

MARCELLUS BAND ROOM RULES

Rules

1. Respect others (no putdowns) and their property.
2. Do not talk or play your instrument out of turn.
3. Be in your seat and prepared to play at the designated time.
4. No food, gum, candy, pop, etc. are permitted in the band room.

Consequences

1. Verbal warning
2. Office/Referral
3. Call home and Office/Referral
4. Removal from Band program

Expectations

1. Help out! – Help clean, help move furniture, help each other.
2. Practice your instrument frequently.
3. Come to class fully prepared (instrument, music book, mask, pencil).
4. Listen carefully and follow directions closely.
5. Be responsible for your own equipment.

GRADING

The grading is divided between four areas:

1. **Musicianship** (40%) - based on observed student effort and progress through regular quizzes and tests. Students will have a number of playing quizzes/tests per marking period. During the second and fourth marking periods, half of the musicianship grade will be earned through the **performance** in each concert.
2. **Practice Cards** (25%) - based on out of class practice time. Completed cards (including parent signature) are turned in each Monday with a grace period through that Wednesday of the same week. Five minutes of practice time equals one point. 60 minutes each week will gain the student the full credit for the marking period. At the beginning of each marking period, a practice card schedule will be handed out.
3. **Tests and Quizzes** (15%) - based on successful completion of written tests and quizzes as well as playing tests and quizzes. Students are given five days notice of when to expect a playing test and what material it will cover.
4. **Participation** (20%) - based on daily attitude, effort, and preparedness. Each student receives a daily participation grade of 2, 1 or 0 points.

GRADE UPDATES

Grades will be updated on *PowerSchool* each Friday and be ready for viewing by Monday.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Be sure to accept the invitation to Google Classroom. I post audio files, concert videos, and reminders here frequently.

Marcellus 6th Grade Band Handbook
Director: Katy Essex
Email: kathryn.essex@marcelluscs.org
Phone: 269-646-5081, ext. 5520

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is necessary and mandatory at all performances and rehearsals both during the school day and outside of school time. Absences and tardies mar the effectiveness of the entire band and will not be tolerated. Personal illness or a family emergency are the only permitted excuses. Prior notification of an absence does not necessarily make it excused (consult the director). All band members are required to present a written excuse from a parent on the day after an absence. The following penalties will be incurred upon an unexcused absence:

1. Unexcused absence from performance - marking period grade lowered two letters for each occurrence.
2. Students accumulating three unexcused absences from performances during the school year will be dropped from the band program.

TARDIES

Tardies will result in a lower participation grade for *each* occurrence and will negatively affect the marking period grade.

REHEARSALS

Band members are required to observe the following rehearsal guidelines:

1. To each rehearsal, bring your instrument, music, and a pencil.
2. Upon arrival in the rehearsal room, promptly get to your seat and start warming up quietly. When you are not playing you are not talking.
3. When the director or another conductor steps onto the podium, all playing and talking must cease immediately.
4. At the close of rehearsal, return your instrument and music to their proper places.
5. Return the chairs and stands to their proper place.

Instrument Supplies

All band students must provide the normal supplies needed to maintain their instrument properly. This includes, but is not limited to, the appropriate reeds, oil, cleaning supplies, swabs, etc. See list attached at the end of the handbook.

CONCERT DRESS

For our two performances: 6th Grade Band students will be asked to wear a what I like to call our "Sunday Best." Meaning – Boys – nice shirt and nice pants and nice shoes. Girls – nice shirt and nice pants and nice shoes; or school appropriate dress or skirt with nice shirt.

INSTRUMENTS

You are personally held responsible for your instrument whether school or privately owned. Never leave it unattended where it could get damaged or stolen. Take your instrument home regularly. It is essential to the welfare of the band that you keep the instrument in good playing condition (slides greased, reeds in good playing condition, valves working, etc.). If you are using a school instrument you will be responsible for paying for any damage that it is caused while in your care. **DO NOT** let anyone use your instrument. Ever!

Marcellus 6th Grade Band Syllabus
Director: Katy Essex
Email: kathryn.essex@marcelluscs.org
Phone: 269-646-5081, ext. 5520

SCHEDULE CHANGES

6th Grade Band is an elective, meaning you have chosen to be here for the entire year. There will be no going back and forth between band and other elective classes. Should you decide that you no longer wish to participate in the band program you must have your parent's call Miss Essex OR Mrs. Cropsey and you will only be switched at the end of the semester. No schedule changes will be made in the middle of a marking period or at the end of a marking period.

CELL PHONES

Need to be turned off and kept in your bags. No exceptions. If you use your phone during class it will be taken from you and turned into the MS Office where your parents can pick it up after school.

NEED EXTRA HELP?

You can always reach me via email which, honestly, is fastest: kathryn.essex@marcelluscs.org
Or you can make an appointment to see me before or after school.

BAND SUPPLIES

Clarinets – cleaning kit (includes swabs, brushes, cork grease); Reeds – Mitchell Lurie 2 ½;
Essential Elements 2000 Book 1
Flutes – cleaning kit (includes swabs, and flute rod); Essential Elements 2000 Book 1
Alto Saxophones – cleaning kit (includes swabs, cork grease, brushes); Reeds – Rico Royal 2 ½
or 3; Essential Elements 2000 Book 1
Trumpets - cleaning kit (includes snake, brushes); valve oil; slide grease or cream; Essential
Elements 2000 Book 1
Trombones – cleaning kit (includes snake, brushes); slide oil or cream; slide grease or cream:
Essential Elements 2000 Book 1
Tuba – valve oil; slide grease or cream; Essential Elements 2000 Book I
Percussion – snare drum sticks and bell mallets (most likely included in your kit); Essential
Elements 2000 Book 1

These items may be purchased at Meyer Music; Amazon.com; or Woodwind and Brasswind (wwbw.com).

6th Grade Band Performance Schedule

| | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Wed. Dec. 21 | Winter Concert 7pm; All Bands |
| Wed. May 24 | Spring Concert 7pm; All Bands |