

OGMS Band Handbook

Grading Policy

Grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

- Instrumental Skill Assessment/Quiz/Tests (35%)-Includes all written and playing tests.
- Class Participation (15%)-Includes participation in all band activities. This grade is based on the following criteria:

- 1 Any written work done during class - worksheets, etc.
- 2 Having the proper equipment for class (instrument, pencil, music, reeds).
- 3 Having a positive, cooperative attitude during class.
- 4 Following classroom rules and regulations.
- 5 Promptness to class and events.

Concert & Contest Attendance (50%)-Includes attendance at all required band functions. Please note - band concerts should NOT be treated as REWARDS. They are REQUIRED PERFORMANCES. Keeping students from attending concerts as a punishment only lowers their grade in band.

Discipline Policy

Good discipline in the classroom is a must in order to have effective rehearsals. If students are talking, they are not playing their instruments. In order to maintain good classroom control, the following steps will be taken when a student displays improper behavior.

- First Offense-The student receives a verbal warning.
- Second Offense-Parent receives note, email, or phone call.
- Third Offense-The student will be sent to the office with a blue slip conduct referral.

Attendance Policy

Attendance and participation are vital to the success of the band program. If one child is absent, it affects the entire band. Band members are required to attend ALL scheduled rehearsals and performances, EVEN THOSE THAT OCCUR AFTER SCHOOL HOURS. Unexcused absences will not be tolerated, and will be handled as follows:

Class or Rehearsal Absence- The student will receive a "0" for the daily Participation Grade.
Performance Absence- 50% of the final grade comes from concert attendance. A "Zero" will be given for any unexcused absence. All absences, with the exception of last minute emergency or illness, must be excused by the band director before the concert. Two unexcused performance absences will result in dismissal from the band program.

Concert Attire

Students wear the Oak Glen Middle School Band Uniform at all concerts unless otherwise instructed.

- Black Band Uniform Shirt and Tie (provided by the school)
- Black pants, black shoes, black socks (must be provided by the family)

Your child will receive a Class Dojo invitation page to help keep you informed of activities.

You can also go to our website: www.oakglenbands.com or our Facebook page:

www.fb.com/oakglenbands

Required Instrument Supplies

Flute

- Cleaning Rod
- Swab/Soft Cloth

Clarinet/Sax

- Swab
- Cork Grease
- 4 PLAYABLE reeds (this means no chips, cracks, or mold!) Students must use VanDoren reeds.
If you are in 5th or 6th grade, the thickness must be 2.5. If you are in 7th or 8th grade, the thickness must be 2.5 or 3.

Trumpet/French Horn/Baritone/Tuba

- Valve Oil --Do NOT use household oils!
- Tuning Slide Grease
- Optional: Cleaning Snake (Available at local music store)

Trombone

- Yamaha Slide Cream or Slide Oil -- Do NOT use household oils!
- Tuning Slide Grease
- Optional: Cleaning Snake (Available at local music store)

Percussion

- Drum Sticks
- Bell Mallets
- Mallet Bag is nice, but optional