

Blackmon Road Middle School Band
Alysia Cooper, Band Director
Beginning Band Syllabus

Class Materials:

- Complete Instrument and Accessories
- Elements of Music Book 1
- Binder with other music and handouts
- Pencil

Grading Policy:

- 50% Class Participation
- 25% Playing tests and other written tests
- 25% Performances

*Practice Records: these are not required this year. However, students still need to practice consistently. This means they must take their instruments home and USE them! Playing tests will be given during class on music handed out, method book assignments, scales, other playing assignments. The more time spent practicing the better the student will be on his/her instrument. Please encourage your son/daughter to practice at home.

Instrument Repairs:

If it becomes necessary to take your instrument to the shop to be repaired, you must bring a repair ticket from the music store stating the date the instrument was taken in and the date it was ready for pickup. Upon receipt of the repair ticket, the dates stated will then be excused. If no ticket is submitted, the dates will be unexcused, and points will be deducted from the participation portion of your grade. Students without instruments will still be required to bring all other class materials and may be required to complete a written assignment.

Performances

All performances are required and are for a grade. Students are graded based on arriving promptly, having complete instrument and accessories, having required music in a binder for that performance, behavior, and correct attire.

Performance Attire:

Casual: blue jeans and band tshirts (same shirts that were bought last spring additional shirts are available for \$10 each)

Dress: Guys-black pants(no jeans), black shoes(no tennis or athletic shoes), white collared shirt, and band jacket(provided by school)

Girls-all black, may be black pants(no jeans) or skirt and a black collared or dress shirt, or may be a black dress. Dresses or Skirts must meet length requirements and other dress code requirements as defined in the students handbook for Muscogee County Schools.

Music:

Each student must bring their own music in a black binder to all performances. Music may not be carried loosely.

Behavior:

Concert behavior will be taught in the band classroom. Students will meet the expectations set by Mrs. Cooper at any performance by the band or observed by band students.

Promptness:

All performances will have a call time. Call time is the specified time that the director has set for students to be in their seats ready to play with all supplies. In order to be ready AT call time the recommended arrival time is 15 minutes prior.

After reading the contents of this syllabus, please detach and return this portion to Mrs. Cooper no later than Friday, August 15, 2008.

I have read and understand this syllabus.

Student

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date