

Eastlake Middle School, 2019-20  
**INTERMEDIATE BAND - SYLLABUS**  
Mr. Academia, Band Director

**INTRODUCTION**

The Eastlake Middle School Intermediate is for students who have one or more years of experience playing a band instrument. This class does not include piano or guitar lessons. Music theory, tone production, scales, warm-up techniques, sight reading, and rehearsal and performance techniques are taught.

This is a performing group and represents Eastlake Middle School at many school events, a parade, a football half-time show, the district band pageant, a band festival, school concerts, and a theme park. As such, they need to be organized, act disciplined, look presentable, and sound good. **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 band instrument
2. Their music book
3. Their music folder (3 ring binder, 1" or 1.5") for their music
4. A pencil
5. A teachable, positive attitude
6. We are also asking for each student to donate one box of tissues to be used throughout the year. This is optional — not a requirement.

**CLASSROOM RULES POLICY**

Each student is expected to adhere to the procedures, rules, consequences, and rewards set out in the Classroom Discipline Plan.

**MUSIC SUPPLIES**

We will have a few music supplies available. These are:

- cork grease - \$1.25
- clarinet reeds - \$1.75
- clarinet swabs - \$2.25
- alto sax reeds - \$2.25
- tenor sax and bass clarinet reeds - \$2.75
- baritone sax reeds - \$3.25
- valve oil - \$1.25
- slide oil - \$1.25

All of these items are included for free. These are the replacement costs when the items are used up or lost.

**If your student is planning on locking up their instrument in the band locker room, they will be required to purchase one a lock. A lock from the ASB would be preferred.**

### **INSTRUMENTS**

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

- Alan's Music Center (La Mesa) 619-466-1938, [www.AlansMusicCenter.com](http://www.AlansMusicCenter.com)
- Harper's Music Store (Chula Vista) 619-398-2505, [www.harpersmusicstore.com](http://www.harpersmusicstore.com)
- 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)
- McCrea Music Company (La Mesa) 619-698-7272, [www.mccreamusiccompany.nationalsearchdirectory.net](http://www.mccreamusiccompany.nationalsearchdirectory.net)

### **SCHOLARSHIP GRADES**

Scholarship grades are based on several factors:

- Practice Sheets
- Playing Tests
- Performances (missing a performance 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

The Intermediate Band takes a trip to Knott's Berry Farm every May. Students with an 'F' in either Scholarship or Citizenship in any class will not be allowed to attend.

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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