

2019-2020 Beginning Band Syllabus

Director of Bands

Mr. Mayfield

4th and 7th Period

Grading Criteria: **60% Category**

Performances:

Participation by all students for the Christmas and Spring Concert is MANDATORY. These performances are worth 200 Points. Students who do not show up to these performances will receive a "0" out of 200 points.

All performance dates, times, and locations can be found under the calendar section of the Band Page, or Mr. Mayfield's page of the school website.

Playing/Written Tests:

Students will have playing tests and written tests throughout the year to assess their theory knowledge and facility on their instrument. These tests are worth 100 points. Playing tests are used to help determine chair placement.

30% Category

Any notes or worksheets/quizzes completed in class.

10% Category

Daily Participation in class and having all materials for class.

Discipline Policy:

Mr. Mayfield follows all Discipline procedures set forth by Dunbar Administration.

In order to be productive and have a successful year, students must be willing to work hard and behave properly at all times. Our discipline policy is a five strike system: However Demerits may be issued for accumulated tardies or behavior deemed inappropriate without following the 5 strike system.

- Strike 1 – Verbal warning
- Strike 2 – Write lines/discipline essay with parent signature.
- Strike 3 - Demerit issued
- Strike 4 - Contact Parents/ Parent Teacher conference
- Strike 5 – You're Out – Office Referral

When a student receives lines/discipline essay twice in one quarter, the student's parents will be contacted.

When a student receives lines/discipline essay three times in one quarter, they will be moved down one chair until the next playing test and may receive an office referral.

Discipline essays and lines are to be hand written by the student, signed by the parent/guardian and returned the *very next day*. Failure to return the work will result in a parent phone call.

Students who come to class unprepared will receive discipline essay/lines.

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Band Class Requirements:

Students are responsible for bringing the following items EVERYDAY and a weekly grade will be assess for having all materials:

Woodwind supplies needed at every class:

- 3 reeds at all times (clarinet & sax) size 2 ½ for Beginning Band
- 3 reeds size 3-3 ½ for Intermediate, Symphonic, Jazz Band
- Cork grease
- Band Book/Band Notebook
- Pencil
- Mouthpiece, ligature, cap
- Instrument

Brass supplies needed at every class:

- Mouthpiece
- Valve/slide oil or grease
- Band Book/Band Notebook
- Pencil
- Instrument

Percussion supplies needed at every class:

- 1 pair of 5A sticks
- 1 pair of rubber mallets
- 1 stick bag
- Band Book/Band Notebook
- Pencil
- Snare Drum/Bell Set Combo

Band Fees:

Students are required to pay a \$40 band fee each year. The money goes to purchase needed equipment, concert music. The fee is due any time before September 6th. Checks are to be made out to "Dunbar Middle School".

Fundraisers:

The Dunbar band will have two fundraisers this year one in September and another during the springtime. Students are not required to participate in these fundraisers. However, the money raised from these fundraisers will be used to purchase music, instruments, and to provide transportation for trips. I would like to encourage each student to sell 5 items.

Band Instrument Rental:

Here at Dunbar we have a limited number of instruments to loan out to students. Students who are loaned an instrument through the school are required to pay a \$60 instrument rental fee to help pay for supplies and maintenance. This fee breaks down to \$15 a quarter. Students who are not using an instrument from Dunbar may obtain an instrument for rent through the local music stores. These stores have rental, rent to own, and for sale instruments.

Andy's Music

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Beginning Band Information:

Beginning Band students will not need an instrument for the first **2 to 3 weeks** of school. Students will be trying out instruments and making decisions on what instrument they will play and fits them best. After that time period, each student in band class will need their own instrument. Dunbar has some instruments to loan students, but since our program has become very large, we do not have enough to accommodate everyone. Students should look into the rental programs through local stores. If a student has a special need or issue obtaining an instrument, please feel free to contact Mr. Mayfield. Beginning Band will perform for the Spring Concert. The concert attire for Beginning Band will be the students School Uniform. This is also the attire for field trips. **Once students are scheduled into Beginning Band, they are required to finish that year in the class. Schedule changes will not be permitted. In order for our band to continue to perform at the appropriate level, we need all players throughout the year. Schedule changes would harm the band program due to instrumentation issues.** Beginning band students will need to purchase the “Essential Elements” from one of the music stores listed above. The books are \$10 for wind players and \$20 for percussion if purchased through the school, and are instrument specific so the student will need to get the book that corresponds to their particular instrument. **I will be more than happy to assist in obtaining band books! Please feel free to contact me with any concerns!**

Class Procedures:

1. As soon as each student enters the band room (quietly and orderly), they are to put their book bag along the tile against the wall, get out their instrument and supplies, and go straight to their seat. Students have 2 minutes after the bell to be ready to play and no time for socializing.
2. As soon as each student gets to their seat, student may begin to warm up on their own and make sure they have all the required music for the day.
3. As soon as Mr. Mayfield steps on the podium, a full band warm will begin and students are to be quiet in order to begin the lesson.

Concert and Field Trip Etiquette:

During performances and field trips, students are to understand that they are a representative of the Dunbar Band Program. All school rules and policies regarding behavior are still in effect during these times. Tardiness before performances or field trips punishes the whole ensemble! Students will always be notified in advance of activities. Tardiness will have a negative result in grades. Please remember you are required to have all of your music, supplies and instrument ready to play at performances and field trip.

We have a lot of fun in the Dunbar Band and you will not regret giving it a shot!! There are many fun opportunities and friendships to earn while participating in the band program. I look forward to working with everyone and making this year the best yet!!

Sincerely,
Ben Mayfield