

# TBJH Band Syllabus

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## **Course Description:**

This performance-based course will provide students with an opportunity to learn and grow in a diverse music education setting. Students will gain knowledge and technique that will allow for a universal and lifelong skill of music to be developed. Band is a class in which each student is expected to show growth throughout the semester. All group performances with this ensemble are mandatory.

## **General Expectations:**

Students are expected to be fully aware of policies and procedures relating to student responsibilities and conduct as outlined here and the Thunder Bay Jr. High School Handbook.

- Students must demonstrate proper behavior before, during, and after any band activity, rehearsal, trip or performance.
- Students must maintain the band room and all equipment in it.
- Uniforms handed out to 7th and 8th grade students must also be maintained and returned at the end of the year.
- Each student will be given one copy of music and a folder for the year. All music must be kept in the folder with their name and class hour written on it.

## **Attendance:**

It is vital that all students in the band program are in school as much as possible. Band is a skill-based class, and students will show the most growth by participating in rehearsals during the school day (as well as practicing at home). Attendance at concerts and performances are mandatory; failure to perform at concerts hurts the quality of the entire band. It is understood that life events happen (weddings, funerals, etc) and conflicts will arise. These conflicts should be brought to Mr. Gozzard's attention as soon as possible. Mr. Gozzard releases concert dates and all other information as early as possible to help families plan around performances.

## **Communication:**

Please use the following for all band information in regards to the calendar, forms, and announcements:

- Alpenabands.com
- Facebook Page
- Synergy Emails

## **Instruments & Supplies:**

Certain school-owned large brass and woodwind instruments will be provided after a contract is signed. Percussion instruments and unique mallets will also be provided with proper returned paperwork. Students are responsible for any repair and/or replacement from damage, accidental or due to negligence or abuse.

Each student should provide the following:

### **Percussion**

- Snare Sticks (6th, 7th, 8th)
  - Vic Firth SD1 suggested
- Marimba Mallets (7th, 8th)
  - Hardness: Medium
- Xylophone/Bell Mallets (7th, 8th)
  - Hardness: Hard
- Stick Bag - recommended

Percussion packs with the above included are highly recommended to be purchased through Meridian Winds. These have been made available to us by their owner at half price for a total of 50\$. Please contact Mr. Gozzard for details.

### **Brass**

- Instrument
- Valve Oil (trumpet, baritone, and tuba)
- Slide Grease (trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone, and tuba)
- Slide Spray (trombone)

### **Woodwind**

- Instrument
- Reeds - at least 2 at any given time (clarinets and saxophones)
- Cork Grease (flutes, clarinets, and saxophones)
- Swab (flutes, clarinets and saxophones)
- Neck Strap (saxophones)

Limited supplies can be purchased through Mr. Gozzard before class or from Marshall Music. Our Marshall Music Representative comes every Monday. (1-800-996-9619)

\*If a family has difficulty with any costs for band, please contact myself or a TBJH Band Booster Officer regarding our needs-based scholarship.

## Academic Expectations:

### Grading Scale (%):

100–93	A	82–80	B-	69–67	D+
92–90	A-	79–77	C+	66–63	D
89–87	B+	76–73	C	62–60	D-
86–83	B	72–70	C-	59	F

### Final Grades:

Semester grades are based on the following:

### Rehearsal Points

Rehearsal is the foundation of any performing organization.

- Points are earned by being present in class, prepared to rehearse, and not disruptive during rehearsal.

### Play Tests

- Playing tests will be used as needed throughout the semester.
- Students will record these or perform live.
  - Google Voice: (989) 372-1054
- Tests can be retaken if the student put forth effort on the first try. This is not to be confused with an extension.

### Event Participation

- Concert and event attendance is mandatory and worth the largest portion of the class grade.
- For those who cannot attend mandatory events, prior written notice is required and expected, and an appropriate substitute assignment will be arranged (i.e., playing program material for classmates during class). Excused absences are only for previously mentioned “life events.”

### Written Assignments

- There will be music-based assignments done in class during the year. Examples of these are rhythm analysis, compositions, and music vocabulary.

(Please detach below section and return with student) \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, have read the band handbook/calendar and grant full permission for my child to be an active member of the Thunder Bay Jr. High bands. In addition, my child has full permission to attend all mandatory band functions.

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

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

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

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