



Middle School Concert Band Class Syllabus 2022-2023

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Description

The RCS Middle School Concert Band is a great jumping off point for unskilled and skilled instrumentalists alike! Music sight-reading and basic instrument technique are taught at an introductory to intermediate level, encouraging students to master rudimentary skills before diving into more difficult music. The rehearsals will take place as a class during the school day (so as not to conflict with athletics), but participation in extracurricular activities is a requirement as a member. Year-long commitment to the group is mandatory.

Method Books and Supplemental Charts for the Year

All method books and supplemental charts will be provided by the director and checked out to the students to keep in their music folder, bring to class daily, and take home when needed. They need to be returned at the end of the year in good shape--please only write in them with pencil. If they are damaged or lost, the family will have to pay to have them replaced. The same applies to any music handed out to the students at any point in the year.

Method Book: Accent on Achievement Bk. 2 **Supp. Charts:** Sound Innovations, Winning Rhythms
Supplies: Please see our website for a full comprehensive list of supplies needed (click [here](#)).

Office Hours

I am available any day after school from 3:00-3:30 pm for any help or private instruction you might need. I also have the last period of every school day available. Sometimes, however, I may not be available. To ensure that I'm there when you need me, try to talk with me ahead of time and let me know when you're coming in.

Classroom & Academic Procedures

*All related rules and consequences are published on the school website and are to be reviewed and followed. If something isn't addressed here, refer to the **Student Handbook** for all school policies.*

Absences

If you are absent from a rehearsal, you are expected to make up the practice time on your own outside of rehearsal. Too many missed rehearsals may result in your being asked to leave the group. Illness, doctors appointments, and previously discussed school commitments are the only excused absences for this class. Mr. Lybeck must be notified of pre-planned absence. Students who miss important rehearsals may be expected to make them up outside of class time in a scheduled sectional.

Dropping Out

As per our school administration, any students who drops out of a performing arts group before their year commitment is fulfilled will have to go through a review and personal meeting with the principal and director before being allowed to sign up again. Please schedule a meeting with the director before pulling your child out of band to see if some solution to any issues can be worked out.



Late Work

All assignments must be completed on the due date. You will only receive full credit for an assignment if it is turned in by the due date and time that is posted with the assignment on Google Classroom. If an assignment was missed due to illness, the student will have one more period *past* the day they return to class to complete the missed assignment. If the assignment is not done by this extended date, it will be subject to the primary late work policy. If a student has a planned absence (family vacation, extra curricular conflict, etc.), it is *their* responsibility to discuss the absence with the teacher *two weeks prior* to the absence so a plan can be agreed upon about the assignment that will be missed. Late work (excluding that which does not apply to one of the stipulations above) will only be accepted up to one week after it is due and only then at **30%** less credit than the grade earned. If it is turned after this time, it will receive a **zero**.

Grading Categories and Weights

Participation: 40% (10 pts. daily)

Quizzes/Scales/Worksheets: 25%

Tests/Performances: 35%

The BAND App

The best way to get in contact with me is through the BAND app. This app will be used as **our main form of communication** and I will regularly update it with important information about rehearsals, events, deadlines, etc. It is free from the App Store (Android or Apple). Mr. Lybeck will send you an invitation to the group page at the beginning of the school year. ***Every parent with a child in the group is required to register*** as email will not be used to keep students and families informed of necessary information.

Fees

While we wish that being a part of a performing arts group could be completely 'free', the simple fact is that it costs money to run a quality program. The Band & Choir Fees help cover the costs of the programs from year to year including: new instruments, band owned instrument repairs, band & choir camps, clinics, supplies, festival expenses (entries and travel), parties, end of the year concert, t-shirts, folders, and large items such as equipment trucks and large band instruments (tubas, percussion, etc). Band & Choir Fee Payments and fundraising provide the monies to support the Rancho Music Program. All students are responsible for paying for any personal items that they lose or which they will keep (performance polos, shoes, pants, instrument hygiene items, tuners, metronome, etc.). The fees for being in **Concert Band** is currently **\$150/year** payable in one lump sum or installments. Visit [this link](#) for more info on fees and payment options.

List of Events



2022

Fri, 9/2 - *Round 1 Meet-and-Greet*
Tue, 9/6 - *Band/Choir Parent Dinner*
Fri, 9/30 - *Rummage Sale Drop-Off Day*
Sat, 10/1 - *Fine Arts Rummage Sale*
Wed., 12/7 - *Band/Choir Christmas Chapel*
Fri., 12/18 - *Band/Choir Christmas Concert*

2023

Fri, 2/3 - Sat, 2/4 - *Practice Marathon Fundraiser*
March - *Various Band/Choir Festivals*
March - *Music in Our Schools Month Various Events (TBD)*
Fri., 4/19 - *Instrument Fitting Day*
Sat, 5/6 - *Music in the Parks Festival @ Universal Studios*
Wed., 5/17 (tentative) - *Band/Choir Spring Chapel*
Thurs., 5/18 (tentative) - *Band/Choir Spring Concert*
TBD - *Band Awards Banquet*