

BUMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK 2023-2024

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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. **Pass-Off Assignments - 60% of the final 9-week grade** consists 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. Students will be taught this process during their band class before being required to utilize it.*

Late Assignment Policy: Each pass-off assignment will have a set due date. Pass-off assignments submitted after their due date will only receive half credit (50%). Students will see a 0.01 in their PowerSchool gradebook if they did not complete a pass-off by the due date.

- II. **Performances - 30% of the Final 9-Week Grade** is determined by performances. Performances consist of *home football games, *Music Performance Assessment, the Winter Concert, the Spring Concert, and other performances set on the band calendar involving the ensemble in which the student participates. 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.

**Students on the Bumpus football team, cheerleading squad, or dance team are excused from performing at home football games.*

**Beginning Band students do not perform at home football games or Music Performance Assessment.*

- III. **Daily Grades - 10% of the Final 9-Week Grade** is determined by daily grades. Daily grades consist of 20 possible points each day, equalling 100 possible points per week. 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 official class start time 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 referrals to an administrator.

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.

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 Google Classroom codes for each band are as follows:

- Beginning Band: hmtvyky
- Concert Band: tv4ko3g
- Symphonic Band: eu336fu
- Jazz Band: x6t47lz

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 dress 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. 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. The band uniform rental fee paid with registration fees covers the items mentioned above and the purchase of your child's band t-shirt. [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. Parents who wish to do so will be able to enroll in private lessons which will take place at Bumpus during the school day. The enrollment fee for our private lessons is \$400 per year, which can be paid in two separate \$200 installments for each semester or \$50 each month. For your reference, the cost of private lessons if sought out independently is typically twice this amount, so this is definitely a financial bargain. 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. Enrollment information in our private lesson program will be sent out during the first few 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.bumpusband.com.

ALL BAND STUDENTS AND PARENTS

After you have read the Bumpus Band Handbook 2023-2024, click [HERE](#) to complete the verification form to verify you have read, understood, and agree to abide by this information.