



# Grant County Bands

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## 2017 Fall Syllabus for all GCMS Bands

**Description:** The objective of band is to develop each student on their respective instrument in both and individual and group setting. We will explore the fundamentals of music and apply the best pedagogical practices to develop all students on their respective instrument. Students will perform regularly in class and for the community and school. For more specific information on the topics in this syllabus please refer to [Grant County Band](#).

**Expectations:** It is expected that students come prepared every day for band class. Preparation includes having the necessary materials to be successful in class, such as a pencil, paper, AOA book, sheet music, a 1 inch 3-ring binder, instrument and essential instrument accessories (reeds, mouthpiece). Refer to the Band Class Check List for all information regarding accessories. In addition, students need to bring a positive attitude and strive for daily success.

### Procedures:

- Enter class quickly and quietly
- Gather instrument and music from respective areas
- Sit in chair order with appropriate number of stands needed and necessary materials
- Set up in chair and place empty instrument case underneath chair; *larger instruments such as euphonium and tuba are exempt from this*. Cases need to stay under chair at all times. (You must be set up by the time the bell rings)
- Participate daily by playing you instrument and make an honest effort to learn
- Follow CHAMP expectations

### Tardiness:

- A student is tardy when the bell has rung and they are not in their chair with their music and instrument ready to play
- An excused tardy must be accompanied by a legible and legitimate note

### Passes and leaving classroom

- Students may not leave the room for the first 10 minutes or last 10 minutes of class
- If you are sick, please go to the nurse
- Students will use a pass to access the bathroom

### The classroom

- Pick up after yourself at all times, this includes trash!
- Please no gum, food or soda in the band room. Bottled water is fine unless it becomes a distraction
- You are expected to treat everything in the room with care and respect. (Do not touch instruments that you have not been trained to use)
- Keep your locker and folio slot organized. Every sheet of paper will be hole punched and must be placed in your 3-ring binder
- Do not touch any items on Mr. McGrannahan's desk or work station



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## Participation

- Students participate by playing their instrument every day
- Be prepared by bringing all materials to class (instrument, pencil, music, binder, etc.) Refer to our band class check list for a comprehensive list

## Class dismissal

- Mr. McGrannahan will end class early every class period by two minute so students can pack up instruments. If a student packs up early, they need to remain seated and exit quickly and quietly when the bell rings

## Electronic devices in the classroom

- According to the GCMS student handbook, cell phones or other electronic devices are not permitted in the classroom for any reason. If a cell phone is visible, it will be confiscated and not given back until the end of the day

## Late work and attendance

- If you are absent and anything is passed out, Mr. McGrannahan will place these items in your folio slot
- All assessments must be completed in a timely manner. Retakes will be assigned on the playing assessment rubric
- If you know you are going to be absent, please take your instrument home

## Calendars

- All students will be given a calendar at the beginning of each month with important dates, assignments and learning targets. Our website will also be updated with all calendars
- All calendars for band classes will be available online with assignments

**Reporting:** At Grant County Middle School grades may be reflected in two distinct categories. Product/Summative and Product/Formative grades. By policy Product/Summative grades which include common assessment, performance assessment (weekly playing assessments) and writing to demonstrate learning shall constitute 90% of a student's grade. Product/Formative grades, which includes such things as learning checks, bell work, quizzes (quick playing assessments), other work completed at school and up to two homework assignments per unit shall constitute 10% of a student's grade.

In addition, a student may not take a summative assessment (Product/ Summative) unless all formative work (Product/Formative) has been completed for a given unit. In our case, a one-week practice log will be mandatory for any student that has to retake an assessment. This will be considered their formative work.

Reporting Scale:

<b>M</b>	<b>Mastering</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Progressing</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>Showing Limited Understanding</b>
<b>NY</b>	<b>Not yet, performing below standards</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Incomplete, no effort</b>



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Students will be assessed on the following criteria: meeting daily expectations, performing regularly, following daily procedures, and weekly playing exams. Weekly playing assessments will be assigned one week in advance, and students will be expected to prepare and perform in front of the class. Students will self-assess and give their own grade using our created rubric.

- Summative Assessments- weekly playing assessments (90%)
- Formative Assessments- in class participation and quick playing tests
- Process- Being prepared (0%), practice logs, music theory

## Practice Logs

- Practice logs fall under the Process category for reporting and therefore do not affect a student's grade. However, all students should complete practice logs regularly as well as graph their playing every month.
- A one-week practice log will be mandatory for any student that has to retake an assessment.

## Instrument transport

- I expect every 6<sup>th</sup> grade student to take their instrument home daily to practice. Large instruments such as baritone and tuba will be an exception but I expect them to make frequent arrangements to take their instrument home. Students however will be allowed drop off their instruments every morning in the band room and will have time to pick up their instrument at the end of the day. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be expected to take their instrument home as often as possible to practice. **Practice your instrument!**

## Important dates for Fall 2017

Instrument leasing night: August 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm in the GCMS cafeteria

Fall fundraiser: September 15<sup>th</sup>- September 27, delivery date estimate: October 13<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> grade Veteran's Day Concert: November 10 or 13, GCMS gym 9 am

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade winter concert: December 15<sup>th</sup>, GCMS gym, 7 pm (tentatively scheduled, it may change)

8<sup>th</sup> grade winter concert: December 18<sup>th</sup>, GCMS gym, 7 pm (tentatively scheduled, it may change)