

Elementary Band
Syllabus
2007-2008

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Welcome to Elementary Band at Ridgeview! This class is going to teach you the skills needed to perform music on brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments. You will learn to assemble, disassemble, and take good care of your own instrument.

Meeting Times:

Beginning Elementary – Days 2,4, and 6

Advanced Elementary – Days 1,3, and 5

Materials Needed

Standard of Excellence Book 1 (Red)

Pencil

Instrument

Grading Scale (All are worth 25% of your grade)

Daily participation (bringing your instrument and playing)	10 points
Weekly Playing Tests	10 points
Practice Cards (weekly)	20 points
Concerts	100 points

Playing Tests

There will be a weekly playing test to ensure proper practicing is taking place and to demonstrate improvement on your instrument.

Practice Cards

Every Monday there will be a practice card to be turned in at the beginning of class. You are expected to practice for two hours a week (which equals out to about 17 minutes a day). The most improvement will always be done in individual practice sessions. You will lose 2 points for every 15 minutes that are not practiced.

Concert Attendance

Attendance at every concert is required and a part of your grade in band. When playing music, the concert is your big test and your practicing is your studying. If there is an issue that comes up, please notify me as soon as possible.

Concert Attire

Men: White shirt, black dress pants, black socks, black shoes.

Women: White shirt/blouse, black pants/skirt (skirt must be full length), black closed toed shoes.

If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to e-mail me or call my office phone listed above. I will return your message as soon as possible. Let's have a great year of making music!

Class Rules

Treat each other in the same manner as you would like to be treated.

Treat your instruments with great care and respect. They are worth a lot of money and value.

When we stop playing, please do not talk.

Always raise your hand when you have a question/comment.

Instrument Supply List

These are all REQUIRED materials that need to be brought every day to class along with your instrument. The only optional material which is strongly recommended is to have a name tag for your instrument.

Flute

Cleaning swab (if at all possible, obtain a silk swab)
Cloth for the cleaning rod

Oboe (6th Grade Only)

Cleaning swab (if at all possible, obtain a silk swab)
4 **PLAYABLE** reeds at all times (medium strength)

Clarinet

Cleaning swab (if at all possible, obtain a silk swab)
4 **PLAYABLE** reeds at all times (at least #2 strength)

Bassoon (6th Grade Only)

Cleaning swab (if at all possible, obtain a silk swab)
4 **PLAYABLE** reeds at all times (medium strength)

Saxophone

Cleaning swab (if at all possible, obtain a silk swab)
4 **PLAYABLE** reeds at all times (at least #2-2.5 strength)

Trumpet

Valve oil
Slide grease
Mouthpiece brush

Horn (6th Grade Only)

Valve oil
Mouthpiece brush

Trombone

Slide grease (for tuning slide)
Slide lubricant (for main slide)
Mouthpiece brush

Euphonium/Tuba (6th Grade Only)

Valve oil
Slide grease
Mouthpiece brush

Percussion

Bell kit (practice pad, snare sticks, bells and mallets)

Concert Dates

Here is the list of concerts for the entire school year. Please have your parents write these down on a family calendar or simply stick this sheet on your refrigerator. The ones in **BOLD** print are required but the rest are optional.

October 12, 2007 - Fall Band Concert 7:00

December 13, 2006 – Beginner Winter Concert 5:30

December 18, 2007 – Advanced Winter Concert 7:00

March 4, 2007 – Band Spring Concert 7:00

May 16, 2008 – POPS barbecue 5:00

May 2008 – Beginner Final Concert..TBA

May 2008 – Advanced Final Concert..TBA

All students should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the concert for warm-ups.

Please bring this home and show it to your parents. Have them sign it and return it to me at our next class period. This will be your first assignment worth 10 points.

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____