

# Clack Middle School Band Handbook

## **Band Hall Rules (in addition to rules outlined in Clack Student Handbook)**

1. Voice level zero while director is talking or once rehearsal has started.
2. Play your instrument only when instructed by your director.
3. Do not touch other students' instruments.
4. Students will have all materials everyday (instrument, book, binder, music, pencil, reeds)
5. No gum, food or drinks in the Band Hall at any time.

## **Clack Middle School Discipline Policy**

\*First Violation– Warning, Conference

\*Second Violation – Conference, Parent Contact

\*Third Violation– Office Referral

Students with behavior referrals for disciplinary problems resulting in referrals will not participate in end of year trips and other activities as determined by the band director.

## **Grading Policy**

The grades for each class will be based on the following criteria:

- Playing and written tests
- Attendance at all performances and before and/or after school rehearsals
- Practice Charts, Daily Participation

Students are expected to devote 100 minutes of practice time each week (about 15 minutes a day). Weekly Practice Charts will be given out on Monday at the beginning of class and are due the following Monday.

## **Attendance Policy**

Band is a performance class and attendance at concerts and extra rehearsals is mandatory. If there is a conflict between a band concert and another event (softball game or orthodontist appointment, for example), the student will not be excused from the concert. A missed performance will result in a written test for the missed grade with a maximum grade of 70. Students will have 2 days from the performance date to turn in the assignment. 7th and 8th grade students that miss the Pre-UIL Concert will not be

allowed to perform at the UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest.

### **Daily Participation**

Every student is expected to have their instrument and all necessary materials everyday. In band, each lesson builds upon the previous day's lesson. If an instrument needs repair, the student must bring a copy of the invoice from the repair shop.

### **All City Band Auditions and Solo & Ensemble Contest for 7th & 8th Graders**

Students are expected to learn the music and participate in both of these events, and will be graded based on their preparation. The dates for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows:

All City Band Auditions - Nov. 12 from 4-9 pm at Clack

Solo & Ensemble Contest - Feb. 21 & 22 from 4-9 pm at Craig

### **What to do if you are sick**

If a student is too ill to play, but not too ill to be in school, he/she must still have their instrument, and I must have a signed note from the parent for that particular day. For that day only, the note will excuse the student from playing, but not from participating. Students can still participate in learning through music reading, fingering through the part on their instrument and listening.

### **Concert Performance Attire**

Boys: red band polo, black slacks

Girls: red band polo, black slacks or skirt; girls also have the option of wearing a black dress or black blouse/skirt; all skirts and dresses must be worn with black stockings

### **School Instrument Use**

Clack only supplies the following instruments:

Oboe, Bass Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone, Bari Saxophone, Bassoon, French Horn, Baritone, and Tuba. Students will be required to purchase their own reeds and supplies for Oboe, Bass Clarinet, Tenor/Bari saxophone, and Bassoon & purchase their own mouthpieces and supplies for the school-owned French Horns, Baritones, and Tubas.

### **Band Hall Usage**

The band hall will be open for students to practice before school or after school at times TBA. Non-band or non-orchestra students are not allowed in the band hall.

### **Six Flags Trip for 7th and 8th Grade Students**

Students must be eligible to attend this trip. Money earned via the fundraiser or paid in cash, check or money order cannot be returned to the parent. Referrals and/or poor behavior at any band function will result in the loss of privileges to attending future trips. Students must attend all required performances and auditions for the year in order to be able to attend the spring trip.

### **Required Classroom Supplies**

1. Books: All beginners (except percussion)- *Tradition of Excellence Book 1 for Beginner Band*. Percussion only - *Simple Steps to Successful Beginning Percussion* by Kennan Wylie. Model #SSTSBPW
2. Black binder w/ page protectors & pencil pouch (provided by band director for \$5 fee in the fall)
3. Folding music stand (for home use only)