

Eastlake Middle School, 2015-2016

BEGINNING BAND - SYLLABUS

Mr. Academia, Band Director

INTRODUCTION

The Eastlake Middle School Beginning Band class is for beginners who have never played a band instrument before, but have a desire to learn. This class does not include piano or guitar lessons. Basic music theory, music history, notes, rhythm, dynamics, tone production, rehearsal and performance techniques are taught.

In addition, students are expected to perform twice a year at the Holiday Concert and Spring Pops Concert. These concerts will teach proper audience procedures and expose them to the exciting experience of performing live.

MATERIALS

Each student will need to have the following materials for every class:

If your student cannot obtain these items, one will be provided for them.

1. Their musical instrument
2. Their music folder (3 ring binder, 1")
3. A pencil
4. A teachable, positive attitude

Each student is responsible for keeping all important materials (music, Practice Sheets, theory sheets, history papers, etc.) in their music binders.

CLASSROOM RULES POLICY

Each student is expected to adhere to the procedures, rules, consequences, and rewards set out in the Classroom Discipline Plan. This plan will be read and signed by the student, the student's parents, and the music director.

INSTRUMENTS

There are several local music store that carry other band materials and even rent and sell band instruments. These are:

- Harper's Music Store (Chula Vista) 619-398-2505, www.harpersmusicstore.com
- Garrett Band Instruments (Lemon Grove) 619-698-2427, www.garrettmusic.com
- Alan's Music Center (La Mesa) 619-466-1938, www.AlansMusicCenter.com
- Guitar Center (La Mesa) 619-668-8400 www.guitarcenter.com/Band-Orchestra-Instruments-g26767t0.gc
- Nick Rail Music (Penasquitos) 858-679-7333 www.nickrailmusic.com
- Bertrand's Music (Penasquitos) 888-780-1812 www.bertrandsmusic.com

LOCKS & LOCKERS

If your student is planning on locking up their instrument in the band locker room, they will need a lock. If you choose, one will be assigned to them to be used for this year, and then returned at the end of the school year.

SCHOLARSHIP GRADES

Scholarship grades are based on several factors:

- Practice Sheets
- Theory and History Sheets
- Assessments
- Performances
- Effort

CITIZEN GRADES

Citizenship grades are based on several factors:

- Class participation
- Cooperation with the director and other students
- Willingness to adhere to the Classroom Discipline Plan
- Absences and tardies
- Excessive talking or not paying attention
- Being purposefully disruptive or disrespectful

This will be an enjoyable year for your child. Please encourage him/her and give them every opportunity to succeed by finding a place for them to practice and helping them to be accountable. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the phone number or by e-mail noted below.

Respectfully,

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