



CLARION-GOLDFIELD-DOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND MANUAL

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EXPECTATIONS:

- Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances.
- Students are expected to have their music & instruments for rehearsals and performances.
- Students are expected to practice at home regularly.
- Students are expected to dress appropriately for performances.
- Students are expected to be on time for rehearsals and performances.
- Students are expected to complete assignments (band music / lesson book) on time.
- Students are expected to follow the classroom rules.

CLASSROOM RULES:

- Students are to observe silence when directed.
- Students need to be in their seats ready to go at the beginning of class.
- Students are to follow directions the first time given, and each time after that.
- No talking while the director is giving instructions.
- Be kind.
- Be attentive.
- Be polite.
- Be respectful.
- Be organized.
- Be prompt.
- NO GUM

The classroom rules are quite simple and can be summarized by the following thoughts....

“Be where you are supposed to be, doing what you are supposed to be doing, when you are supposed to be doing it. Always remember that the C-G-D Band is a reflection of your character, of our school, of our families, and of our community. Behave in such a manner that your family and teachers would be proud. Take pride in the Band and understand that you are the best of the best.”

GRADING:

Students will earn a letter grade in band. The band grade is based upon practicing, lessons, rehearsals, performances, and effort.

GRADING POLICY: EVALUATION & WEIGHTING

20% OF THE GRADE DEPENDS UPON INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE

Each student is required to practice every week. Students will keep a practice log that needs to be signed/initialed by a parent/guardian every week. Practice minutes will be collected once every 4 to 6 weeks during band lessons or after rehearsals. A good practice target to achieve would be 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Students are expected to practice their weekly lesson book assignment, band music, and to review older materials.

BOOK 1 WEEKLY PRACTICE TIME GRADING (Primarily for 5th & 6th Grades)

**please see note below*

Total Minutes Practiced Each Week	Letter Grade	Corresponding Grade %
90+ Minutes	A+	100%
75-89 Minutes	A	96%
60-74 Minutes	A-	92%
55-59 Minutes	B+	89%
50-54 Minutes	B	84%
45-49 Minutes	B-	80%
30-44 Minutes	C	75%
15-29 Minutes	D	65%
0-14 Minutes	F	0%-59%

**Upon the successful completion of Book 1, the practice requirements change, see next table.*

BOOK 2+ WEEKLY PRACTICE TIME GRADING (Primarily for 7th & 8th Grades)

**please see note below*

Total Minutes Practiced Each Week	Letter Grade	Corresponding Grade %
60+ Minutes	A+	100%
55-59 Minutes	A	96%
50-54 Minutes	A-	92%
40-49 Minutes	B+	89%
30-39 Minutes	B	84%
25-29 Minutes	B-	80%
10-24 Minutes	C	75%
1-9 Minutes	D	65%
0 Minutes	F	0%-59%

**Understanding that there are more demands on 7th & 8th Grade Students, along with additional extra-curricular opportunities, the practice requirements have been altered. 7th & 8th Grade Students who are still in book 1 will be required to practice more to provide the opportunity to catch up with their bandmates.*

25% OF THE GRADE DEPENDS UPON LESSONS

Each student will be scheduled for 5 lessons every Hex. The lesson grade will be based upon attendance and preparation.

- Attendance
 - 5+ Lessons per Hex = A+
 - 4 Lessons per Hex = A
 - 3 Lessons per Hex = B
 - 2 Lessons per Hex = C
 - 1 Lessons per Hex = D
 - 0 Lessons per Hex = F
- Preparation
 - Students will be given a weekly assignment in the lesson book and are expected to prepare their assignment as well as the band music during their practice times.

20% OF THE GRADE DEPENDS UPON REHEARSALS

- Materials (Instruments, music, pencil)
- Behavior / Cooperation
- Listening Skills
- Effort

25% OF THE GRADE DEPENDS UPON PERFORMANCES

- Large Group Performances
 - Absences will either be excused or unexcused depending upon the circumstance. Please bring Mr. Klaver a note from home before an anticipated absence or during the next rehearsal following the absence.

10% OF THE GRADE DEPENDS UPON EFFORT, ATTITUDE, & RELIABILITY

- Do your best
- Be polite
- Follow instructions
- Be positive

GRADING SCALE:

A+ = 100%	A = 99%-94%	A- = 93%-90%
B+ = 89%-87%	B = 86%-83%	B- = 82%-80%
C+ = 79%-77%	C = 76%-73%	C- = 72%-70%
D+ = 69%-67%	D = 66%-63%	D- = 62%-60%

EXAMPLE GRADING SCENARIO:

Practice Grade = A- (65 minutes ave.)	92 x 20% = 18.4
Lesson Grade (6) = A	95 x 25% = 23.75
Rehearsal Grade = A	95 x 20% = 19
Performance Grade = A+	100 x 25% = 25
Effort Grade = A	95 x 10% = 9.5

TOTAL POINTS = 95.65 FINAL GRADE = A

PERFORMANCES:

- Please mark your calendars with the performance dates for the year.
- Attendance at all concerts is required.

CONCERT ATTIRE:

GENTLEMEN

- Dress pants with a belt.
- Collared shirt or shirt and tie.
- Dress Shoes

LADIES (same as the gentlemen OR)

- Dress Slacks & Blouse
- Dress
- Skirt and Blouse

CHAIR PLACEMENTS:

-For Concert Band, students will be seated according to where they are in their lesson books, with the student who is the furthest along as the "First Chair" player.

SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS and PERCUSSION USAGE:

The students are not charged any fees to use the school horns and percussion instruments. The school pays for general maintenance and repair of instruments. Percussionists need to provide their own snare drum sticks.

Students are expected to show extreme care in using school horns and percussion instruments. They are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of his or her instrument. If repairs are needed, notify Mr. Klaver or Mr. Wesselink immediately. Anyone showing misuse or neglect will not be allowed to use an instrument and will be expected to pay any cost for repairing the instrument.

REEDS / VALVE OIL / SUPPLIES:

- The school does keep a limited supply of supplies on hand for resale.
- Reeds / Valve Oil / Supplies need to be purchased before school or after school.
- Reeds are sold at a discounted rate from the music store and will be sold in a quantity of 3.
- Other items can be purchased through the music store. Contact Mr. Klaver for information.
- Prices are subject to change.

- CLARINET REEDS: \$6.00 for 3 reeds
- BASS CLARINET REEDS: \$12.00 for 3 reeds
- ALTO SAXOPHONE REEDS: \$9.00 for 3 reeds
- TENOR SAXOPHONE REEDS: \$12.00 for 3 reeds
- BARITONE SAXOPHONE REEDS: \$15.00 for 3 reeds
- VALVE OIL: \$5.00
- TROMBONE SLIDE CREAM: (special orders)
- SLIDE-O-MIX: \$15.00 per bottle
- TUNING SLIDE GREASE: \$4.00
- CORK GREASE: \$2.75
- DRUM STICKS: (special orders)

CLARION-GOLDFIELD-DOWS MS BANDS



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2023-24 CGD MS Band Calendar

(updated 8-21-23)

Wed., Sept. 13	NCIBA MS Honor Band Registration Deadline
Wed., Sept. 20	NCIBA MS Honor Band Selection Night..(Selected 8th Graders)
Fri., Sept. 29	Marching Band Performance: Homecoming Parade (7th, 8th & HS Band)
Fri., Oct. 13	MS & HS Marching Band: "Band Night" (7th & 8th & HS Band)
Sat., Nov. 11	NCIBA MS Honor Band...(selected 8th Graders)
Thurs., Dec. 7	Middle School Holiday Concert (7:00 p.m.) CGD MS Gym...(6th, 7th, & 8th)
Sat., Jan. 13	Karl King MS Honor Band @ Fort Dodge St. Edmond...(selected 6th & 7th)
Tues., Feb. 27	Middle School Winter Concert (7:00 p.m.) CGD MS Gym...(6th, 7th, & 8th)
Tues., March 5	MS Solo Festival @ MS (5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th Band)
Fri., May 3	International Tuba Day...(All Tubas)
Thurs., May 9	All Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band @ Des Moines...(selected 8th)
Tues., May 14	Middle School Spring Concert (7:00 p.m.) CGD MS Gym...(6th, 7th, & 8th)
May 20 or 21	Adventureland Trip & Performance ... (7th & 8th Band & Chorus)
Sat., June 8	Festival In The Park Parade...(7th & 8th Band)

- 1.) Log on to cgdmsband.weebly.com
- 2.) Go through the Band Handbook with your parents/guardians.
- 3.) Return this form to Mr. Klaver by Friday, September 1.

Middle School Band: Parent Consent Form

Students & Parents – by signing below, you are acknowledging the dates and policies outlined in the 2023-2024 Band Handbook. By signing this form, you agree to have your student at all required performances, and to make sure that they are practicing at home on a regular basis. This form also gives permission for your student to ride school provided transportation to and from band events.

Please sign and return the form by Friday, September 1. This form must be completed before you can participate in any activity outside of class time.

I, _____ (Student Name), understand the expectations for band and agree to abide by them. I will do my best at all times and practice regularly.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____ (Student's Name) has my permission to travel with the band to all scheduled band activities. I have read and acknowledge the policies and regulations set forth in the band handbook and will encourage my student to practice regularly.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



- 1.) Inicie sesión en cgdmsband.weebly.com
- 2.) Revisa el Manual de la Banda con tus padres/tutores.
- 3.) Devuelva este formulario al Sr. Klaver antes del viernes 1 de Septiembre.

Banda de la escuela intermedia: formulario de consentimiento de los padres

Estudiantes y padres: al firmar a continuación, reconoce las fechas y las políticas descritas en el Manual de banda 2023-2024. Al firmar este formulario, usted acepta que su estudiante asista a todas las presentaciones requeridas y que se asegure de que practique en casa con regularidad. Este formulario también da permiso para que su estudiante viaje en el transporte proporcionado por la escuela hacia y desde los eventos de la banda.

Firme y devuelva el formulario antes del viernes 1 de Septiembre. Este formulario debe completarse antes de poder participar en cualquier actividad fuera de hora de clase.

Yo, _____ (Nombre del estudiante), entiendo las expectativas para la banda y acepto cumplirlas. Haré lo mejor que pueda en todo momento y practicaré regularmente.

Firma del estudiante: _____ Fecha: _____

_____(Nombre del estudiante) tiene mi permiso para viajar con la banda a todas las actividades programadas de la banda. He leído y reconozco las políticas y regulaciones establecidas en el manual de la banda y animaré a mi estudiante a practicar regularmente.

Firma del padre/tutor: _____ Fecha: _____

