



Director of Bands

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Materials Needed

All Students		
Brass Musicians	Woodwind Musicians	Percussion Musicians
Instrument	Instrument	Instrument (practice pad and bell kit)
Valve Oil	Reeds – Juno or Vandoren brand preferred	Snare Sticks - Vic Firth SD1 General
Tuning Slide Grease	Oboe reeds - -- store bought will not work!	
Slide 'O' Mix (trombones only)	<i>Silk</i> Instrument Swab	
Rotor Oil Valve (French horn only)	Mouthpiece Cap (Saxes/Clarinets)	
5th Grade	6th Grade	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician</i> (Book 1/Green book) for their instrument 2. Pencil 3. Music stand for home practice 4. Teacher provided folder for music/book 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician</i> (Book 1/Green book) (will start year reviewing book 1) 2. Pencil 3. Music stand for home practice 4. Teacher provided folder for music/book 	

Classroom Policies and Rehearsal Etiquette

1. Classroom Flow

a. Arrival to class

- Students should be "set" within the first 5 minutes of rehearsal.
 - Instruments assembled and ready to be played
 - Music and pencil on music stand
 - Student in assigned seat, unless otherwise instructed by director.

- Students not "set" within the 5-minute allotted time on a consistent basis risk lowering their score for DVUSD Outcome 17, tied to curriculum standard (MU.PR.6.PE.5a).

b. ~~Set and~~ DRESSING.

- iii. Too many unexcused absences from performances could result in the student's removal from the band program.
 - 1. This includes any assembly performances held during the school day.
- d. 5th Grade and 6th Grade Band Classes
 - i. Students attend band class during the special area class time on 3 days per week.
 - 1. Students attend Art or PE on those days they are not attending band.
 - 2. All students attend Full Band rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday.
 - 3. Students attend their sectional rehearsal on the following schedule:
 - a. = *Woodwinds* (flute, clarinet, oboe, and saxophones)
 - b. = *Brass* (trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium/baritone, and tuba)
 - c. = *Percussion*
 - 4. *Students are NOT pulled from a core class!* Band does not interfere with math,

2. Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in the lowering of performance grade, as this is an ensemble expectation, and possible removal from the performance.
 - a. Uniforms for band are similar to uniforms for sports teams, military groups, etc. They are important for all performances.

Grading

1. The band director will follow all DVUSD grading practices as laid out in the PRAG handbook:
 - a. DVUSD Grading Scale for grades 3-12

A 100-90%	B 89-80%	
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Practice

1. Students are expected to take instruments home on a daily basis.
2. Students should be prepared for class and playing assessments.
3. Students are encouraged to practice *at least 6 days a week!*
 - a. Students in 5-6th grade are recommended 15-20 minutes per day.

Instruments

1. It is expected that all students provide their own accessories and materials for participation in band at Sunrise. This includes the required method book for their instrument.
2. If there are any issues regarding instrument rental or acquiring materials, please contact Dr. Fattu immediately to find solutions.
3. There are limited school-owned instruments available for student use. This includes the bigger, more expensive instruments (tuba, baritone saxophone, euphonium, etc.), as well as beginner instruments (clarinet, flute, trumpet, etc.)
 - a. Borrowing a school-owned instrument are subject to the completion of a rental contract.
 - b. Instruments must be returned at the end of the school year cleaned and in working condition.
 - i. Any instrument damaged beyond normal wear and tear is to be paid for by the person borrowing it. This includes pad replacement, broken cork, dents in any brass.
 - ii. Brass cleaning fee may be requested from the family for brass instruments needing a cleaning at the end of the year. Cleaning fees are as follows: Trumpet - \$80; Horn - \$160; Trombone - \$160; Euphonium - \$160; Tuba - \$200.

- c. Selected events throughout the year.

Communication

It is very important to stay informed and up to date with all the various activities going on in the band program. E-mail is the most efficient way to get in touch with me regarding our students, events, or activities.

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