

Williamsburg Junior High School Band

Syllabus 2011-2012

Mr. Landeros

Rehearsals

The Junior High band rehearses each school day during the first half of 4th period. To get the most out of rehearsals, students should:

Bring the proper materials (instrument, music and pencil)

Practice their parts

Remember that each member's contribution is very important to the success of the group.

Lessons

Each student will have a short lesson with Mr. Hoffmann or Mr. Landeros once a week during the school day. These lessons are essential to a student's musical growth and progress.

Grading

Junior High Band students will receive a pass or fail grade quarterly. This grade will be determined by achievement in four areas:

25% Lesson Progress - Students will receive a grade on progress in their method book at their weekly lesson.

Exceptional progress	10 points	Little or no progress	6 points
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Average (good) progress	8 points	Did not attend	0 points
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There are opportunities for students to make up missed lessons. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange a time with their instructor for a make-up lesson. Make up lessons must be done within two weeks of the missed lesson. No student may receive more than 2 lessons in a week.

25% Written Tests – Written tests will be on writing in counting for various rhythms that we will review in the weeks preceding the test.

25% Playing Tests – Playing tests will be taken during lessons. Students will be asked to memorize one scale a month.

25% Participation. - Students will earn points for participation in concerts and rehearsals by participating in a positive manner and bringing the proper materials (instrument, music and pencil).

Performances

Concerts are the culmination of months of work and a great motivational boost for the students. It is therefore required that students enrolled in band participate in the concerts. If a student has a previously scheduled engagement, please notify Mr. Landeros in writing by September 16. For the entire band to sound good, all of the players need to know what parts will be covered. A make-up assignment will be available for missed concerts.

Music

Each student is responsible for returning school music when it is collected. Students will be charged \$2 for each band arrangement and \$6.50 for each book that is not returned.

Honor Band

This is an optional event that students may be interested in participating.

SEIBA (Southeast Iowa Bandmasters Association) Auditions	Saturday, January 7	All day
SEIBA Honor Band Festival	Saturday, January 21	All day

Supplies

All band students need to bring a pencil to band every day. Flute – cleaning cloth; Oboe – Edmund Nielsen reeds and a swab, Clarinet – 3 Vandoren number 2 ½ or 3 reeds and a swab; Saxophones – 3 Vandoren 2 ½ reeds and cleaning supplies; Trumpet – Al Cass oil, metal straight mute, cleaning snake; Horn – rotary oil, cleaning snake; Trombone - Al Cass oil, cleaning snake; Euphonium – Al Cass oil, cleaning snake, Tuba – Blue Juice (oil), mouthpiece cleaning brush; Percussion – 1 pair of 2B sticks, 1 pair of Vic Firth Bolero sticks, 1 pair of medium yarn mallets (BB2) 1 pair of hard rubber mallets (BB7) and a stick bag. Eighth grade percussionist will also need to purchase a pair of Vic Firth T3 staccato timpani mallets.

Jazz Band

JH Jazz Band is open to any member of the Junior High band who is interested in developing their jazz skills. The focus will be on developing techniques necessary for the performance of the jazz idiom, including improvisation. Rehearsals will be held at 7:30 two mornings a week starting the first week in November.

Check PowerSchool and raidermusic.com for the most current information.

Contact Information

If you have questions or concerns during the year, please don't hesitate to contact me.
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