

CARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

2007-2008 Eighth Grade Concert Band Contract

Welcome and Course Description

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Welcome to the Carter Middle School Band Program! You are now in the Eighth Grade Concert Band. This band is responsible for numerous school performances, sport performances, and concerts throughout the school year. Participation in Eighth Grade Concert Band prepares students for participation in the Carter High School Band Program, which is one of our main goals. This document will outline expectations and requirements to be a member of the Eighth Grade Concert Band. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. McCurry via e-mail or telephone. This is going to be a great year!!

A. Course Description

Students in the Eighth Grade Concert Band will work on performing both in small and large ensembles. Emphasis will be put on the performance techniques and performance of high quality band literature. Students should be prepared to play and rehearse daily with numerous performances. Throughout the year, the Eighth Grade Concert Band members may work and perform with the Carter High School Band as well as attending the ETSBOA Concert Band Festival in the Spring. A Spring Festival trip usually takes place in April at the director's discretion. By the end of eighth grade, students should be fully prepared to succeed in the High School Band Program.

B. Course Materials

Students are expected to have the following materials in class daily:

1. 3-ring binder used ONLY for Band - NOT A FOLDER, A BINDER
2. Pencil with eraser
3. Instrument
4. Band Instruction Book / Assigned Materials
5. All needed supplies for Instruments
(students will be given a list according to their instrument.)

Expectations and Rules

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A. Band Guidelines

1. Eighth Grade Concert Band Students must have a working instrument and all needed supplies by **THURSDAY, AUGUST 16.**
2. You must have an instrument at ALL rehearsals. Failure to do so will negatively affect your grade according to the Grading Policy. The only exception is for repairs, in which case, a note from the repair shop is required. Director will verify status of instrument with the repair shop.
3. You must have all other necessary materials at every rehearsal. (PENCIL, accessories, PENCIL, method books, PENCIL, music, and a PENCIL!!) Failure to do so will negatively affect your grade.
4. Band is a year-long commitment. Students should plan on participating in all events from the first day to the last. Students having trouble or feeling as if they are not successful should speak to a director.
5. Band is not an extra-curricular activity. It is part of the regular school day and does not interfere with other middle school classes or programs. Do not ask to leave class - the answer is no. Be sure and inform you teachers that if you miss band, you will get a zero (0) for your daily grade.

B. Try-out and Chair Placement

Chair placement within each section occurs one (1) time per semester. After that, challenges will be held at the director's discretion to allow those students who have progressed the opportunity to advance within their section.

Challenge Procedure -

1. One Challenge is allowed per day
2. You may only challenge the person one chair in front of you.
3. The challenger must provide music selection 24 hours in advance.
4. The director has the final say - NO QUESTIONS ASKED!!

C. Classroom Rules

1. NO FOOD, DRINKS, OR GUM in the band room. Water is OK.
2. DO NOT play your instrument or talk while a director is instructing.
3. ABSOLUTELY NO horseplay in the band room - NO WARNING.
4. KEEP YOUR HANDS AND FEET TO YOURSELF. Unwanted physical contact is not tolerated.
5. Play only YOUR instrument. Do not touch an instrument that does not belong to you, neither another students instrument or a school owned instrument. THERE WILL BE NO WARNING FOR THIS!!
6. Follow all instructions the first time.

My Class Begins at:

D. Daily Band Room Procedure - READ THIS SECTION VERY CAREFULLY!!

1. Come into the band room orderly. The band room is not the gym! There are many expensive instruments that you don't want to have to buy!
2. Put your instrument together and promptly sit in your seat. You will be given time to do this before class begins. Do not waste time - if you do, extra time will be removed. Maintenance needs and supply purchases need to be taken care of *BEFORE* class begins.
3. When class starts, remain quiet and attentive to the director. Instruction for daily activities will be given at the beginning of every class.
4. When class is over, you will be given time to put your instrument away and talk. The DIRECTOR will dismiss the class at the appropriate time.

