

Creekside Middle School Band
Syllabus 2020 - 2021

Class procedure and rules:

Face to Face

When we are learning at school, students will need to follow daily directions and procedures that will most likely be changing often. Wearing masks when we are not playing and remaining socially distant with peers are two rules that must be followed.

Remote

When we are learning at home through technology, students will need to treat that experience with the same expectations as normal class time. Chatting, texting or other activities that distract the student from learning will be strongly discouraged. Students will need to keep their cameras on and live. Example: students may not put a picture of themselves on the screen and must stay engaged in the learning process.

Enrollment:

Due to its unique nature, enrollment in band at Creekside Middle School is a year-long commitment. Please understand the skills necessary to be successful in band are developmental and each student progresses at his or her own rate. Practice and study usually dictate that rate. It is not unusual for even the most talented student to become frustrated at times.

Band books:

6th & 7th Grade – Essential Elements Book 1 and 8th grade - Essential Elements Book 2. The 6th grade will be starting at the beginning of the book while the 7th grade will be starting midway through the book. These books all have access to an online account called EEi (Essential Elements Interactive). This platform will be where kids can submit playing examples, get daily announcements and assignments, plug in practice minutes and more. Each student will be taught how to open their online account. Parents may need to provide some help. Please write down your user name and password since the school will not have access to it.

Grading:

Participation performance and practice time 50% of your grade

To receive full credit, students should attend class with all of their materials and participate fully in class. Students who do not bring materials or do not participate will lose their daily participation grades. Students who are ill will be giving the opportunity to make up these daily points. Due to the block schedule and the prospect of remote learning, all students will be utilizing the online practice logs through EEi. For 7th and 8th graders, this practice log component will only be used if we are remote learning or if there is time in class to provide practice minutes. 6th graders will be required to practice multiple times per week. More specific information will be provided later.

Written and Playing quizzes 50% of your grade

Students will do many small playing and written assessments throughout the year. Most quizzes will be short and can be recorded in class. Other assessments will need to be completed outside of class. In most cases these assessments will be video or audio recordings that students will upload to Google Classroom or EEi through their school provided iPad.

School equipment:

The band department is able to loan large instruments for student use. These instruments are very valuable and are extremely expensive to replace. All students who are issued a school instrument will be asked to provide a \$75.00 rental fee. This fee will cover common repairs that are a result of everyday maintenance, however, the fee does not cover any damage that is the result of misuse or neglect. Instrument contracts will be mailed home later in the year.

Reeds can be purchased in the band office:

Clarinet = \$2 Alto = \$3 Tenor/Bass Clarinet = \$4 Bari = \$5 Oboe = \$10 Bassoon = \$10

*If we are in remote learning, the teacher will send out information about how to buy reeds through Meyer Music or online stores. Please seek that information before you purchase reeds.

Uniform:

We will not be utilizing band uniforms this year. Later in the school year we hope to run a band apparel sale in lieu of both uniforms and a fundraiser. Details will be available when appropriate.

Website: creeksideband.com

Please visit creeksideband.com, our official Creekside Band Website where you can find important information and past concert recordings. Feel free to bookmark creeksideband.com for easy recall.

Performances and special trips:

Currently all performances and events are TBA. We hope to have some information about when and how we can perform later this fall. While live performances are ideal, this year may look different and require us to perform via live stream so that our families can enjoy our concerts from their homes.

Parent communication:

Many important documents will come home through “parent portal” otherwise known as Infinite Campus. Please make sure that you have a current email address with that system so that you receive the communications. Also, if you change email addresses during the year, please contact the main office at Creekside to verify that your email on I.C. is correct.

Teacher/Student commitment:

Your teachers are committed to making this year the best experience possible. We will need grace and patience as the fluid nature of the year requires us to be flexible and adaptive. We promise to provide that same grace and patience to our students and their parents. We are all one team who care deeply about the students and their physical, social, mental and emotional well-being. We are committed to continue making band both fun and productive. And, we are committed to keeping the students and staff of the Creekside Band Department safe. As the protocols and procedures change, we will do our best to communicate the expectations. With all of this in mind, we expect our students to work with us and be team players so that music learning will always remain the focus of all of our classes.