

Hope Middle School Band Handbook



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The purpose of this handbook is to provide you with information concerning the band program at Hope Middle School. In order to maintain the high standards of excellence expected in our band program, you should become familiar with the procedures set forth in this document. It is hoped that some of the questions you may have concerning your child's band experience will be answered in this handbook. If a problem arises that is not addressed here, please feel free to contact me. It is necessary to have band policies clearly laid out in such a way that they are easily understood by everyone. When these policies are followed, our program will operate smoothly and will be a pleasant experience for all.

It is my desire that this band program provide each student with a band experience that is both musically rewarding and personally enjoyable. I believe music is a journey that will yield life long rewards.

For the most up to date information please visit our website: www.hopeband.weebly.com

Parents and students sign up for your students Remind class to stay up to date with our most current news. Text 81010 your class code:

1st Pd.- @4decb2 2nd Pd. - @6efbh9 5th Pd. - @a6a84e 6th Pd. - @8b84h4
7th Pd. @ebekba 8th Pd. - @c2864g Jazz Band - @324h7e

Band Policy

In order to help band members and parents understand their areas of responsibility, following are four general goals for which each band member should continually strive. Becoming familiar with these responsibilities will help band members make the most of their band experience.

1. Be in attendance of **ALL** band functions.
2. Display the **proper respect** for those in authority, including those other than the band director.
3. Follow all classroom rules, school regulations, and travel instructions issued for trips.
4. Make a **sincere effort** to learn and improve daily.

Grading Policy

1. **Tests (35%)** – Includes written and playing tests.
2. **Quiz (20%)** – Includes written and playing quizzes.
3. **Daily Participation (35%)** – Includes **WORTHWHILE** participation in all band activities and any unexcused class absences. Having the proper equipment for class (instrument, pencil, music, reeds).
4. **Class Work/Concerts (10%)** – Includes attendance at all required band performances as well as written work. A list of required performances was included with the handouts you received at the beginning of the year.

Classroom Rules

Good discipline in the classroom is a must in order to have effective rehearsals. If students are talking, they are not playing their instruments.

1. Follow all directions
2. Raise hand before speaking
3. Do not play instrument unless asked to do so.
4. Respect others and their property. Do not touch someone else's instrument.
5. Chewing gum, food, and drinks, except water, are not allowed in the band room or rehearsal area. These items damage musical instruments and can pose a choking hazard while playing.

Concert Dates

Winter Concert: December 5th, 2019

Spring Concert: May 21th, 2020

Students will wear the HMS Band Uniform for all concerts and performances. The uniform consists of the following:

HMS Band Shirt (Polo)
Khaki (Tan) pants, skirts (NO JEANS!!!)

Students are required to remain for the entire concert. No one will be allowed to leave unless there is an emergency. Doing so is rude and inconsiderate of the last band performing – after all, they had to listen to YOU play!

Supply List

All Students

1. A **black** 1-inch binder. This needs to be the basic black binder. It is important that it does not exceed 1 inch. Anything bigger will not fit in our music cabinets.
2. At least one pack of page protectors to begin with. Non glare would be best.
3. 1 pack of dividers for their binder labeled: Warm Ups, Fundamentals, Rhythms, Scales, Music
4. A pencil pouch that attaches inside the three ring binder.
5. Pencils. One each yellow, blue, and pink highlighter.

Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Students.

Korg TM60 tuner/metronome with CM200 clip on contact mic. (can be purchased as a package from Amazon)

**Percussion only need the TM60. They do not need the contact mic.

Bass Students

10-20 ft. instrument cable.

Korg TM60 tuner/metronome. They do not need the contact mic.

6th Grade Students Only

Students will need instruments by Thursday, September 5th, 2019

Fullers Music will be on site to set up rental agreements and sell instruments on August 29th in the HMS Band Room between the hours of 4 and 7pm. Alternatively you can also rent an instrument online from Fullers Music at www.fullersmusic.com. I encourage you to use this service. All instruments rented and purchased from Fullers Music will be delivered to the school. Please complete online orders by Thursday, August 29th to ensure delivery with other rentals. If you own an older instrument, and it may need some maintenance, feel free to send it to me and I can send it to Fullers Music for an estimate. Good used brands to look for are King, Selmer, Bundy, Bach, Conn, Yamaha, Buffett, and Geimeinhardt. The market has become saturated with substandard instruments. Although the price seems great, these instruments often are out of alignment when purchased and cannot be repaired. Just because an instrument is old does not mean it is inferior. Even an instrument from 1950 that needs an overhaul is far superior to many of today's instruments.

Typically method books are sold when instruments are rented. If you already have an instrument and only need a method book, I will place an order here at the school for your convenience. Price is \$11.00. Please make check payable to Hope Middle School for the method book. Method books will not be needed for several months. I will send a Remind Message when I begin taking orders.

Method Book: Essential Elements (for appropriate instrument)

Please fill out the following forms and return by Friday, August 30th.

Band Contract and Information Sheet
(Please Print)

Parent name _____ Student name _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Cell Phone #: _____

We have thoroughly read the Band Handbook. We understand all policies and responsibilities as explained and agree to uphold the standards of the HMS Band Program, including:

1. Providing Band Polo, Khaki pants. (Polo can be worn as part of the school uniform)
2. Attending all band performances and staying for the entire concert.
3. Practicing a total of one hour a week.
4. Coming to class with necessary equipment every day.

Signed _____
Parent Signature

Student Signature

Date _____

Band Polo Order Form

Student Name: _____

Embroidered Band Polo – Navy

Size	Price	Qty.	Total
Youth Small	\$22.00		
Youth Medium	\$22.00		
Youth Large	\$22.00		
Adult Small	\$22.00		
Adult Medium	\$22.00		
Adult Large	\$22.00		
Adult XL	\$22.00		
XXL	\$22.00		
XXXL	\$25.00		
Name (Max 15 characters)	\$6.00	Name →	

Number of Pieces: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Cash or make Checks payable to Hope Middle School
 Order due by September 20, 2018