

Elementary Band Contract 2022-2023

Please read through all expectations and grading policies then sign the last page and return to Mr. Moe

Welcome back to school and welcome to band!

The following will explain what every elementary band student will be graded on and their expectations for the school year. Parents, I ask that you please read through this contract with your child to make sure you are both aware of all expectations and policies. The back page must be filled out and returned to Mr. Moe ASAP. This will be the first band grade of the year. This contract will also include performance dates as well as ways to get extra credit during the year so read carefully.

All parents who have a child in band or choir are members of music boosters and will be asked to help at certain times during the school year. Notices will be emailed prior to each music booster meeting. All band parents are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. We do a fair amount of fundraising each year to help defray the cost of running a music program. That money is also used to take a trip every four years in High School. Those students who have met their fundraising obligation will be able to go on the trip.

Student Expectations and Grading Policy

Students will be graded on the following criteria each quarter: participation, pencil checks, practice sheets, instrument care, in class worksheets, and playing tests. The playing tests make up about 50% of each quarters grade with the other categories making up around 10% each. Performances are counted as part of the playing test category and students are expected to attend all performances. If you notice a performance conflict it is the parent's/student's responsibility to let Mr. Moe know ahead of time so that an alternative assignment can be made. Please note that all performances are planned well over a year in advance and are listed at the end of this letter as well as on the school and music websites. A missed performance will carry the consequence of a reduced band grade as well as a makeup assignment. If you are unsure always talk to Mr. Moe. ***If at any time a student is unhappy with their grade they can sign up for lessons for extra points.***

Students will start the beginning of each quarter with 100 participation points. If a student is talking in class, then one point will be deducted from their participation grade. If a student forgets their instrument or book then two participation points will be deducted for that day. If a student is being continuously disruptive in class, then they can receive one warning and a deduction from their participation points. If it continues the student will lose a second point and their instrument goes in the case and they play an "air instrument" until Mr. Moe deems them ready to rejoin the band. On the third warning in a single class period the student may be asked to pack up their stuff and sit in the music office, head back to class, asked to serve a before or after school detention with me, or in a severe case go to the principal's office. If a student gets to this point it will be followed by a phone call or email home that afternoon.

Ways students can lose points in class include; forgetting instrument or music, talking while the teacher is teaching, playing when should not be, touching someone else's property, moving about the room when they should be seated, throwing things across the band room, and going down the hallway to or from band noisily. At the end of the quarter the points that are left will be their participation grade. ***Some participation points can be earned back through good behavior or lessons.***

Detentions can be served before school, during lunch recess, or after school. Please check with Mr. Moe if you are planning to serve a detention to make sure there is not a schedule conflict. Detentions can range from 5-20 minutes depending on the severity of the problem. It up to the students to secure transportation when they have to serve a detention. If a before or afterschool detention is not possible, please talk to Mr. Moe about a way to make it up.

Students are expected to come fully prepared for class every day. It is the students' responsibility to come to class with their instrument, book, and a working pencil. If a student comes to class not prepared for that day's lesson points will be deducted from their participation grade. A pencil check for grade will be given up to five times each quarter so it would be wise to keep a pencil in instrument cases. A student is also responsible to make sure their horn is in excellent working condition. That means valves oiled, slides greased, reeds in working order, and woodwinds are always swabbed when done playing. Instrument maintenance is something that should happen outside of class and bathroom breaks during class are to be avoided except in the case of emergencies.

Students are expected to practice five days a week. Practice sheets will be graded on if they are appropriately filled out, signed, and truthful. I know the school year can get busy with extracurriculars and family obligations so the amount of time practiced is not as important as students being able to keep up in class. If a student isn't practicing it slows the whole group down and is apparent to everyone. Parents it is your job to make sure your children are staying on top of their practice schedule no matter how busy the year can get. A good practice session doesn't need to be more than about 15 minutes a day at this age.

Practice sheets are due every Monday and **must be signed by a parent or guardian to receive credit**. A student may turn in their practice sheet late but will lose 10 points from their practice sheet grade. As long as the practice sheet is signed and truthful it is a 100 for a grade. If turned in late the grade will be a 90. If not turned in or the practice sheet is forged it is a 0 in the grade book.

If a student is unhappy with their grade they can sign up for lessons before or after school with Mr. Moe to improve their grade. Lesson times are available early mornings, during lunch recess, and after school. That means any 5th or 6th grade student can come in a practice for extra credit. Students can also gain extra credit by attending concerts. The high school band and choir concerts are free and an easy way to get extra credit. Talk to Mr. Moe to find out more.

If for some reason a student is wishing to not continue with band, please set up a meeting with Mr. Moe. The meeting can be before or after the school day and should include Mr. Moe, a parent, and the student. **Being a part of a band means you are depended on for the success of the group so students who sign up for band are expected to follow through with their responsibilities to the end of the school year.**

Performance Dates to Know:

Concert attendance is required and graded

December 1 (Thursday) 7:00pm – Washburn Elementary Christmas Concert

March 4 (Saturday) All Day – *McLean County Music Festival @ Washburn 8:30am-4:00pm

*Students may have to practice with accompanist before/after school leading up to March 2nd music festival.

May 4 (Thursday) 7:00pm – Washburn Elementary Spring Concert

May 29 (Monday) 10:00am – Memorial Day Program @ Memorial Hall

Please have BOTH student and parent sign the last page of this form and return to MR. Moe ASAP. This is for a grade.

If you have any questions at all please contact me!

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Check out our music website for livestreams, performance dates, and music information
<https://trumpetmoe.wixsite.com/washburnmusic>

Please sign and return only this page of the contract

By signing below both parents and student have read through this band contract and fully understand and agree to how I will be graded and what my responsibilities in band will be during the 2022-2023 school year.

Students Signature

Grade

Parents Signature / Date

Parents Best Email:

Parents Best Phone:
