

Woonsocket-Sanborn Central

6-7 Band Handbook

Miss. Janae West

"We exist to make each other better."

Why is music class offered? Why is it important?

While music's impact on brain development and academic achievement is of great importance, music education is important for reasons beyond academics.

NAfME (National Association for Music Education) believes that music study does something even more important for students.

- Music education shapes the way our students understand themselves and the world around them;
- Studying music allows for deeper engagement with learning; and
- Music education programs essentially nurture the assets and skills that pave the way for a student's future success, such as curiosity, creativity, collaboration, self-discipline, and motivation.

Music education has worth and significance. A student's participation in band is an essential element of a complete education.

How can I get an “A” in band?

	<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Points Possible</u>
Lesson Attendance	You will be graded on your attendance of 5 lessons each quarter. Students who go above and beyond their required 5 lessons will receive extra credit! Students are responsible for dismissing themselves from class at their weekly lesson time and arriving in the band room at their assigned time. Parents/caregivers, the student, and Miss. West will work together to find a lesson time. Students are able to adjust their lesson time, if need be.	12 points each / 60 per quarter
Group Band Participation Observations	Participation observations help hold student accountable to being a contributing member of our team. 3 times during the quarter, students will randomly be assessed on their participation during group band. Please see the rubric that describes what types of things Miss. West will be observing.	20 points each/ 60 per quarter
Performances	There are several performances through the year that will be graded. If a student is absent for a performance, they will be required to make it up by completing a make-up assignment.	60 per quarter

	<u>Points</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
A	180 - 162	90 - 100
B	161 - 144	80 - 89
C	143 - 126	70 -79
D	125 - 108	60 - 69
F	107 - 0	59 and Below

What if I will be gone because I’m missing school for a school activity, or what if I am sick?

If you know you will be gone (i.e. school activity, appointment), please let Miss. West know BEFORE you go so that you can make a plan to make-up whatever you miss. If you didn’t know you were going to miss school (i.e. sick, unexpected death in family), please speak to Miss. West to make a plan to make-up whatever you missed.

All performances are required. Make-up assignments will be given to those who miss a performance.

What do I need to wear for our performances?

Please dress semi-formally. This is something similar to what you might wear to church on a special holiday, or a funeral. Take care to choose modest necklines and skirt/dress lengths. Make sure you wear clean shoes and clothing with minimal rips and holes.

What do I need for band this year?

You will need to keep your instrument in good working order throughout the year. Miss. West does her best to repair minor issues. Sometimes, though, you may need to take it to a music store.

Make sure you have all the accessories you need to keep your instrument in good working condition such as valve oil. Clarinet, alto, tenor, and bari saxophone players need a box of 10 reeds.

It is a good idea to have a music stand and a metronome at home as well. There are several metronome apps for free, or visit metronomeonline.com.

What should I do if I have a question or my parent/caregiver has a question for Miss. West?

Miss. West would love to talk to you in person! You are welcome to come watch us rehearse as well. Feel free to contact Miss. West with any questions via e-mail at janae.west@k12.sd.us