



Band Karate



Beginning Band

What is Band Karate?



- ♪ The Karate belt system is used in martial arts training to mark the progress a student has made in their study. The same idea applies to learning your band instrument. The student starts out at a low rank of belt (white) and progresses through the ranks to make it to the top (black). To advance to the next belt, students must show that they have mastered the skill by doing a belt examination. It requires a lot of practice and self motivation!
- ♪ Band Karate is a fun way to celebrate our progress in band this year. Students play “pass-off” lines from our band book to earn “belts”.
- ♪ First step in Band Karate: Earn your instrument name tag.
- ♪ Your instrument name tag is where you will display all the belts you earn in Band Karate this year.

How to get your instrument name tag:

Demonstrate the best sound on your instrument mouthpiece using the correct embouchure to produce the specified pitch.



Demonstrate correct embouchure

Hold pitch for 4 seconds

Woodwinds - use Bandmate Chromatic Tuner app on your iPad
(in self service)

- ★ Flute headjoint, pitch on tuner = A
- ★ Oboe reed, pitch on tuner = C
- ★ Clarinet mouthpiece & barrel, pitch on tuner = G# (Ab)
- ★ Alto Sax mouthpiece & neck, pitch on tuner = F

Brass - Buzz on mouthpiece making the paper “fly”

Percussion - Demonstrate correct hand position on sticks
while playing one measure each of quarter
notes, eighth notes and sixteenth notes with
metronome at 75 (use metronome app on iPad)

