

**Princeton Community Middle School
Instrumental Music Department
2017-2018**



Student Handbook

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Band Policy

In order to assist band members and parents in understanding areas of responsibility, a statement of band policy is herein set forth. Becoming familiar with this policy will enable each individual to make the most of this great opportunity to be a member of the middle school band program, becoming a better person and a better musician.

I firmly believe each student should improve through regular practice. When the student has lost the will to improve him or herself or to make a better contribution to the band, he or she is wasting the time and effort of fellow members and the community by continuing in the program. The happiest student is one who improves through regular habits of practice and daily progress. He or she must not only know right from wrong but must be able to stand for principles and develop a high sense of purpose toward which he or she is willing to work. Responsibility is the focus behind any level of achievement within this program. We intend to conduct ourselves in a manner that will facilitate the learning of all students.

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Objectives of the Band Program

- To teach music by its actual performance.
- To develop performance skills on the various wind and percussion instruments.
- To provide for the musical needs of the school and the community.
- To develop discrimination with regard to the selection of music.
- To acquaint the students with music theory/history and how history and musical composition relate to students' lives and musical experiences.
- To provide all students with the opportunity for worthy use of their time, a means for self-expression, and a healthy social experience.
- To develop the ability to function as a responsible member of a group, enhance interaction and develop pride and loyalty to the program.
- To foster leadership skills within each student.

Classroom Expectations

- Do not talk while Mr. Salmond is talking!
- Do not touch any instrument that is not yours!
- Be ready to work - everyday!
- Be prepared.
- Respect our room, our instruments, each other, and the music
- No gum, food, candy, or drinks are allowed in the band room unless authorized by the office.
- Stay seated.
- Be mindful of your own performance and behavior.
- Be a good listener in all manners.
- Do not play until you are instructed to.

Materials Needed for Class

- Students are expected to have the following in class every day:
- An instrument with any accessories in good working condition.
- Music Binder with Plastic Sleeves / Method Book
- 3 Ring Pencil Pouch
- 3x5 index cards
- Green and Orange Highlighters
- A pencil with an eraser
- Any personally owned equipment needs to have students' name marked on a tag

Procedures for STARTING class:

1. Students will be counted tardy if they are not in the band room 2 minutes after the bell.
2. Students will get their band binder, instrument, and proceed directly to their seat.
3. Students will lose additional points if they are not in their assigned seat in a timely manner.
4. Students will not play their instruments until they are instructed to do so.

Procedures for ENDING class:

1. Class is over when Mr. Salmond dismisses.
2. Students will pack up their instruments carefully and properly.
3. Students will put their band binder and instrument in their band locker carefully.

Restroom/Personal Business Policy

Students are allowed to leave class 2 times per nine weeks. The student gets 2 times to leave the room for any reason - the decision is theirs to make. If there are any medical issues that need to be addressed, please notify Mr. Salmond as soon as possible and arrangements can be made.

Grading

Grades will be determined based on the categories listed below. These are the categories that can be seen on Harmony. Items in each category are worth a total amount of points.

Daily Grade	Students begin with 19 out of 20 possible points
Concerts/Performances	200 points for Concerts/Performances
Paperwork/Instrument Care	Paperwork will be assigned points as need with 10 daily deductions Instrument Care will be for a grade as needed.

Daily Performance Grade

Each student will receive a daily performance grade. Students will begin with 19 out of 20 possible points. Mr. Salmond will reward and deduct points from 19 based off of the student's performance against the Student Scoring Rubric. If a student is absent, they will not receive a grade for the day(s) of their absence and their total points possible will be adjusted.

Performances

Performances are mandatory. 100 points will be dedicated solely to attendance at performances. 50 points will automatically be deducted for tardiness or if a student leaves the concert early. The remaining 100 points will be a group score, based on the rubric used by our state music organization, ISSMA, evaluated by Mr. Salmond and likely some guest educators. Failure to adhere to the Concert Attire will deduct 100 points.

Weekly Practice

Students will be expected to practice on their music and book exercises at home. This is homework! 60 minutes a week is considered the minimum, with 90 minutes being ideal. Break practice sessions into 15-30 minute sessions over a few days a week.

Fundraiser

In order to constantly improve and maintain the quality of our program, the Princeton Band has an annual fundraiser that is your choice to participate. The fundraiser allows for ISSMA contest fees and membership, purchase of music to perform, purchase instruments and accessories as needed, etc. If you do not wish to fundraise, donations can be made to *Princeton Band Boosters*.

Concert Dress

During a performance, it is important that our ensembles look as uniform as possible. Students that do not meet the requirement of concert dress are subject to removal for the concert and will be graded as not performing the concert and being deducted points for the performance.

Concert attire is as follows

Black Pants (khakis or slacks), black socks, mostly black shoes, and a white or black dress shirt (polo). Black belts are strongly encouraged.

No jeans, leggings, jeggings, or yoga pants will be permitted. Any student wearing these will receive a failing grade and are subject to removal of the performance.

Parent Involvement

Parents are the greatest assets that we have as an organization! Without the assistance and cooperation of our band parents, there would be no way to reach the level of success that we wish to achieve. Parents can be supportive of the band program and your child by:

Helping your child to be prepared for every rehearsal and performance.

Helping your student have a quiet place at home where they can practice.

Showing your interest and support in your child's music study by attending every performance.

Instrument Care and Maintenance

A student's instrument can have dramatic effect on the student's musicianship and musical experience. When an instrument is not well maintained it can cause costly damage to the instrument. Instruments, like cars, need to be monitored and serviced on a regular basis. At the very least, a student should have their instrument cleaned and checked by a music shop once a year. Please have the proper materials to maintain your instrument. Ask Mr. Salmond if you have any questions about what you should have for your particular instrument. Below is a list of recommended items.

- **Woodwinds:** Cork Grease, Swabs, key oil, quality reeds. If your reeds are cracked, chipped, or green/black - you need a new one!
- **Brass:** Slide/Valve/Rotor Oil, Slide Grease, Polishing Cloths, a clean instrument.

Get Involved!

Band Boosters

The Princeton Community Band Boosters is an organization consisting of band parents that are interested in the fulfillment of the band program by assisting with fundraising as well as various needs throughout the program. The boosters meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. either at the high school or in some cases Klinkers in Princeton. Your participation as a parent is greatly appreciated! Without your support the band program does not succeed. For more information, please contact our Booster President.

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Website

Stay in touch with what is happening in the program! Log on to www.princetonbands.com

Facebook Page

For all the latest updates including pictures of your student please consider joining our Facebook Page - *Princeton Community Bands*

Remind

For important announcements please enroll in Remind. Remind is a text message sent out regarding important updates. Standard rates apply.

TO: 81010
REPLY: @ec2a9k

Instrumental Music Handbook Agreement

Return Agreement Form signed and dated by class time on Thursday August 24th 2017

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

City: _____ Student Cell# _____

Parent/Guardian 1: _____ Cell# _____

Email: _____ Work# _____

Parent/Guardian 2: _____ Cell# _____

Email: _____ Work# _____

I, (Parent's Name) _____ confirm that both my child

(Student's Name) _____ have read, understand, and

agree with this package of information that pertains to the Princeton Community Schools

Instrumental Music Department pertaining to class, performances, dress code for concerts, and

responsibilities.

I have signed up for Remind Initial _____

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Please email any necessary comments

Fill out and return for 100 points