

MAUMS Band Information Sheet 2016-2017

Welcome to the MAUMS Band Program. I have formulated the following guideline in order to provide you with an enjoyable and productive musical experience. It should be kept at home for future reference. Please share this information with your parents so that they may help you reach your musical goals.

I. GRADING PROCEDURE FOR BAND:

A. Daily Work = 50%

1. Students will receive a grade of 98% for each daily rehearsal in which they perform in a satisfactory manner.
2. Students who perform in an exceptional manner will receive additional points for their weekly grade.
3. Students who show great improvement in their performance will receive additional points for their weekly grade.
4. Students who forget their instrument will lose 10 points off their weekly grade for each day they are not prepared for rehearsal.
5. Students who do not have their music for rehearsal will lose 5 points off their weekly grade for each day they are not prepared for rehearsal.

B. Small Group Lessons (Sectionals) = 25%

1. Students will receive a maximum of 5 points for each lesson they successfully attend. All band students participate in a weekly scheduled sectional (band lessons). Band students all pulled from other scheduled classes on a 6-week rotating schedule. All band students are required to come to all band lessons. Students will regularly receive a paper schedule. Weekly lesson information can also be found on the band website listed below:
<http://mrsagermusic.weebly.com/>
2. The faculty members at the Middle School are very supportive of the band program and shall only request that a student remain in class when a test is scheduled. An academic conflict with a small group lesson will not be counted against the student as long as the director is notified of the conflict.
3. A student can notify the director of a missed sectional due to an academic conflict by signing the sectional excuse sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the band room door.

C. Quiz and Test Scores = 25%

1. Students in band will take one to two playing quizzes and one to two written tests per quarter. The two *Concerts (Winter & Spring)* will be considered as major performance tests.

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II. Instruments and Cases:

Instrument rental forms are available in the band room. If you have difficulty obtaining an instrument for your child, please contact Mr. Sager immediately. All instrument cases should have the student's name clearly marked on the outside of the case and a record of the serial number of the instrument should be kept at home. Please make every effort to perform this simple task for your own benefit and protection.

III. Music and Books:

All band members will be provided with a folder which will be used to keep all sheet music, method books, and handouts, which will be distributed during the course of the year. The folder should get worn, not the music. *Students are responsible for maintaining music.* All sheet music will be collected at the end of the year. Students are encouraged to make notations on the music which will enhance their performance. Notations should be made lightly using pencil. *Please do not use pen.*

IV. Repairs:

I am able to make many basic repairs at school and provide accessories such as reeds, valve oil and slide cream at a reasonable price. Difficult repairs, which require special tools, can be made by one of the music vendors which serve the school. These repairs can be arranged by contacting me at 447-7541, Ext. 5748.

V. Concerts:

Students who register to take band as a part of their middle school course of study should do so with the understanding that performances are a natural part of the ensemble's program of study. All students are expected to attend all performances.

- 1) Winter – Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00PM - MAUMS Gymnasium
- 2) Spring – Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00PM - MAUMS Gymnasium
- 3) Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 29th at 11:00 AM – Old MAUMS Parking Lot
(8th Grade Band Members only)

VI. Concert Dress:

Please try to meet this basic dress code as closely as possible.

Gentlemen

Dark trousers
White shirt and tie
Dark shoes

Ladies

Dark skirt or dark trousers
White blouse
Dark shoes

Note to Parents: Administration reserves the authority to remove students from band that do not follow these expectations. Should you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Sager at school. Your active support is needed and greatly appreciated.

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Director of Bands