

Eastlake Middle School, 2019-20

**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. If a student is not able to perform, even though they have a valid reason, they will still be required to do make-up work for a grade.

**MATERIALS**

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

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.

**MUSIC SUPPLIES**

We will have a few music supplies available for a donation, such as: cork grease - \$2.25, clarinet reeds - \$1.75, clarinet swabs - \$2.25, alto sax reeds - \$2.25, tenor sax reeds - \$2.75, valve oil for trumpets and baritones - \$2.25, and slide oil for trombones - \$2.25. All of these items are included for free. **The cost is for replacing them when they are used up or lost.**

If your student is planning on locking up their instrument in the band locker room, they will need a lock. We recommend you purchase one from the ASB.

## INSTRUMENTS

We have a satisfactory amount of band instruments available. We recommend **not to buy** an instrument until after the first year of playing. 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](http://www.harpersmusicstore.com)
- Alan's Music Center (La Mesa) 619-466-1938, [www.AlansMusicCenter.com](http://www.AlansMusicCenter.com)
- Guitar Center (La Mesa) 619-668-8400 [www.guitarcenter.com/Band-Orchestra-Instruments-g26767t0.gc](http://www.guitarcenter.com/Band-Orchestra-Instruments-g26767t0.gc)
- Nick Rail Music (Penasquitos) 858-679-7333 [www.nickrailmusic.com](http://www.nickrailmusic.com)
- Bertrand's Music (Penasquitos) 888-780-1812 [www.bertrandsmusic.com](http://www.bertrandsmusic.com)

## SCHOLARSHIP GRADES

Scholarship grades are based on several factors:

- Practice Sheets
- Theory and History Sheets
- Assessments
- Performances (missing a concert will require 'make-up' work)

## 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.

Respectfully,

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