



Welcome to BAND!

I am so excited to be working with you and beginning our amazing musical adventure together! Here are some of the expectations and things you should know about band! This form is our contract, so please read this with your parent or guardian. Then you both will need to sign it and return it to Ms. Rood so I know everyone has seen it!

### **Band Expectations:**

Students will be responsible for the care of their instrument. Please **do not** play your instrument while chewing gum or eating candy as it will damage the instrument and cause bacteria to grow in the instrument. Please rinse your mouth before you play your instrument if you eat before you play. Any repairs are done through Ellis Music Company if you are renting through them.

Students will be given practice sheets to fill out at home, like homework. Please have an adult initial the sheet showing that someone heard you practice everyday. Then bring it into your next lesson to earn some Band Bucks. The required amount of time to be practiced is at least **5 minutes, everyday!** If a student decides to practice for more than 5 minutes, please write it down and they will be able to earn more Band Bucks. If they do not practice the 5 minutes, everyday, then they may receive a smaller amount of Band Bucks or none at all, if they do not practice at all.

All students are expected to attend ALL lessons EVEN if they forget their instrument. It is important that they know what is going on in their lessons so that they do not fall behind. Since we only meet once a week it is very important that students don't forget their instruments and show up to lessons and band. Please bring **ALL MUSIC and a PENCIL** to lessons and band!

Students are expected to stay with their instrument choice the entire school year. Unless asked by the teacher, they may not switch till the next school year.

**Performances must be attended by all students.** Please arrive 30 minutes before the performance, so that we can set up instruments and warm up before the show! It is expected that students stay for the whole performance to support their peers.

### **Band Bucks:**

To earn Band Bucks (BB) as part of a reward system in band you must complete the following goals to earn the reward. You may cash in you Band Bucks at the end of the month for a small prize!

- Attended Lessons = 1 BB



- Brought all materials = 1 BB
- Set up/clean up = 1 BB
- Attended Band = 1 BB
- Signed practice sheet = 5 BB
- Sight read challenge = 5 BB

Students are responsible for keeping track of their Band Bucks, if they are lost they will NOT be replaced! Other ways to earn BB will occur throughout the year, so make sure you practice!

**Field Trips and Outings:**

Some years the Band students will participate in a District music performance and possibly take trips to the Flynn Theater to help expand their musical knowledge and practice. HOWEVER, students who are missing too many assignments, struggling in a class, or display behavioral issues, may not be able to attend. Any more information about trips will be sent home closer to its date.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for signing up for band! Get ready for a rocking and exciting year to come! And welcome back :)

Questions or Comments? Please contact Ms. Rood via:

[crood@hpes.org](mailto:crood@hpes.org) or at (802) 888-2237

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I have read our Band contract and I agree to follow the expectations set in it.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Band contract with my child and I agree to support my child the best I can in music!

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_