

BUMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK 2020-2021

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PURPOSE

The objective of all band courses is to comply with music content standards as defined in the *Alabama Course of Study: Arts Education* (2017).

“The standards cultivate a student’s ability to carry out the four Artistic Processes of Creating, Performing, Responding, and Connecting. These are the processes that musicians have followed for generations, as they connect through music to self and society.”

“Throughout the four Artistic Processes, students will perform (instruments), create, read/write, and listen/respond/evaluate while employing the following concepts: timbre, rhythm, melody, harmony, form, and expression.”

GRADING

A student’s nine-week grade will be calculated as follows:

- I. **60% - Major Grades.** Major grades consist of performance-oriented tests (pass-offs). Each pass-off grade will be worth 100 points. Each student will have a designated number of pass-off assignments each nine-week grading period, usually one each week. In order to “pass-off” an assignment, students will individually play the assignment on *SmartMusic and receive a numerical score of 0-100.

**SmartMusic is the computer program we use to assess the musical performance of our students. Students will be able to access SmartMusic using their chromebooks or any device (other than cell phones) with internet connection at home to practice and submit these pass-off assignments.*

**New-to-Bumpus students will go through setting up a SmartMusic account with a director. Students should not create an account without the director’s involvement.*

**After creating an account, students may login by going to <https://admin.smartmusic.com/login> and inputting their hcs-students.net email address and password.*

**Each pass-off assignment will have a set due date. Pass-off assignments submitted after their due date will only receive half credit.*

- II. **30% - Performances.** Our number of performances this year will be dependent upon changing circumstances related to the pandemic. Current performance dates can be found on the band calendar but are subject to change based on the most current information related to the pandemic. Participation in all performances is mandatory and will be worth 100 points each. If a student has a legitimate (as deemed by the director) excuse for missing a performance, the director must be notified by a parent/guardian.

- III. **10% - Daily Grades.** Daily grades consist of 20 possible points each day. Students begin each day with 20 points. Points will be deducted for the following:

- Lack of instrument (20 points off).
- Lack of materials (4 points off per item lacking).
- Unexcused lack of participation (20 points off).
- Leaving their personal area of the classroom messy (4 points off).
- Not properly packing up and storing away their instrument and materials (4 points off).

CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE POLICY

Any student who chooses to speak without permission in class or disrupt the class in any way will have their name recorded on our Discipline Log. Students who are not prepared to begin class 2 minutes after

the tardy bell will have their name recorded on our Tardy Log.

- 2 Tardy Log signings will equal one Discipline Log signing.
- 2 Discipline Log signings in one grading period in a band class - the student's parents or guardians will be contacted by a director in regards to their child's behavior in their band class.
- 3 Discipline Log signings in one grading period in a band class - the student will serve detention.
- 2 more Discipline Log signings in one grading period in a band class (5 total) - the student will serve an additional detention.
- 1 more Discipline Log signing in one grading period in a band class (6 total) - the student will be referred to an administrator.

Defiance of authority, verbal altercations, bullying, dishonesty, physical aggression, and unauthorized use of technology are considered Class 2 offenses and are immediate office referrals.

CALENDAR

Please go to the "Calendar" link on our band website to review this year's band calendar:

<https://www.bumpusband.com/calendars.html>. Please review this calendar and plan your schedules accordingly. If for any reason, any variation from this calendar needs to be made, notification will be sent to all parents and students well in advance.

SUPPLY LIST

Please go to the "Supply List & Recommended Instrument List" link on our band website to review the supplies each student will need:

<https://www.bumpusband.com/supply-list--recommended-instrument-list.html>. Please help to ensure your child has all of these materials each day in their band class. This is even more important this year since we are not permitted to share supplies between students.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

All band students should be enrolled in a Google Classroom for their specific band class. Important announcements, information, and all assignments will be posted in Google Classroom on a regular basis. Students should check Google Classroom daily for new information and updates. The codes are:

- Beginning Band: o2inz3f
- Concert Band: hkzbixf
- Symphonic Band: k2vymxs
- Jazz Band: 2embdj3

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS-UPDATED OCTOBER 19, 2020

All students are expected to follow safety precautions as they are instructed by the directors. These could change in various ways throughout the school year depending upon circumstances surrounding the pandemic. Students will always be expected to follow school-wide safety precautions within our class. Some additional band-related precautions include:

- Woodwind and brass students will wear masks at **ALL** times **EXCEPT** when they are actually in the act of playing their instrument. Percussionists will wear masks throughout the class.
- Students are not allowed to share materials or play another student's instrument. This includes, but is not limited to: valve oil, slide grease, mouthpieces, mallets, drum sticks, etc.
- Students in our Beginning Band classes will be seated/spaced 6 feet apart from one another. The number of students in these classes and the sizes of our rooms accommodate this.
- Students in our Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Band classes will be spaced out as much as physical space and number of students will allow. Due to the number of students in these classes, it is not possible to guarantee 6 feet of space in between all students.
- In addition to the school's built in air units, HEPA air filtration systems have been purchased and have been placed throughout the room so they will be in and amongst where students are seated.

CONCERT ATTIRE

- The Beginning Band boys are responsible for providing their own black dress pants, black dress shoes, long black socks, a white button down shirt, and tie to be worn for the Winter Concert and the Spring Concert.
- The Beginning Band girls are responsible for providing their own black skirts that are in school dress code or black pants, a white dressy top of some type, and black dress shoes to be worn for the Winter Concert and the Spring Concert.
- Beginning Band parents, the band uniform rental fee paid with registration fees covers the purchase of your child's band t-shirt. [BEGINNING BAND PARENTS, CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT THE T-SHIRT FORM.](#)
- The Jazz, Concert, and Symphonic Band girls will wear our school-owned *concert dresses at all formal concerts, which will be distributed prior to the Winter Concert. Girls are responsible for providing their own black dress shoes to wear with their dress.
- The Jazz, Concert, and Symphonic Band boys will wear the school-owned *blazer, cummerbund, and bowtie for all formal concerts. Boys are also responsible for providing their own white button down shirt, black dress pants, black dress shoes, and long black socks to wear with their concert uniform.

**The school-owned uniforms will be distributed to the Jazz, Concert, and Symphonic Band students prior to the Winter Concert. The students are responsible for keeping up with their uniform throughout the school year. [JAZZ, CONCERT, AND SYMPHONIC BAND PARENTS, CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT THE UNIFORM AGREEMENT.](#)*

PRIVATE LESSONS

Having a significant portion of students taking private lessons from a specialist on their specific instrument is a key component to a successful band program. We also understand not every student/parent wants to make that extra investment of time and finances that taking private lessons requires, and that is perfectly fine.

We want to make private lessons more accessible to our students and parents from a time and financial standpoint. This year, students will be able to enroll in private lessons which will take place at Bumpus during the school day. This will involve a minimal financial commitment on the part of the students/parents involved. If a student/parent is willing to make the time commitment to taking private lessons but is unable to make the financial commitment, please communicate that directly to Mr. Lynch. We want every student who is willing to put in the extra time and effort and wants to take private lessons to be able to do so. More information regarding private lessons will be sent out after we know more regarding what our school schedule will be after the first four weeks of school.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please be sure to regularly check out our band website for up-to-date information at www.bampusband.com.

ALL BAND STUDENTS AND PARENTS

After you have read the Bumpus Band Handbook 2020-2021, click [HERE](#) to complete the verification form to verify you have read, understood, and agree to abide by this information.