

Cedar Bluff Middle School Band Syllabus

2019-2020

Mrs. Jessica White, director

Dear Parents and Students,

Hello and welcome back to school! Please read through this syllabus carefully before completing the QR code by August 16, 2019. Being in band is a wonderful way to become a more complete, well-rounded individual. Middle school band is a three-year course for your student. Throughout your student's time in middle school, they will develop skills such as teamwork, discipline, individual thinking, and have a positive outlet for expression and creativity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know. I'm looking forward to working with you and your student!

Respectfully,
Jessica White

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What should I bring to class DAILY?

- ♪ Pencil
- ♪ ½ inch binder labeled with student's name
- ♪ Band Book
- ♪ An instrument in working condition

What book do I need for class?

- ♪ 6th Grade: Sound Innovations Book 1 (blue) - WAIT TO PURCHASE A BOOK UNTIL YOUR INSTRUMENT CHOICE HAS BEEN APPROVED
- ♪ 7th Grade: Foundations for Superior Performance
- ♪ 8th Grade: Foundations for Superior Performance

Where can I purchase/rent items needed for class?

- ♪ Bandland (Instrument Sales and Repairs)
1409 Whitower Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919
(865) 661-2459
- ♪ Lunsford's Musical Instruments
3606 Western Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37921
(865) 532-0276
- ♪ Rush's Musical Services
9117 Executive Park Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923
(865) 531-7689
- ♪ Lane Music
9648 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37922
(865) 357-5025
- ♪ Woodwind and Brasswind
www.wwbw.com

What are the expectations in the band room?

- ♪ Mrs. White has the right to teach and all students have the right to learn; students should not interfere with either of these rights.
- ♪ Treat everyone with respect at all times.
- ♪ Bring ALL materials to class DAILY.
- ♪ Handle ALL instruments and equipment with care.
- ♪ No food, drink, or gum in the band room.

What is the band supply cost?

- ♪ The band supply cost is \$25. This amount helps the band purchase sheet music, chairs, stands, substitutes, and other required necessities throughout the year.
- ♪ Cash is accepted and checks can be made out to “Cedar Bluff Middle School”. Please make sure your student’s name is attached to your form of payment.

Can I use a school owned instrument?

- ♪ Students who play a large instrument such as baritone and tuba may use a school instrument if available. Students using a school owned instrument should supply their own mouthpiece and needed accessories such as reeds, valve oil, and slide grease. Using a school owned instrument during the 2019-2020 school year requires a one-time fee of \$35 in addition to the band supply cost. This fee helps cover the cost of normal repairs throughout the school year. If the instrument is damaged beyond normal use, an additional charge will be required. Each student using a school owned instrument is responsible for the instrument’s safe keeping and usage.
- ♪ ALL school owned instruments needing repair throughout the school year must be given to Mrs. White.
- ♪ Students who use a school owned instrument must complete and return a CBMS Instrument Rental form with their parent’s signature in order to use the instrument throughout the school year.
- ♪ Other instruments may be available for use based on availability.

What mouthpieces are recommended for your instrument?

- ♪ Clarinet: Premiere by Hite
- ♪ Bass Clarinet/Alto Saxophone/Tenor Saxophone/Baritone Saxophone: Yamaha 4C
- ♪ French Horn: Holton Farkas MDC
- ♪ Trumpet: Bach 5C
- ♪ Trombone/Baritone: Yamaha 51D (shank size will vary)
- ♪ Tuba: Conn Helleberg
- ♪ All mouthpieces can be purchased at local music stores or online.

What do percussionists bring to class?

- ♪ Students playing percussion must bring their own sticks and mallets to class daily.
- ♪ Students are required to have a mallet bag, soft yarn mallets, hard rubber mallets, timpani mallets, and snare drum sticks. A great pack that includes all of the needed sticks and mallets is the Innovation Percussion FP-2 Intermediate Pack. Prices will vary at music stores and online.
- ♪ ALL percussionists should label their sticks, mallets, and bag with their first and last name. Students are responsible for keeping up with and taking care of their sticks and mallets.

How will I earn a grade in band?

- ♪ Performances 50%
- ♪ Playing Assignments 15%
- ♪ Written Assignments 10%
- ♪ Class Participation 25%
- ♪ All music class performances require mandatory participation. Please mark important dates found on the attached calendar.
- ♪ In order to receive full credit for class participation, students must be actively engaged with all materials needed for class including a working instrument OR sticks and mallets, a pencil, and the appropriate music.

When will I show my family and friends what I've learned?

- ♪ Performances will take place multiple times throughout the school year. Each performance is part of each student's grade. All schedule conflicts must be brought to Mrs. White's attention well in advance.
- ♪ Concerts are held in the CBMS Gym.
- ♪ **6th Grade Dress Code:** All students should wear nice clothes for each performance in 6th grade. Shorts, jeans, and flip flops are not permitted.
- ♪ **7th & 8th Grade Dress Code:** All students must wear "concert black". Girls should wear all black in the form of slacks and a blouse, skirt and a blouse, or a dress along with black dress shoes. Boys should wear black slacks, black dress shirt, and black dress shoes OR black slacks, white dress shirt, black suit jacket, and black dress shoes. Bow ties will be provided. Black suit jackets can be borrowed from Mrs. White on a first come first served basis.
- ♪ Other performance opportunities such as ETSBOA Jr. Band Clinic, ETSBOA Solo and Ensemble, PTSA meetings, basketball games, Knox County Middle School Honor Band, etc will be available to interested students throughout the school year. Information regarding each will be sent home closer to the dates listed on the attached calendar.

How can I be the best player I can be?

- ♪ Practice. In order to improve at a skill or talent, you must practice.
- ♪ The band room is open before school from 8:00-8:30am and after school from 3:30-4:00pm daily for students to practice alone or with friends.
- ♪ Private lessons are great way to get one-on-one help. A list of individuals offering lessons in the Knoxville area is attached. Area music stores will also have business cards of other instructor in the area.

Can I keep my instrument and music in the band room?

- ♪ There is an instrument storage room that has shelves labeled for each instrument. Students may leave their instrument on the designated shelf. Instruments left in the incorrect space will be taken up for students to retrieve from Mrs. White. Cases and bags should be labeled with a first and last name.
- ♪ There is also a bookshelf for each grade where students can leave their ½ inch music binder in between classes. Folders must be labeled with a first and last name to avoid confusion with other student belongings.
- ♪ All items left in the band room are the responsibility of the student. CBMS and Mrs. White are not responsible in the event of any damages or missing items. Students are allowed to take home their binders and instruments.

How can I keep up with what the band is doing and receive reminders?

- ♪ Mrs. White will send email announcements and reminders through Aspen. Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date in the CBMS front office in order to receive class emails.
- ♪ Mrs. White will send announcements and reminders via text. Please text the code for your student's grade below to sign-up for class texts.
 - 6th Grade: Text @cbms6grade to 81010
 - 7th Grade: Text @cbms7grade to 81010
 - 8th Grade: Text @cbms8grade to 81010
- ♪ The band is on social media! "Like" and "follow" the band to see what we've been up to!



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- ♪ Mrs. White will post photos of students and/or student work (performances, class work, etc) on social media throughout the school year. Please let Mrs. White know via email if you do not want your student's picture or work on any of the social media platforms.
- ♪ Please email all questions to Jessica.white@knoxschools.org for the quickest response rate.

2019-2020 Band Calendar

- ♪ August 20 Band Open House (5:00-6:30pm)
- ♪ September 27 8th Grade Night at HVA (8th Grade Band Students)
- ♪ October 3 ETSBOA Jr. Band Clinic Audition Money Due (7th/8th grade interested student - \$10)
- ♪ October 31 Japanese Delegation (8th Grade Performance During School)
- ♪ November 15 Medal of Honor (7th Grade Performance During School)
- ♪ November 16 ETSBOA Jr. Band Clinic Audition at Maryville Junior High School
- ♪ December 6-7 ETSBOA Jr. Band Clinic at Oak Ridge High School
- ♪ December 10 Winter Concert (all grades)
- ♪ December 13 Caroling Field Trip (select 7th and 8th grade students)
- ♪ January 23-24 Knox County Middle School Honor Band at Gibbs Middle School (select 7th and 8th)
- ♪ March 5 ETSBOA Solo and Ensemble Performance Money Due (all students welcome - \$6)
- ♪ April TBA ETSBOA Solo and Ensemble at West Valley Middle School
- ♪ May 5 Spring Concert and Awards (all grades)
- ♪ TBD 6th Grade Band Dollywood Trip
- ♪ TBD 7th/8th Grade Band Trip
- ♪ TBD Band Fundraiser
- ♪ TBD Spring Fling

- ♪ Calendar additions, changes, and reminders will be communicated via email, text, and/or social media. Please make sure you have signed up for all available notifications. Students may also sign up for notifications.

CBMS Band Syllabus Agreement

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Parents can follow the link below to complete the Band Syllabus Agreement. Please complete this form by **August 15th, 2019**. The class supply cost of \$25 can be paid by cash or check made out to Cedar Bluff Middle School. Students will receive a grade for completing this form by August 15th.

<https://forms.gle/3a7UrciMbEnvWMLz9>

Parents wanting a hard copy to complete of the Band Syllabus Agreement can email Mrs. White at Jessica.white@knoxschools.org for a form to be sent home with your student.