



Marshall Middle School 6th Grade Band Syllabus

Mrs. Linda Granite, Band Director

Welcome to Band! The NA Bands have a history of excellence. I hope to provide an experience that enriches your life as a musician, as part of our band family, and your growth as an individual. You will have class every other day, and we will get together as a full band 2-3 times each month.

Be prepared to learn every day by having your required materials for class - Instrument, accessories (reeds, mouthpiece, valve oil, etc.), pencil & fully charged iPad. Please see my website for a full listing of what you need for class.

Work together to take care of and respect school-supplied materials - Sheet music will be stored in the band's binders and we will use a lesson book almost every day (these never go home). The school also provides music stands and large percussion instruments.

Consider donating to the band - If you are willing to donate a 1-inch binder and some sheet protectors, the band could always use your thoughtful donation.

Care of Instruments - We will practice the following procedures:

Flute, Clarinet & Oboe	Alto Sax, Trumpet & Trombone	Bassoon & Bass Clarinet	Tenor Sax, Bari Sax	Horn, Euphonium & Tuba
Bring case to your chair in the band room. Assemble & put case under chair.	Bring case into band room. Assemble & leave case in designated area.	Use the white shelves in the band room to get ready for class.	Assemble in storage room and go to band room.	Bring instrument to band room & put in your mouthpiece.

When not in class or rehearsal, instruments will be stored neatly on shelves provided in the 6th grade hallway. It is expected that students take their instruments home on the days that they do not have band.

Class Expectations - Above all else, the policies set forth for the Marshall Middle School student body will be adhered to at all times. Beyond those policies, these classroom rules have been put in place to ensure the most productive, fun, musical experience that can be offered.

No talking or playing while the teacher is working.	Play, sing or use iPad (only) when you have been asked to do so.	Be prepared (pencil, binder, instrument & iPad.	No gum in music classes.	Be kind and respectful.
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Concert Attire - All black (black/dark shoes) OR black top + khaki bottoms (black/dark shoes). You may purchase the MMS Performing Arts Polo (comfortable, sport-material black polo in youth, ladies, and adult sizes). Please note: all MMS Jazz Band members are *required* to purchase the MMS Performing Arts Polo.

Concerts are Thursday, 12/13/18 @7pm & Thursday, 5/23/19 @7pm - Performing as an ensemble is a public presentation of everything students have learned in the class and shows the highest level of collaboration and teamwork. Participation in the concerts is required. Missing even one person negatively impacts the experience for the entire group and it is extremely rare that an MMS band member misses. **If one misses a performance, there will be a make-up assignment.** If absent on the performance day, has a family emergency, or has been excused by the school with a vacation form, then the make-up is due within 5 days of the return to school. All other requests to miss a performance require a note from parent or guardian **two weeks before the performance** and the make-up is due by the day of the performance.

Grading - Grades will be given in each 12-week grading period:

1. **Tests** - written tests and performing assessments (exercises, band music, scales, etc) - several times each grading period.
2. **Classwork** - you will earn points toward your final grade for being prepared and participating when the band is learning together in band classes and during activity period rehearsals (scheduled in a rotation, see Mrs. Granite's calendar).
3. **Projects** - throughout the year, members of the band will work on projects that help develop performing skills and increase understanding of music. Our biggest ones will be in preparing for our winter and spring concerts.

Other Ensembles

- MMS Jazz Band (7th/8th grade only).
- Pennsylvania Music Educators Association bands (grades 6-8).
- Depending on student interest, an activity period / non-performing jazz band may be offered to students on any instrument, grades 6+.

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**** 6th Grade Bands Syllabus Response - 5 points - due 9/10 ****

<p>Student Name:</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>Parent or Guardian</p> <p>“I have read the syllabus for middle school band, and understand that my son or daughter is required to attend the two evening concerts. I have read the ensemble dress code, grading policy, and understand course expectations/procedures.”</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <p>Signature</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <p>Email Address</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <p>Phone Number</p>
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