

Les Bois Junior High Band 2020-2021

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This little packet contains some VERY important information for you and your parents to carefully read and thoroughly understand. Please ask Mrs. Flory if you have any questions on ANY of the information provided.



GRADING

By joining band, you become a member of a fully organized and operating team. If just one person is missing, the whole team suffers. Therefore, participation, practice, and performance grades will be incredibly important to your success in this class. The following scale is a reflection of the letter grade earned based on a 5 point scale.

5	100%
4	90%
3	80%
2	70%
1	60%
0	50% or less

GRADES – based on four elements

Written Work – 30%

- Completed class assignments are expected to be turned in on time.
- Work will be graded as either completion or for correctness.
- In-class (and digital) assignments and homework should be completed so that the student and teacher is able to evaluate the level of understanding per concept.

Written Quizzes/Tests – 30%

- Written quizzes will be over music theory.
- Any student suspected of cheating will be given an automatic zero on the quiz/test.

Playing Tests – 40%

- Although Mrs. Flory does not do practice logs, all students are expected to practice for 30 minutes daily. Their grade will reflect the effort they put into their instrument at home.
- Tests will be done on assigned material including concert music, scales, excerpts, fundamental exercises, and rhythm. They may be performed one-on-one, in small groups, or in front of the class.
- There will be a playing test every week with the exception of the week of a performance.

The Final Exam will represent 10% of the semester grade

CLASS EXPECTATIONS & GUIDELINES

- To be early is to be on time - To be on time is to be late - To be late is to be forgotten
 - Be in the classroom at the start of class (or you're tardy)
- Be ready to play three minutes after class starts (or you're tardy)
- Every day, you need to have: your instrument, your music, a pencil
- Come to class with an attentive, cooperative, and positive attitude
- Pencils should be sharpened **before class starts**.
- No food or drink (except water) while playing. This includes gum!
- Only handle your own instrument. Move carefully around the Band Room.
- Take care of your instrument
- All instruments should be put in their cases at the end of class and put away in their appropriate cubbies or the student's lockers (if applicable).
- **Respect all people! Respect all property!** Class is run through **respect**. Showing respect to your classmates is not talking while they are sharing with the class. It is posting only appropriate and applicable comments during Google Meets. It is being prepared to contribute to the ensemble. Showing respect to Mrs. Flory is giving your full attention, not talking while rehearsing, and not playing while instructions are being given. I show you respect by keeping a professional manner.
- If disrespect is shown then that student will be asked to leave the rehearsal and/or virtual classroom. If a student is removed from class, an alternative assignment will be sent to the student. Future occurrences will involve the vice-principal.



REQUIRED MATERIALS

Instruments

An instrument in good working condition is required for band. If there is an issue with an instrument, please have the student show it to me during the school day. If it needs to be repaired, please bring it to one of the local music stores listed below. It is important that the instrument be repaired in a timely manner so that it does not interfere with the student's ability to fully participate in class, rehearsals, and performances.

Local Music Stores:

Dunkley Music, Dorsey Music, Welch Music, etc.

Instrument Accessories and Supplies

Please refer to the attached list for individual instrument requirements and supplies. Please do not let the cost of these materials get in the way of being in band.

** Please let Mrs. Flory know if you need help with the cost of any of these items. We'll always find a way to make it happen.*

To the Parents of Les Bois Junior High Band Students

Welcome to the Les Bois Junior High band program. Band is available for students who have completed their sixth grade band class or intermediate band here at Les Bois, or who have studied privately and have become proficient on their instrument. Since this class is an elective, your students are here by choice. Because of this, the band room will be filled with joy and enthusiasm for music.

The goal of Junior High instrumental ensemble classes is to provide a satisfying and rewarding musical experience for students committed to learning to play a musical instrument, and to give them an opportunity to perform. It is the music educator's mission to help students find their musical voice by affirming their present abilities, encouraging progress in their proficiency on their instruments, improving their musicianship, and equipping them with the necessary skills for continued musical growth. Being a member of an ensemble helps students develop a sense of responsibility and self-discipline while also instilling a sense of pride and accomplishment.

You can help your child to be successful in band by:

- Encourage your son or daughter to find and keep a regular practice time at home.
- Be positive and encouraging.
- Supply the necessary instrument and accessories. Encourage responsibility to keep the instrument in good repair.
- Provide private lessons if possible. A list of teachers is available from Mrs. Flory

Please read through this Band Contract carefully. It contains important information about class policies and grading.

After you have read this packet, sign and return the attached contract.

Only return the last page; keep the rest for your personal records.

Information will also be added to the band website throughout the year.

2020-2021 Semester 1 - Band Member Contract

I have read and understand all parts of this Band Contract and understand how it applies to me as a band student. I will do my best to grow as a musician, show respect to myself, my peers, my teachers, and the equipment, and be honest and responsible in everything I do. I accept the consequences if I choose to break this commitment.

I understand Mrs. Flory's expectations. I realize that I am responsible for myself, and I will actively participate in class. I will also complete all assignments, makeup work, and tests. I agree to do my best to follow the expectations outlined in this packet and will accept the consequences if I choose otherwise.

Student's Name (please print) _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

I have read and discussed the requirements of Les Bois Junior High's band program with the student.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Return this page to Mrs. Flory

DUE Friday- August 21, 2020