

Elementary School District 102

BAND POLICIES

A successful band program has students who participate with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. It has students who arrive on time, attend rehearsals and regularly practice at home. The following band policies support a successful program: Please review these policies with your child, sign the receipt and return by the second rehearsal.

- Rehearsal attendance**—All members must attend all lessons and rehearsals promptly. This means being in your seat with your instrument out **by the beginning of the rehearsal (7:30 am)**. Arrive early to allow for instrument set-up. All absences and tardies must be excused by parents by the next rehearsal, since we are not at each school to know if students are absent that day. We recommend using our voice mail or email system 482-2500 x 2050 (lyonsja@dist102.k12.il.us). **Tardiness to lessons or rehearsal will be handled per school rules.** Sickness or family emergency are acceptable excuses for missing rehearsal.
- Performance attendance**—All members must be present at ALL group performances. Proper attire is mandatory at all concerts. Only ***illness and family emergencies*** will be excused. Absences must be excused by parent note or phone call. Again, we recommend using our voice mail. Unexcused concert absence will result in the lowering of a grade.
- Practice**—All members are expected to take their instruments and music home for practice every day. Instruments may not be left at school. Band practice charts will be used to monitor practice in grades 5 and 6.
- Materials**—All members must have a lesson book, required sheet music, instrument and a **pencil** at every practice. Each student will be issued a folder at the beginning of the year with his or her name on it, which is to be kept in good condition. This is their folder for the year. Lost music will cost \$.50 per page to replace. A lost folder will cost \$2.00.
- Uniform**—All members must wear the uniform of the group. Uniforms must be correct “to the letter”. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Uniform infractions will result in a lowering of grade. See the “Welcome Back” letter for a description of your group’s uniform and the articles students must wear. **This will be enforced more firmly this year.**
- Grading Criteria**—Grades will be issued with the school’s grade report, and will be based upon the following:
>Participation >Progress >Attendance >Attitude >Effort
- Drop Policy**—Should the need arise to discontinue, two weeks parental notification **is required**. In addition, students must complete the current quarter (7/8) or trimester (5/6) including all work and commitments. In instances where a concert occurs 1 or 2 weeks after a quarter begins, students will participate in preparation for the concert, but will receive no grade for that quarter/trimester. Students who discontinue without following these guidelines will not be able to complete the necessary work for the class. This will result in grade reduction for that quarter/trimester.

BAND PROGRAM EVENTS CALENDAR AND RULES RECEIPT

Both parent and band member should sign this receipt and return it to me by the second band rehearsal.

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

STUDENT SIGNATURE