

Bangor Township Schools Band Handbook 2018-2019

Classroom Expectations

1. Members are expected to follow directions and be respectful to whoever is in charge, whether it is Mr. Lull or a substitute teacher.
2. Members are expected to arrive on time for all music events. **“To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late.”**
3. Members are expected to arrive prepared for rehearsals and performances. Members will have practiced at home and at school. Bring a working instrument, any supplies needed, all music, a pencil, and a good attitude.
4. Members are to bring their appropriate uniform accessories to performances. If you do not have the appropriate accessories, your grade will be lowered. If there is a problem with getting what is needed for the uniform, please contact Mr. Lull immediately, not the day before or day of the performance.
5. Members of the band are expected to act and behave like mature adults at all times. Students are expected to follow the Student Handbook for all behavior issues and will be disciplined accordingly to the handbook if violations occur while at a school related function.
6. **No food or gum** is allowed in the classroom. Students who violate this rule will be written up for bringing food into the classroom. There may be special occasions, but those will be at the discretion of Mr. Lull.
7. Members are expected to be courteous and respectful during rehearsals and performances.
8. **Performances are REQUIRED. There are no exceptions to this unless it is an emergency or death in the family.** Performances are a one-time deal. If you miss it, there is no make-up. If your reason for missing is excused by Mr. Lull, then a make-up will be offered. When it comes to sports conflicts, everything will be done to accommodate the student to try and do both, but remember, a concert is only done once, and there are many games in a season. **Sports (school sponsored or travel teams) are not an excuse to miss a performance. If you miss a performance due to a sports conflict, there will be no make-up allowed.**

Uniforms

1. 7th and 8th grade students will be issued a uniform to use for band functions only. It is the responsibility of the students to take care of the uniform. Any student damaging or ruining the uniform or any of its parts will be responsible for the replacement/repair of the uniform and/or its parts. Students also need to put uniforms away properly hung up on the hangar. If you lose your shirt, you will be responsible for the replacement of the lost shirt.
2. When wearing the uniform, you wear it all, or don't wear it at all. Students are to wear the entire uniform at all performances. It is a reflection of you and the band program.
3. 7th and 8th grade students are responsible for supplying **khaki or tan colored pants, black shoes, and black socks.**
4. 6th grade students do not have a uniform to wear.

School Owned Equipment

During the course of the school year, members of the band may be issued school owned materials (music, flip folders, lyres, instruments, uniforms). This equipment must be returned in the condition it was received, minus the normal wear and tear. Students are responsible for the cost of replacing or repairing issued items that are damaged during use. Only students that are issued equipment can use the equipment issued to them. You are responsible for anyone using your equipment and any damages that may result in them using the equipment.

Grading

1. Performances (**50%**): all scheduled performances are required and will be graded heavily towards the student's grade. Students will get as much notification as possible prior to the performance. The grade also includes having the full uniform and its parts. **MISSING A PERFORMANCE WILL SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER YOUR OVERALL GRADE.** Sports conflicts need to be worked out immediately with your coach. You are responsible for clearing your schedule with your coach to be able to attend all performances. Concerts are a one-time deal. Emergencies, illness, and death in family are the only acceptable excuse to miss a performance. These excuses will warrant a make-up test. **TWO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM PERFORMANCES WILL RESULT IN THE REMOVAL FROM CLASS. Again, sports (school sponsored or travel groups) is not an excuse to miss a performance!**
2. Attitude/Participation (**25%**): students will be graded on their overall participation and attitude in class. Students will earn points for coming to class prepared, having all the necessary materials, starting on time, and participating with the group with cooperation, attitude, and leadership in a productive and positive way. Forgetting your instrument doesn't allow you to participate in class. We only get better by having everyone participate to improve our performance.
3. Playing Tests (**25%**): students will be graded on playing tests that will be given periodically throughout the year. Typically the tests will be announced. Students will be graded on their overall performance on the playing test. This includes tone, intonation, rhythmic and note accuracy, as well as musical expression and interpretation. The tests will cover material that is being rehearsed in class, or things related to the material we are doing in class. Students should put in at least 1-2 hours a week of practice. **The group only sounds as good as you want it to be.**

For 7th and 8th grade students, there will a weekly playing test that will come from a packet that you must be responsible for and keep with you at all times. Each test will be during class and will go by sections. You are to prepare these exercises and then play them for a grade. Your grade for the marking period will be determined primarily by these playing tests. How these packets work and the scoring will be covered during class at the beginning of the year so you can understand how this works.

Showing up to class and to the performance does not guarantee you an A. You have to earn it. There are several criteria used in calculating your grade. These criteria are: Tone, Intonation, Rhythm, Technique, and Interpretation. Basically, you must be able to play your music correctly, the way the composer intended, to earn your A. If you do not play the music correctly, your grade will be lowered based on the criteria that is missing. Each of these criteria are worth a grade, which is combined together to create one grade for the class. Students must be able to demonstrate these criteria proficiently in order to be successful.

Christa McAuliffe Middle School Band Schedule of Events for 2018-2019 School Year

September 21, 2018	8th Grade Performance at HS Football Game	TBA
December 1, 2018	District Solo and Ensemble Festival	TBA
December 18, 2018	6th Grade/7th Grade Holiday Concert	7pm
December 19, 2018	High School/8th Grade Holiday Concert	7pm
March 1, 2019	March Madness Concert – 7th and 8th Only	7pm
May 14, 2019	6th Grade/7th Grade Spring Concert	7pm
May 15, 2019	High School/8th Grade Band Concert	7pm
July 29 to August 2, 2019	High School Band Camp	
	This is for 8 th grade students going into HS Band	8am-4:30pm

All items listed in bold are required for participating members. This is your notice now to put these events in your calendar. There will be reminders and information regarding these events that will be handed out as the event nears.

This is not the final list, but has the most important performances known up to the point of print. I will give you as much notice as possible to plan for any other performances that may arise.

denotes that this event is for current 8th graders going into high school band. Band camp is when we learn the music and drill that is performed during the football games. **This is extremely important and is highly encouraged you are there.**

After you have read through this handbook, I need you to sign and return this form to Mr. Lull by Friday, September 14, 2018 for 50 points.

I have read and are aware of the contents of the Bangor Township Band Handbook. I am also aware of the dates listed on the calendar.

Parents/Guardians Signature _____

Students Signature _____