

**WOODLAND MIDDLE BANDS**  
**GUIDELINES, POLICIES, AND SYLLABUS 2022-2023**  
[www.woodlandmiddleband.org](http://www.woodlandmiddleband.org)

**Syllabus**

**Course Description:** The students will participate in class every day. Each student is expected to play his/her instrument every day. The Winter Concert and Spring Concert will count as final exams for that particular 9 weeks. Students should be prepared to play in and outside of class. The student will be able to perform literature appropriate for the grade level with proper tone quality and rhythmic aptitude. Students will be tested on musical exercises from the appropriate method books and various class supplement books. Scales and arpeggios will also be used in testing. Breathing exercises and tone studies, phrasing and technical exercises will be studied. Class participation is required and expected every day. All State Standards be covered throughout the year for each grade level.

In addition, 8<sup>th</sup> graders perform in the stands along with Woodland HS for a performance grade. This will be a major performance grade for the first nine weeks for eighth grade only.

**Grading and Evaluation:** State Essential Standards are used for evaluating all students. Grades will be based on observation, written exams, projects, class participation, individual performance, homework and daily work.

- Daily Grades (class participation, binder check, quizzes, preparedness for class, teacher observation, extra credit, and homework)
- Tests (individual performance, concert performances, written exams, reports)
- Final Exam (Winter Concert, Spring Concert, Performance based)

**Make-up Work:** It is the student’s responsibility to check with the teacher if he or she needs to make up work. Students must make arrangements for make-up work with the teacher within three days of an excused absence. All make-up work and test grades should be completed outside regular class time. Appointments can be made with the teacher before or after school.

**Materials Needed:** Students will need the following items: instrument, mouthpiece, pencil, paper, binder, Concert Black uniform (black long sleeve shirt, shoes and socks), method books, music, and music stand (for home practice). A name tag should be on the student’s instrument at all times.

**UNIFORM—**We will be wearing Concert BLACK. All students will provide their own black top and long black pants, shoes and socks. There can be no other color, logos or words on any of the clothes.

**Band Lockers:** Lockers with a lock will be assigned to students who turn in their signed band forms. Lockers are available for no charge. Students are responsible for their instrument and music. The student must use the lock that is provided. The student will be responsible for their lock and contents of the locker. **WMS is not responsible for any instrument left in the band room.**

**Band Binder:** Each Band student will be provided with a band binder this year. Students who lose the binder will need to pay \$5 to replace it. This will cover the cost of the binder and the music inside.

**Class Rules and Regulations:** the student should be prompt, prepared, polite, proud, and present a positive attitude. Gum, candy, food, and drinks and personal electronics are not allowed in the band room. Students who forget materials must complete written assignments. A parental note of verification is required when instruments are being repaired. All school rules must be adhered to in class. Refer to school hand book.

**BOOSTERS:** The Band Booster Organization is a parent volunteer group. Communication will be done through email and text. Parents can sign up for committees that will work in certain needed areas throughout the year. Band Boosters provide support through volunteers and fundraisers. Our largest fundraiser each year is the annual Lock-In. **Please be sure we have your updated email information.**

Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have questions or concerns. I can be reached at: Our band website is:

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Thank You,  
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**PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN BY Friday, August 19**

Student Name:	Grade:	
Mother’s Name:	Father’s Name	Guardian:
Email (mother):	Email (father):	Email (Guardian)
Cell Phone (mother):	Cell Phone (father)	Cell Phone (guardian):

*I have read the 2022-2023 band calendar and policy handbook. I will arrange transportation to and from the band events that my child is involved with. He/she will participate in the two required concerts and LGPE Performance (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade). All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will also attend 8<sup>th</sup> Grade night at the High school football game listed in calendar.*

Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (required)  
Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (required)