

FOWLER BANDS

Fowler High School



Guidelines and Expectations

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Welcome back to another year of band! I'm very excited to get to know you all and to help you continue on your journeys as instrumentalists. I've written this syllabus to serve as a reference for classroom expectations and procedures. Here you will also find our performance calendar as well as information on concert attire, instruments, grades, and band supplies.

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CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Be Respectful

- To our band room, the teacher, and each other.
- To all musical instruments, sheet music, books, and supplies.

Be Prepared

- Always have your instrument in class and in working condition. If your instrument needs repair, please let me know so I can help!
- Have a pencil with you for every rehearsal - never use pen on sheet music.
- Be musically prepared to the best of your ability so that the band will be as successful as possible. This means you will need to practice at home!

Be Committed

- Band is much like a team sport. It is imperative that the entire team is present and works hard at all rehearsals and performances. If ever you are unable to attend a scheduled event, please communicate with me so that we can find a solution.

Be Responsible

- Responsibility and proactivity go a long way in band. Each of you can make a big difference in the success of our band by simply being present, being mindful, and having the tools you need to be successful (e.g. your instrument, music, and a positive attitude).

ATTENDANCE & GRADING

Attendance

In addition to being present at all rehearsals during the school day, it is of utmost importance that you be at all of our concerts! Concerts are the culmination of everyone's hard work and dedication over the course of the concert cycle and can only be missed in a dire emergency. Should this occur, we will work together to find a way to recoup your grade. Remember, early communication regarding attendance is key!

Grading

Concert Participation - 30%

- This is huge! Missing one concert will result in a grade drop of two letters!
- If an unavoidable conflict arises, we will work together to find a fair way for you to earn these points back.

Playing/Written Tests - 20%

- Throughout the year you will be given periodic playing and written assessments. You will be notified of these in advance to allow for adequate preparation.

Daily Participation & Preparedness - 50%

- Your presence in class every day is paramount to the success of the band. Excessive tardiness and/or truancy will result in grade reductions.
- You must have your instrument, music, book, and pencil in class every day. Please be responsible about keeping your instrument in good repair and not losing your music.
- If need be, points may also be deducted from this category for displaying a non-positive attitude or showing a poor work-ethic.

Extra Credit

- Earning a good grade in band is easy, but should you require some extra points, it can be done.
- Attending any concert of a professional or collegiate level wind band, symphony orchestra, or chamber ensemble will earn extra points for your grade. Just bring me back a program and tell me about your favorite piece from the concert.

CONCERT ATTIRE

A mark of any formal performing ensemble is a uniform. Just as the members of the football team all wear the same uniform at their games, we members of the band must be in uniform for our concerts. The concert uniform is as follows:

Guys

Tuxedo w/ White Shirt
Black Formal Shoes
Black Socks

Girls

Your uniform has some leeway; it simply must be professional/formal and all-black, shoes included. Jewelry is fine as long as it is minimal and conservative.

We will do fittings for the guys' tuxedos sometime after marching season and before our first concert. The school owns the tuxedos and bowties, however guys need to have their own white shirts and black shoes.

INSTRUMENT MAINTENANCE

If your instrument requires repair or maintenance, first let me know. If the repair is straightforward enough, I may be able to do it free of charge. If the instrument does need to go to a professional, here are your options:

1. Have the instrument repaired through Meyer Music. Our Meyer representative, Lisa, will pick the instrument up at school and bring it to Grand Rapids for the repair. Once complete she will return the instrument to the school with the bill. If it is a school instrument, I will pay the bill. If the instrument is yours or a rental, you will be responsible for the cost of the repairs. If you rent from Meyer, repairs are often free. Turnaround time is one week minimum.

2. Have the instrument repaired through Marshall Music in Lansing or Meridian Winds in Okemos. Both shops do good work, but there is no delivery service. You must bring your instrument there and pick it up when the repair is complete. This is a good option if you're in a hurry and know the repair will be a quick one.

BAND SUPPLIES

I will stock basic band supplies and have them available for purchase in the band room. Should you need supplies not normally stocked, ask and I will have Lisa bring them from Meyer. Prices are as follows:

Supplies

Valve Oil - \$3
Slide Oil - \$3
Cork Grease - \$3
Slide Grease - \$3

Reeds

Clarinet - \$2
Alto Sax - \$3
Bass Clarinet - \$5
Tenor Sax - \$5
Bari Sax - \$7

HIGH SCHOOL BAND
PERFORMANCE CALENDAR
2017-2018

September 9 - October 10	Thursday Rehearsals	3-5pm	Practice Field
Friday September 9	Home Football (Armed Forces Medley at HT)	5:30pm	Practice Field Full Uniform
Friday September 15	Home Football	5:30pm	Practice Field Full Uniform
Saturday September 16	Ithaca Invitational	TBA	Ithaca High School
Friday September 29	Home Football (Homecoming)	5:30pm	Practice Field Full Uniform
Friday October 6	Home Football (Alumni Band)	5:30pm	Practice Field Full Uniform
Monday October 9	MSBOA District V Marching Festival	TBA	St. Johns High School
Wednesday October 11	Grand Ledge Exhibition	4:30pm Performance Time	Grand Ledge High School
Friday October 20	Home Football	5:30pm	Practice Field Full Uniform
Friday October 27	Light Show	TBA (During School)	HS & Waldron
Monday December 18	6-12 Christmas Concert	7pm Start Call Times TBA	High School Gym Concert Attire
Saturday February 10	MSBOA District V Solo & Ensemble	TBA	St. Johns High School
Wednesday March 7	MSBOA Preview Concert	7:30pm Start 6:30pm Call Time	High School Gym Concert Attire
Saturday March 10	MSBOA District V Band Festival	TBA	St. Johns High School
Tuesday May 22	High School Spring Concert	7:30pm Start 6:30pm Call Time	High School Gym