

BEGINNING BAND POLICIES

Welcome to Beginning Band! Here are some of the rules and procedures followed by all the levels of bands in District 102. Please read over this page with your parents, and call if you have any questions.

- 1) **Practice Charts** -- All students are expected to practice at least 5 days a week for 20 minutes each practice session (100 minutes total per week). Record your practice times on your Practice Chart and have your parents initial your total.
- 2) **Lesson Attendance** -- Be on time for your small group lesson at your grade school. Come prepared with your instrument, book (with name on the cover), and pencil.
- 3) **Rehearsal Attendance** -- You are expected to attend ALL rehearsals. Arrive by 7:20 A.M. so you have a few minutes to get out your instrument and find your seat. The rehearsal will begin promptly at 7:30 A.M. every Wednesday. Again, please bring your book and instrument. At the last band concert of the year, those students with excellent attendance (0 or 1 absence) will be recognized.
- 4) **Performance Attendance** -- All band members are expected to attend all performances. The only excused absence would be due to illness or family emergency. Any absence must be excused by a parent note or phone call-- 482-2500, Ex. 2134. Our concert dates are:
Thurs. Dec. 3rd, 7:30 P.M. at Park Junior High for the Beginning Band only,
April 13th or 15th, at your grade school Band Assembly during the day, and
Tues., May 4th, 7:00 P.M. at Park Junior High, for the Spring Fling Band Concert for all the bands.
Please note: The Beginning Band does not perform in the Oct. 27th Fall Band Concert—this is for 5th-8th graders only.
- 5) **Grading Criteria** -- Grades will be issued with your report card and will be based on: practice charts, progress, attendance, and behavior.
- 6) **Uniform** -- All members will be expected to wear a uniform for performances which consists of:

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
White dress shirt	White top or blouse
Black slacks (no jeans)	Black skirt or slacks
Black dress shoes & socks	Black dress shoes and socks/tights
- 7) **Instrument Care and Practice Tips** -- Be sure you are taking good care of your instrument.
 - Woodwinds:** Swab out your instrument after you practice; have an ample supply of reeds and rotate using them so they are all "broken in"; use your reed holders; tap your foot.
 - Brass:** Blow the spit out of your horn; make sure your valves move freely; oil when needed; rinse out your mouthpiece weekly; tap your foot.
 - Percussion:** Count out loud, say the name of the notes, and keep a steady beat.

LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR! -- Mrs. May