tasch Auditorium (report time is 6:30 pm)

6th Grade Band Performances:

Wednesday, December 11th, 2013

Winter Concert @ 7pm in the Jane Tasch Theater (report time is 6:30 pm)

Saturday, February 22nd, 2014

Spaghetti Dinner, Times TBA, in the P.C.H.S. Commons

Tuesday, May 21st, 2014

Spring Concert @ 7 pm in the Jane Tasch Auditorium (report time is 6:30 pm)

“I have received, read and understand the requirements listed in the Navigator Fifth Grade Beginning Band Syllabus.”

(Please sign and return for a bonus star by Friday, September 13th.)

Student’s Signature: _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Parents’/Guardian’s Name (print, please): _____