

2021-2022

## **EMS Concert Band Handbook**

Dear Band Students and Parents,

The purpose of this packet is to give you important information about the 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band classes for this school year.

If you have any questions or concerns the quickest way to reach me and get a response is via email. Also check our band webpage [www.edgewoodbands.com](http://www.edgewoodbands.com) for important information.

You can also sign up to receive emails and messages from us about band events and information from our wonderful band boosters, email them at [edgewoodbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:edgewoodbandboosters@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Mr. Fields

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Middle School Band Director

Asst. High School Director

Percussion Director

## **Band Class Information-**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** will work from a band technique book

“STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE” (Book 1

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** will work from

“STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE” (Book 2).

**Materials-** MUSIC , INSTRUMENT, BOOK and PENCIL everyday

for class. You will be graded on daily musicianship and performance in class.

**-Wind players:** maintenance supplies, ex: extra reeds, valve and slide oil, etc. spit rag

**-All students:** will be assigned a spot in the music lockers, please keep your music in it. If you wish to lock this locker (highly encouraged) please **purchase and bring your own lock.**

-All students will be responsible for keeping their music in a folder and keeping it organized! Please write your name on your music and folder! Only write on music in pencil! I will provide each student with a music folder.

## **Grading**

Students will receive up to 20 points per week for their grade. It will be based on **self assessment, practice logs, musicianship.**

In addition to the weekly points we will have **playing tests** throughout the year. **Concerts** will be worth 25 points each. If you have an unexcused absence to a concert or performance, you will get a 0/25 for that grade. **(It is up to the band director whether an absence is “excused” or “unexcused.”)**

**Practicing-** Students should make a habit of daily practice! It is recommended that you practice at least 15-30 minutes a day to make progress on your instrument. You will be graded on your practice logs and self assessment on progress.

**\*\*Students should practice exercises from their book and work on their assigned music.**

## Practice Tips:

- Work on things that are difficult for you, not things you can play already.
- Practice where it's quiet and you are not disturbed
- Work on parts of your music that are difficult for you. Play slowly
- Keep a good attitude about your playing

## Band Room Rules

- Be **respectful** to others and their property
- NO Gum, Candy, Food, or Drinks in the room**
- Be on time and quick to get ready.
- Do NOT play your instrument without being invited to.
- No talking during rehearsal.
- Put your music and instrument away properly at the end of every rehearsal!
- Your instrument/book/locker are YOUR responsibility and the directors are not responsible for lost or stolen materials. **It is strongly recommend that you bring a lock to lock all your items each day.**

## Consequences

We use a progressive discipline policy for inappropriate behavior in the band room.

\*\*If your behavior is not productive to our band rehearsal at anytime I may ask you to put up your instrument for the remainder of the period. This ensures that the other students are able to continue learning and rehearsing productively without distractions.

1<sup>st</sup> Offense-Warning

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense-Warning (possible loss of playing privileges)

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense-Contact home

4<sup>th</sup> Offense/severe. Send to office.

This applies to all band room rules and school handbook rules!

Any severe misbehavior could result in skipping steps 1-2!

## **All Band Concert Dates for the 2021-2022 School Year:**

Dec. TBD, (6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade Concert Bands) 7pm Auditorium

March TBD, Percussion Ensemble Concert “Night of Percussion”

March TBD, (7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> , HS Bands, Spaghetti Dinner concert)

May TBD, (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Concert band, “Fine Arts Fest.”)

May TBD, (HS bands Only) HS Gym

**You are only required to attend and perform in the concerts that include your grade level**

**Location:** most concerts are held in the Auditorium at EMS at 7PM.

**Concert attendance** is *mandatory* and part of a student’s grade.

Students should not miss concerts!!! Known conflicts/issues should be communicated to Mr. Fields ASAP prior to the concert.

If the absence is unexcused, it will affect the final quarter grade!

Sports practices after school activities etc. are NOT excused absences. Unless they have been approved by Mr. Fields

## **Band Boosters**

The Edgewood Band Boosters is the parent group that supports the band program at Edgewood City Schools. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the High School Band room. For more information check out **[edgewoodbands.com](http://edgewoodbands.com)**.

We would love to see you there!

Email [edgewoodbands@gmail.com](mailto:edgewoodbands@gmail.com) for more info or to get signed up for band information.

**2021-2022 School Year contract**

Parents and Students please sign and return the portion below:

By signing this you are stating that:

“I have received, read, understand grading and concert procedures and will follow the rules and policies in the EMS Band handbook.”

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name**

(Print please) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_



I look forward to having another great year!

**Email** me with any questions, this is **the fastest way** to get a response from me since I travel to and from the middle and high school.

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