

7th GRADE BAND

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Welcome back to the new school year! This handbook will supply you with general information about 7th Grade Band. Please read and review this information with your parent(s).

7th Grade Band is a *performance class*, which means that a large portion of the student's grade consists of successful performance skills and concert ensemble skills. Concerts are held in the evenings. Please look over the **performance calendar** carefully so that you are aware of all concert dates. The ensemble performances cannot be duplicated. In the **event of illness or emergency** the student's absence is excused with contact from a parent (the student will be expected to demonstrate their performance skills through SmartMusic assessment).

Class Learning Objectives

7th Grade Band is an exploratory performance class designed for students with one or more years of experience on their band instrument. Students are expected to achieve 2nd year instrumental music performance skills during this year. The school year will be dedicated to learning musical concepts and applying them to performance on the student's chosen instrument in band rehearsal class setting and ensemble concert performances. **7th Grade Band is a year-long class.** It is our hope that students will continue to build a meaningful band experience in the 6-12 grade **band program**.

Opportunities for additional learning: Private instruction on your band instrument; solo performance in class; Band Ninja; participation in jazz band and holiday ensemble tour.

Expectations

- Band students are expected to practice and review learned skills outside of class time. Various means of reporting practice skills will be submitted to the teachers throughout the year.
- It is **very important** that students do not forget their instrument, band folder with method book, music and pencil on their band day. This will greatly affect their performance skills. 7th Grade Band sections meet every other day throughout the school year. Each day is designated an 'A' or 'B' day. Students will attend classes following the A/B calendar. (If an instrument or materials are forgotten the student should request the use of a school instrument from the teacher to finger along during class.)
- 7th grade band students are required to have the following **attire** for concerts so **PLEASE PLAN AHEAD:**
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 - solid **BLACK** shoes
 - solid **WHITE** top with sleeves - (no T-shirts, please!)
 - solid **BLACK** bottoms – pants or skirt (skirts must be below knee- length)
 - solid **BLACK** socks

7th Grade Band Performance Schedule 2019 – 2020

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
December 10, 2019	7 th and 8 th Grade Band Concert	Sr. High Auditorium	6 p.m. <u>or</u> 7:30 p.m.
December 16 or 17, 2019	Holiday Ensemble Tours	Elementary Schools	School day
February 11, 2020	DCEMS Solo Festival	DCE Middle School	3:15 - 5:15 p.m.
February 29, 2020	District Solo Ensemble Festival	Wausau East High School	events during the day
March 10, 2020	7 th Grade Band Concert	DCE Middle School Gym	7:30 p.m.
May 8, 2020	Jazz Blowout	Sr. High Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
May 11, 2020 OR May 12, 2020	M.S. Band Concert (*Students will be assigned <u>ONE</u> of these concerts)	MS - Theater	7:00 p.m.

Grading Scheme

The grading scheme that is working “Behind the Scene” is based on a 4-point scale. When you see a percentage in the “Parent or Student” app in the grading area, this is how it should be interpreted.

GRADE	RANGE		
A	100%	to	92.5%
AB	92.5%	to	82.5%
B	82.5%	to	70.0%
BC	70.0%	to	57.5%
C	57.5%	to	45.0%
LP	45.0%	to	25.0%
NE	25.0%	to	0.00%

You should ALWAYS look at the grade book version on a WEB BROWSER to see the final LETTER GRADE that is 100% accurate.

Mrs. Phalen and Mrs. Zimmerman teach the 7th Grade Band classes. Feel free to contact either of us with your questions!

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