

Blackmon Road Middle School Band
Alysia Cooper, Band Director
8th grade Syllabus

Class Materials:

Complete Instrument and Accessories
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.

Georgia Music Educator Events

Eighth grade band students are required to participate in several GMEA events this year.

The first event is District Band auditions. These auditions are held here at BRMS. District band is an event for outstanding band students in our music district. Selection for this event is done by audition. Audition requirements will be sent home soon. There is an audition fee of \$15. Students who wish to may also audition for All-State band. This is a very high honor for the students who make the band. There is an additional fee for this audition, however, the first audition for District band and All-State band are on the same day and location. Those students who make the first audition for All-State will be scheduled for a 2nd audition in January. Students who make either District Band or All-State band will be attending these events off campus. More information will be given to students once participation has been confirmed.

The next event during the year is Large Group Performance Evaluation. This event is a group event for our band. The eighth grade band will perform three pieces for three judges and then sight-read new music for a fourth judge. Scores are given by each judge and then published for all the schools who participate. This is a required event by the Muscogee County School District. There is no registration fee for the student and most of the time our performance time is during school hours.

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
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