

# **HEATHERWOOD M.S. BAND**

## **Class Syllabus**

### **Beginning Band and Concert Band**

Grades in Band are determined as follows:

<b><u>GRADE CATEGORY:</u></b>	<b><u>PERCENTAGE:</u></b>
<b>Playing Skills and Quizzes</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Daily Practice</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Bandsmanship</b>	<b>40%</b>

**Summary:** All grade categories are determined on a percentage basis. Totals are calculated and the grade determined on the following scale:

93 - 100%	A	93 - 100 = A, 90 to 93 = A-
83 - 87%	B	87 - 90 = B+, 80 to 83 = B-
73 - 77%	C	77 - 80 = C+, 70 to 73 = C-
60 - 67%	D	67 - 70 = D+, 60 to 67 = D
below 60%	F	

**STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND ALL PERFORMANCES!!!** Concerts/performances are an important part of this class. **Unexcused absences from a performance will result in a reduction of one letter grade.** Excused absences from a performance must be of a serious nature (such as an illness or family emergency).

**Please consider our performance schedule as you plan for family vacations, orthodontics appointments, etc!**

Students are expected to remain until the completion of each performance—this means being an audience to all the groups that play after your performances! **After performances: Students are to help with putting instruments, equipment, and chairs away. Families are also encouraged to help!**

The Concert Schedule has been sent home and is posted on our website.

**PRACTICE:** Each student is to establish a routine of daily goal-oriented practice on his/her instrument. 20 minutes or so per day is recommended in order to promote a pattern of consistent growth in building skills and musicianship. A minimum of 100 minutes per week is required to meet practice expectations (i.e., five practice sessions of approximately 20 minutes). Practice reports are handed out approximately every month, and are to be properly filled out by students and signed by parents (using the honor system) and turned in by the due date. Practice sheets need to be handed in on the due date to receive full credit. Be sure also to set goals for

each week of practice and to self-assess at the end of the week (write down this information on the back side of practice reports).

**Concert Dress:** Students are required to dress appropriately for concerts. Concert attire is as follows:

**Beginning and Concert Band:** Heatherwood band shirt (we will order these for you in October), black pants or skirt, and black dress shoes. Leggings are not acceptable. Please, no white socks!

Families who have financial difficulty purchasing these clothes are encouraged to contact Mr. Lundquist or Band Boosters for assistance (we have donated used shirts and slacks available).

**Students are to abide by the Heatherwood M.S. "3-B's" at all times:**

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Part of the Solution

During performances, students are to set an example of the highest artistic and professional conduct both on and off the stage. Students (and families) are expected to sit quietly while students are performing. Electronic devices are to remain put away during performances. Parents can support this by modeling proper concert etiquette and by sharing their expectations for appropriate behavior with their students as your families attend these events. **Students who exhibit inappropriate behavior during performances (while in the audience or while performing) will have points deducted from their grade.**

**Bandsmanship:** Proper class participation includes good attendance, being on time to class, being ready for musical entrances, listening to instructions, and evident improvement of all aspects of your playing through home practice. Factors that influence this grade include mature classroom behavior, (kindness, cooperation, citizenship, being on time, orderliness, posture), and having the proper materials for class (instrument, music, pencil, accessories, etc.).

## **CLASSROOM RULES AND EXPECTATIONS:**

1. You are to be courteous and respectful at all times.
2. **Always do your best!!!**
3. Electronic devices (phones, cameras, mp3 players are not to be used during class without teacher consent (exceptions: electronic tuners, metronomes).
4. Be on time. Students are to be in the classroom when the bell rings, and **seated with instruments ready to play two minutes after the bell rings.**
5. Take care of restroom duties and get drinks before you come to class. Students who consistently ask for bathroom passes will lose their privileges.
6. Gum, food, and drinks (except for bottled water) are not allowed.

7. Students are to leave instruments and items which do not belong to them alone! (THIS INCLUDES PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS, DRUM STICKS, MALLETS, and OTHER PEOPLE'S INSTRUMENTS)!
8. Students are to properly put away instruments, music, and supplies when class is over.
9. Students are to abide by the Heatherwood M.S. Code of Conduct at all times (Be Respectful; Act Responsibly; and Be Part of the Solution).

### **BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES:**

1. Verbal warning.
2. Student may be directed to change seats, sent into the hallway, conference with teacher.
3. Student is sent out into the hallway, conference with teacher, (depending on prior behavior and the seriousness of incident); parent is contacted
4. Lunchtime Service issued; parent contacted. Student/parent conference may be requested; possible intervention with administrators
5. Parent contacted; possible Office Referral.

**The order of consequences may vary due to the seriousness of the situation and/or the attitude of the student. Every effort is made to engage students in a fair and consistent manner. If you have questions regarding any behavior incidents or consequences please contact Mr. Lundquist.**

# **Student Musician/Heatherwood Band Contract**

**(Please print this page, fill out, sign, and return by Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>):**

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We have found Mr. Lundquist's teacher page on the Heatherwood website and have accessed the Syllabus, performance schedule, and related documents.

We also have read the Syllabus and understand the policy regarding concert attendance and behavior. and we understand the commitment and responsibilities in being a member of the Heatherwood Band.

**Student name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent name** \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_      Period \_\_\_\_\_

**Student signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent signature** \_\_\_\_\_