



Bradley Middle School Bands

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In an effort to save resources, this year's student information sheet and complete band handbook are online at www.bradleymsband.weebly.com
Please read through the complete handbook and completely fill out the student information sheet on the website.

Classroom Expectations

1. Student will enter and exit the band room in a quiet controlled manner.
2. While you are quickly assembling your instrument, and getting your supplies ready for class, please check the board and projector for any announcements for the day, any assignments that are due or about to be due, and an agenda for the day's lesson. This is not social time, this is time to prepare for class!!!
3. Students will be prepared for class EVERY DAY! Students without their instrument, accessories, and a pencil each day will have points deducted from their daily participation grade. Multiple infractions of this expectation will result in before school detention.
4. Please raise your hand and wait to be recognized BEFORE talking or moving.
5. Never touch or play another student's instrument, even if you have their permission.
6. No gum, food, candy or drinks will be allowed in the band room at any time.
7. All instruments must be clearly marked with the students name and must go home each afternoon. **No instrument will be allowed to stay in the band room overnight.** Instruments may ONLY be stored in the designated storage area during the school day. The school, CMS, and staff are NOT responsible for instruments left in the storeroom or anywhere else on campus at any time including school issued lockers.
8. Students are required to attend all scheduled concerts. These concerts will be announced in the newsletters, on the website, and through weekly email bulletins. All band classes at Bradley are *performance based classes*, therefore these concerts will represent a significant portion of the student's grade. Current Concert Dates- Winter Concert: Monday, Dec 3rd at 7:00 pm, Spring Concert: TBA.
9. Please be kind and respectful of you fellow classmates. Remember that in order for the band to be successful, we need for EVERYONE to be successful. Let's practice good teamwork.

Grading Policy

10%- Practice records/Theory Homework (informal assessment)

For students using Smart Music at home, practicing must be completed by 11:00 pm Sunday to count towards that weeks practice. For those not using Smart Music, practice records must be filled out each week in non-erasable ink pen, signed and dated by a parent or legal guardian and turned in to Mr. Owens. Any late practice cards will only be accepted during the same week that they are due. Minimum requirements are outlined on the weekly card. Assignments will be communicated weekly. Just as math and social studies homework is important to a student's success in those subjects, so is band homework important for success in band. The key to success on a musical instrument is repetition and consistency. Home practice is not an optional activity, but is a required and vital component of instrumental music study.

25%- Daily Classroom Participation (informal assessment)

Students must have all materials including instrument, and all accessories during class each day. Method books and sheet music will be provided during class time. Students must actively participate in every class and remain on task. A list of required materials and accessories for each instrument may be found in the handbook.

40%- Quizzes and Tests (formal assessment)

Students will be prepared for all written and playing test and quizzes. Most quizzes and tests will be announced ahead of time and be available on Smart Music for home recording. Smart Music quizzes or tests not completed at home before the day of in class testing will not be graded. Students will be required to test during class in those cases. Please pay attention to our testing schedule and be prepared.

25%- Performances (formal assessment)

All band classes at Bradley Middle School are performance based classes. Students are **REQUIRED** to attend all scheduled concerts. Grades for performances will be based on student preparation, adherence to proper concert attire (Bradley Band Polo Shirt and Khaki Pants), reporting at designated call time, and actual performance execution. In grading periods with no required performances, grading weight for this category will be added to quizzes and tests.

(Detach and return)

Student name: _____ Class (circle 1) 6A 6B 7A 7B 8A 8B

I _____ (parent/guardian printed name) have read and understand the procedures and grading policy outlined in the course syllabus. I understand that band is a performance based class and my son/daughter will be required to attend all scheduled concerts as a major portion of their grade.

_____ (Parent/Guardian Signature) _____ (Date)