

NORTHMOR BAND HANDBOOK 2019

Welcome to the Northmor Junior High Band Program! The goal of Northmor Bands is to provide students with a well-rounded education that promotes positive learning. Students will benefit through the preparation and performance of many types of music, many times throughout the school year. We strive to provide professionalism and pride, both in our school and in each student.

Rehearsals are an important precursor of any band.

- A. Arrive in room by tardy bell---Tardiness will affect your grade and will be turned in to the main office.
- B. Promptly get instrument, chair, music stand, folder, and pencil.
- C. Keep all other belongings underneath chair during rehearsal.
- D. Talking will not be permitted during rehearsals. You will lose your daily participation points if you are caught disrupting rehearsal.
- E. Practice and preparation are the keys to a productive rehearsal.
- F. You **MUST HAVE A PENCIL** at all rehearsals.
- G. No gum, candy, food, or drinks (besides water) are permitted during rehearsal.
- H. Do not touch any instrument that does not belong to you.
- I. Foul language (as deemed by director, not student) will not be tolerated.
- J. Learn your part thoroughly. Home practice will be a requirement during your band career.
- K. Practice the way you want to perform.
- L. Positives attitudes will always be welcomed.

Attendance

One of the functions of the band is to perform. The individual development of skills, which have been molded in the large group situation, can be evaluated by successful performance. Since each student has a responsibility to play his/her part, attendance by all is important. Any unexcused absences, without make-up work, will **severely** hurt your grade. Band is a team effort, and every member is crucial to our success. Your absence not only affects your performance, but every other member of the ensemble as well. Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is required. Missing rehearsals does give the director the discretion to 'bench' a student, until the student learns the material.

This is a performance-based class; therefore if you cannot attend performances, you should not be in this class. The only excused absences for a performance are as follows: a death in the family, a personal illness, or an impossible-to-switch commitment that occurs on a rare occasion. *All excused absences must be in writing, signed by a parent before the performance, if possible. All other absences for any rehearsal or concert will be dealt with on an individual basis at the discretion of the director.* A performance cannot be re-created, therefore make-up assignments or a performance of the concert music for missing a performance will be provided under unavoidable circumstances, to earn the points back. This applies to excused absences as well.

This attendance policy is intended to make sure that every member is doing his or her share in this team effort, providing the greatest musical experience possible for all that are involved.

Grades

Grades are earned in this class, not given. An 'A' is attainable by students who are cooperative and hard working during rehearsal and who give their best effort at performances. Grades will be based on daily participation, attendance, written work, and performances.

Written Work and Tests/Formative Checks---, including 'MadMinutes' given every Monday, are given at the discretion of the director. (50% of the quarter grade)

Performances/Summative Assessments

Performances are required and count as specified above. You must be in school at least ½ day to perform at the concert. This is specified in the student handbook you receive on the first day of school. All Concerts are worth 300 points in Junior High and High School. (50% of the quarter grade)

All junior high music students must purchase the performance shirt, which will be worn at all performances along with khaki pants. Participation may be denied if not in uniform.

Participation Points

10 points are possible every day. They can be lost by causing any disruption (5 points for 1st offense, 0 points thereafter) of class or by unexcused absences. Five points are lost for each tardy accumulated.

If you are not willing to work hard and perform in this class

It is NOT for you.

You must take responsibility for yourself to earn your grade in band!

Field Trips are at the discretion of the director. All school rules apply while on the trip. Any missed work in other classes must be made up on time. Other teachers may request that you do not attend because of missed days/work in their class. Any students suspended during the current semester are not eligible to attend.

Fees for band must be paid for by the specified date set by the director. Not paying fees by the assigned date may result in the student not being allowed to perform and therefore losing points accordingly. If there is a financial hardship, please contact the director.

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I have read and understand the rules of the Northmor Band for
the 2019-2020 school-year.

Parents Signature: _____

Students Signature: _____

Date: _____