

Pine Valley Middle School 2009-2010

6th Grade Band Course Policy

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Rehearsals begin at 7:10am. This is a regular class where attendance is taken. If you miss a class on your assigned day to attend, even if it is just for that one period, please call in to the office and excuse it like any other school absence. If regular attendance or tardies become a problem, please send a note for me to contact you so we can figure out a solution.

To begin the year, 6th Grade Band will divide into groups. Mondays and Thursdays are flutes, clarinets, and violins only. Tuesdays and Fridays are brass, sax, and drums only. Wednesdays are for everyone. Any student may attend any day of the week, they are just not required to except for their assigned day. That schedule may change as we draw closer to the Winter Concert and I am able to develop a string class.

Students are expected to provide their own instrument, check with Mr. Boyd. Students are expected to be in class with their instrument and music daily as scheduled. This is part of their grade. Practicing is also expected. Practice cards will be issued and need to be signed by parents at the bottom twice a quarter. Students who do not turn in practice cards are not eligible for an "A" grade.

Performance is part of the grade. Classroom behavior is also factored into the grade. Student behavior contributes to teamwork and learning to play together as a band. California Music Standards and Benchmarks are taught in this class. Students need to use their Binder Reminder for their locker combination and dates written on the board. Also, I have a list of private instructors available for parents if requested.

6th Grade Band Grading Policy

There are only three grades given in 6th Grade Band

"A" is for outstanding achievement in all areas, concert performance, class participation, attendance, home practicing, behavior, and follow through on assignments.

"P" Passing grade for students who have done well in most of the above areas, but are not eligible for an "A" or "Outstanding" rating. (This grade does not figure in calculating the overall GPA)

"F" Failing the class. This student has not done even a minimum amount of work. Not showing up for a concert will result in a failing grade.

Grades will be recorded on School Loop only as necessary, not daily. Performing concerts and festivals outside of school time is part of the student's grade. The following concerts are expected concerts and are a part of their grade. Missing a concert can result in failing the class. Please write these dates on your family calendar.

1) Winter Concert: Thursday December 17th, 7pm, PV Auditorium

2) March 25th Area Band Festival at Cal High in the gym. A practice after school will be coordinated with the Iron Horse teacher a week earlier.

3) Spring Concert: Thursday June 3rd, 7pm, PV Auditorium

4) A Saturday Band Festival may be scheduled in late April or Early May.

Student name _____ Period ____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Students are asked for a \$15 annual "class fee" to purchase sheet music. I have provided a technique book for each student this year to avoid that cost. Please place cash or check (PV Middle School) in an envelope with your student's first and last name written clearly on the outside. These funds are exclusively for the band and they provide us with necessary funds to buy new music and supplies for the band. Locks were purchased this summer to secure their lockers. Your \$15 or more contribution will help defray that cost. Thank you for your contribution.

Please sign and return this form. Your student can request a duplicate for your records.