**NRHEG SECONDARY**

**Middle School Bands Handbook**

**2016-2017**

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| **RESPECT POLICY** |

Respect Yourself

Respect Others

Respect the Director

Respect Property

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| **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS** |

* Arrive promptly and get ready quickly – please see tardy policy
* Be prepared with all necessary materials (including a positive attitude)
* Check board for schedule and announcements
* Cell phones are prohibited
* iPads are to be stowed away in backpack or under chair unless otherwise specified
* Food, gum, and drinks other than water are prohibited
* Play instruments only assigned to you
* Do not talk when the director or another teacher is talking
* Instruments are to be placed in their cases, securely latched, and put away after rehearsal
* Folders are to be put back in the folder cabinet after rehearsal
* Stay in the band room until you are excused
* Take risks and have fun!

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| **ATTENDANCE POLICY** |

**PROCEDURE**

1. Attendance at all rehearsals, lessons, and performances is mandatory unless previously arranged with Mr. Bender.
2. Tardy Procedure
3. If a student is tardy, he or she will lose daily participation points.

ii. If a student does not have adequate time to use the restroom in between classes, he or she must first check into the classroom with Mr. Bender

1. Mr. Bender is to be notified in writing by a parent (email or hand-written) **at least 2 weeks** in advance for any performance absence. Students who participate in school-sanctioned teams or organizations **as a member** only need to verbally notify Mr. Bender about school-sanctioned absences.
2. Acceptable and Unacceptable Absences policies coincide with those included in the 2015-2016 NRHEG Student Handbook
3. Mr. Bender is to be notified as soon as possible when an emergency absence arises. Leave a voice message if necessary.
4. Unacceptable absences will lower a student’s grade.

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| **REQUIRED MATERIALS** |

* *Tradition of Excellence* Lesson Book
	+ 6th Grade: Book 1
	+ 7th/8th Grade: Book 2
* Pencil
* Reeds (woodwind players)
* Valve oil and Slide Grease (brass players)

Reed Purchases: Reeds are to be purchased at a discounted price from Mr. Bender through NRHEG Public Schools. Reed prices may vary from instrument to instrument.

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| **INSTRUMENT REPAIR** |

Please bring your instrument to school before calling a local music store or repairman. Many times I can get the instrument working right here at the school. Should your instrument require professional repair, a telephone repair estimate will be given to parents before any repairs are made.

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| **CONCERT DRESS** |

* White (or light color) Shirt/Blouse
* Black (or dark color) Slack/Pants – no jeans or athletic wear
* Dress shoes and dark colored socks – please no athletic shoes or white socks

All concert dress must be deemed acceptable within the school handbook.

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| **GRADING** |

1. **PARTICIPATION – 20%**

Students are given 5 total points at the start of each week. It is by the choice of the student if he or she is to keep all 5 points or lose points.

Expectations for keeping all 5 points:

*Follows classroom guidelines and participates almost all of the time. May need a single reminder to participate. Readily corrects behavior and needs no further reminders.*

1. **LESSONS – 20%**
2. Students will be scheduled for 4 twenty-minute group lessons each quarter (one every other week).
3. Make up lessons:
4. Make-up times are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.
5. Make-up times will be set up for before or after the school day.
6. **ASSIGNMENTS – 30%**
7. Practice Assignments

 Expectations:

1. Practicing should occur outside of class at least 3 times per week, 20 minutes each time.
2. Set aside a quiet space to practice where you can do your best work.
3. Determine a regular practice time. Make positive habits a priority
4. Other assignments may vary throughout the year
5. **PERFORMANCES – 30%**

Students are to arrive promptly to all performances. If you are early, you are on time; if you are on time, you are late. See “Concert Dress” details on the previous page. It is important that we not only sound our best but that we also look our best.

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| ***Grading Scale*** |
| **A** | 92-100 | **C** | 72-77 |
| **A-** | 90-91 | **C-** | 70-71 |
| **B+** | 88-89 | **D+** | 68-69 |
| **B** | 82-87 | **D** | 62-67 |
| **B-** | 80-81 | **D-** | 60-61 |
| **C+** | 78-79 | **F** | 0-59 |
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| **BAND WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA** |

General band information can be found on the NRHEG Music Department website: [nrhegmusic.weebly.com](http://www.nrhegmusic.weebly.com/)

Band events, updates, and news will be posted on the “NRHEG Panther Bands” Facebook page. Check us out!

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| **CONTACT INFORMATION** |

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Please sign this page of the NRHEG 6th Grade & 7th/8th Grade Band Handbook and return to Mr. Bender by Monday, September 12, 2016

I certify that I have read the NRHEG 6th Grade & 7th/8th Grade Band Handbook with my child. I agree to support all program expectations and guidelines.

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Student Signature Date

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Parent Name (print)

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Parent Signature Date

Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Your email address will only be used to communicate with you about NRHEG 6th grade and 7th/8th grade band information