

## MJHS Bands Online Student Manual

### Guidelines for Band Members

**COURTESY** - Band is a school activity - all school behavior standards apply. Students are expected to respect the rights of others, and to cooperate with staff and each other. This same respect is to be extended to students and organizations from other schools, as well as to the numerous parents who give freely of their time to assist us.

**ATTENDANCE** - All Band members are expected to be in attendance at rehearsals and performances. Conflicts are to be resolved well in advance by a written note from parents.

**CLASS PROCEDURE** - Be on time and ready for rehearsals with the necessary equipment and materials - this includes keeping all music and a pencil in the music folder. Make good use of our time by following instructions promptly and quietly. Keep talking at a minimum during rehearsals—stay focused and on task.

**EQUIPMENT CARE** - All instruments must have name tags attached, listing name, school name, and stall number. Keep equipment and uniform items clean and in good shape. Keep extra reeds, oil, accessories, etc. on hand.

**SCHOOL EQUIPMENT and FACILITIES** - Take time to keep our facilities neat by putting equipment and materials away. Keep books, backpacks, and other personal belongings in your locker.

**TRAVEL** - Experience has shown that many potential problems are solved when students ride the bus *en route* to events. Make prior arrangements to ride home with a parent.

**CONCERT DRESS** - Black Pants or Skirt, Band Shirt or Sweater, Black dress shoes. *No blue jeans or sneakers.*

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### Assessment

*The Grading System sets goals for student performance and provides a measure of student progress.*

*Grading Scales are posted at the beginning of each Grading Period. The following areas are included in determining student grades:*

**PRACTICE POINTS** - *Practice Reports* are a requirement for all members. They are to be turned in at the beginning of each week.

**PERFORMANCE GRADES** are based on assigned studies or selections. Students are evaluated on Note and Rhythmic Accuracy, Tone Quality, and Musical Effect.

**WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS** reinforce mastery of note names, counting, and musical terms. Related assignments in writing and problem-solving align our curriculum with school-wide standards.

**ATTENDANCE GRADES** are based on Attendance Standards as noted in the *Guidelines for Band Members*. *An unexcused absence from a major performance will typically result in a reduction of at least one letter grade.*

**ENSEMBLE GRADES** represent the evaluation of the student's daily effort in class and rehearsals.