

# **Celina Middle School Band** **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

## **HAND BOOK** **2009-2010**

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# *Celina City School Bands*

## *Middle School Band*

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**The following policies and procedures have been outlined so all members and their parents can become familiar with band requirements and expectations.**

### **Middle School Band Members**

To be eligible for membership in middle school band, a student must be a returning member of the Celina City Schools band program or pass an audition with the Band Director.

### **Objective**

To provide each member with a knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the historical and present applications of the art. To provide opportunities for the development of sensitivity, self-esteem, self-expression, self-evaluation, responsibility, and discipline through the act of creating, producing, and performing in band. All of this for the purpose of developing a well-rounded individual whom will include the fine arts as their adult life.

### **Expectations**

1. Members are expected to follow directions and be respectful to whoever is in charge, whether is the Director, a guest, or any adult in the classroom.
2. Members are expected to arrive on time for all music events. **"To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late."**
3. Members are expected to arrive prepared for rehearsals and performances. Members will have practiced at home and at school, bring a working instrument, all music, a pencil, and the mind set of a musician to all rehearsals and performances.
4. Members are to bring their appropriate uniform accessories to a performance or activity. Failure to do so will result in the grade being lowered by one grade.
5. Members are expected to behave as mature young adults at all times. As a member of a group you will accept a responsibility both to yourself and to

the school for the image you present to the public. **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES.**

6. Members are expected to refrain from chewing gum during rehearsals, performances, and while in uniform.
7. Members are expected to remain quiet and in their assigned seat during all rehearsals and performances.
8. Members are expected to refrain from consuming food and/or beverages in the music room at all times unless the director gives special permission.
9. **Members are to be in attendance to ALL rehearsals and performances and REMAIN in attendance throughout the rehearsal and/or performance.**
10. You need to be polite to all people all of the time.

### **Band Uniform Requirements**

You will be purchasing a white or green shirt this year. In addition to your shirt it is the members' responsibility to provide **BLACK SOCKS, BLACK SHOES, and BLACK PANTS.**

The uniform is to be worn as a complete outfit. It should be kept clean and well pressed.

### **School Owned Equipment**

All members will be issued school owned music, uniforms, and some instruments. Such equipment must be returned in a condition, which is appropriate after consideration of normal use and wear. Students/Parents are responsible for replacing lost or damaged music, uniforms, instruments or any other school owned equipment issued to the member. If repairs are required due to misuse, or if the instrument is lost, the repair or replacement cost will be assessed to the individual student and/or the parents.

### **Grading Criteria Celina Middle School Band**

There are three different elements that are averaged to arrive at the final grade in band. All of these elements are completely in your control!

1. Home practicing. This will account for 10% of your grade. It is expected that all students practice at home on a regular basis. Each student should practice a minimum of 125 minutes per week. ( 25 minutes for 5 days at **HOME**)

**Practice logs are not required every week. This does not exclude you from practicing. You will have one or two written practice logs per marking period.**

2. Participation in all events such as Halloween Parade, Solo and Ensemble, Large group contest, and all school concerts will account in 55% of your grade. Concerts are our exams, it is critical that you attend all events that we participate in.
3. Daily Grade this will account for 35% of your grade. Careful records are kept of your behavior in class. Daily grade is recorded during all marking periods. \*\*\*This also may include periodic homework and or playing quizzes.\*\*\*

Daily Grade includes:

- a. **Energy, posture, alertness, promptness.** If one band member is late for rehearsal, or late getting back to a set, the time for the entire group is wasted.
  - b. **Material Management:** Having instrument, music, folder, getting rid of any gum or candy, etc. without having to be instructed, having pencils at all times.
  - c. **Citizenship:** this includes COOPERATION, ATTITUDE, and LEADERSHIP in a productive way.
4. Attendance AT ALL CONCERTS, COMPETITIONS AND AFTER SCHOOL REHERSALS IS REQUIRED Failure to attend a concert or competition will lower your grade by **1 full grade.**  
Exceptions will be granted in the following circumstances:
    - a. illness
    - b. emergency
    - c. other excused absence=these should be extremely rare, and should be discussed well ahead of time with the director. In such instances, the following guidelines should be followed:
      1. Excuses must be requested at least **two weeks** before the absence.
      2. The more notice we receive, the more consideration we will give the request.

Students should keep their own record of all activities.

## **CONCLUSION**

Each member of the band should always strive to do his/her best and be a credit to the group, and the Celina City Schools System. I welcome you as a member and am proud you have elected to participate in the band program.

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**This is your first log turn in promptly!**

Parents: Please read, sign and return by Friday August 28, 2009. **This is a grade worth 50 points. Please have it back on time.**

By my signature, I indicate that I have read and understood the 2009-2010 guidelines and attached schedule of the Celina Middle School Bands.

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Signature of parent or guardian

Date

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Parents Email Address

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Signature of participating student

Date