

# Harrisburg North Middle School Band

## Syllabus for 2021-2022

Welcome to Middle School Band! Below are some basic policies and grading for the course this year. Band is a curricular, graded course. As such, there are certain standards expected of all students (as there are in every other class). All students are graded on the three district-wide band standards below:

### Lessons

*(Standard #1: Organize, develop, and refine artistic ideas and work for presentation.)*

Lessons are a vital part of the band curriculum where students learn new skills, improve on their instrument and are the main source of evaluating individual student progress. The lesson times are assigned to coordinate with the student's schedule during the school day and are grouped by instrument and individual ability level. *If a student misses a lesson, they are expected to make it up.*

### Ensemble Skills & Assessments

*(Standard #2: Identify, analyze, and interpret musical works related to life and society.)*

Throughout the course of the year, students will receive assignments, partake in activities, or take quizzes to enhance their musical progress. These are designed to focus on skills vital to the ensemble rehearsal process as well as a deeper understanding of the music and performances. Occasionally, students will be asked to perform a prepared excerpt of music for a performance grade during their lesson or class time. Students will have advance notice of these assessments.

### Performances

*(Standard #3: Convey and interpret intent and meaning through the presentation of music.)*

Performances are a required part of any performing arts class. A schedule is provided and attendance at all performance dates is considered **mandatory**. Please put those dates on your family calendars right away to avoid any conflicts. Unless it is a family emergency, all conflicts (excused or unexcused) should be communicated **at least 2 weeks prior**. Attire for formal concerts is **BLACK FORMAL**.

Since the band room holds some of the most expensive equipment in the school, we ask that all instruments and equipment are treated with care and respect (including keeping band lockers tidy). Students are expected to have their instrument (in good working order), reeds (have at least 3 at all times), accessories (i.e. valve oil, slide oil, cork grease, cleaning swabs, etc.), music, a pencil and their lesson books (**7<sup>th</sup> Graders will need Measures of Success Book 1 & 2, 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will need Measures of Success Book 2**) at all rehearsals. In addition, percussion should have a stick bag, a pair of snare drum sticks, and yarn-wrapped marimba mallets.

For additional music opportunities, there are honor band auditions (for highly-motivated and responsible students who are looking for a challenge) and our before-school jazz bands (late fall start). I believe that these guidelines will help us to create a successful music-learning environment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me using the contact info below.

Sincerely,

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## Performance Schedule 2021-2022

<b>Friday, October 15</b>	<b>Halftime Performance - @ Harrisburg High School</b> <i>(7th and 8th grade students only)</i>
<b>Tuesday, December 7</b>	<b>North Middle School Band Concert - @ NMS PAC</b> <i>(6th, 7th, 8th grade band students)</i>
Friday, February 4 – Saturday, February 5	SDMEA Middle School All-State Jazz Band - @ Mitchell <i>(selected 6th, 7th, and 8th grade jazz students only)</i>
<b>Tuesday, March 1</b>	<b>Harrisburg Band Showcase - @ Washington Pavilion</b> <i>(5th-12th grade band students)</i>
Friday, March 4 – Saturday, March 5	SDMEA Middle School All-State Band - @ Mitchell <i>(selected 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students only)</i>
Monday, March 28	HHS/NMS/SMS Jazz Concert - @ NMS PAC <i>(jazz band students only)</i>
Saturday, April 9	Middle School Solo/Ensemble Festival - @ South MS <i>(all students are highly encouraged to participate)</i>
<b>Tuesday, May 3</b>	<b>North Middle School Band Concert - @ NMS PAC</b> <i>(6th, 7th, 8th grade band students)</i>

\*Performances in **bold** are REQUIRED for their respective classes\*

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