

William Lenoir Middle School Bands

Superior Rating

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Dear Band Parents:

Welcome to the William Lenoir Middle School Band Family! I am delighted that your son or daughter will still be participating in the Eighth Grade Band for the 2023-2024 School Year. I am very excited about the events we will plan for this year and have been looking forward to this experience all summer long.

Band is both a group and an individual activity. Each student must be able to play his or her part alone, and also with the entire band. One unprepared student can harm the group's performance. Proper balance and sound cannot be achieved without each member doing his or her best at all times. For these reasons, I expect each student to practice as much as possible at home every day. You have made an expensive investment in the purchase of an instrument and your son's or daughter's success depends greatly on this practice time. I need your support and assistance in this matter.

Your son or daughter will need several items for their band class. Every student will need a good quality instrument, pencils, reeds for woodwind instruments (VanDoren size 2-1/2 or 3), valve oil for brass instruments, drum sticks for percussion, and a stand (for at home practicing). Students will need these supplies at the beginning of school, and should bring all of these items (except the stand) to class everyday.

All students will be expected to attend all required extra rehearsals and all performances. Students will be excused only through a request made by the parents directly to the band director before the scheduled event. The principal and director will have the final decision in determining acceptance of the excuse. Failure to attend a required activity without a proper excuse will result in the student's loss of eligibility for end of the year awards, exclusion from future events, and possibly a failing grade. ***Included with this packet is schedule for the year. I urge you to place it in a prominent place and refer to it often, especially from October to the end of the school year.*** If other events arise, I will notify the students as soon as possible.

Grades will be based on daily classroom rehearsals, written tests and playing tests. I am available most mornings after 7:45 and afternoons until 4:00 for play-offs and extra help. Discipline will be handled on an individual basis following the attached plan. A daily participation grade will also be determined through the student having his/her band instrument, music and pencil in class each day.

Please feel free to call me at school or home if I may be of assistance to you in helping your son's or daughter's band progress. You can also reach me through email at tereid@caldwellschools.com. Thank you for your support and for the privilege of working with your son or daughter this school year. Together, we can make this the best year in band yet!

Please fill out and sign the Parent/Guardian information form in the back of this packet and return it with you child by Friday September 1, 2023. All forms will be counted as a test grade.

Sincerely Yours,
Terry Reid
Band Director

WILLIAM LENOIR MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND RULES AND CONSEQUENCES

1. **Practice Every Day**, Take instrument home and practice every night, and attend class with all required materials
2. Be Prepared Everyday. Participation Grades will be determined as follows:
 1. All students will start with a grade of 100
 2. Each time the instrument is left at home 5 points will be deducted
 3. **Each time the instrument is left at school 5 points will be deducted. Parents will be notified when the student has left their instrument more than 3 times.**
 4. Each time the music and/or band book is not with student 3 points will be deducted
 5. Each time a pencil is not with the student 3 points will be deducted
 6. The total number of points left at the end of the grading period will be counted as the student's participation grade. It is my expectation that 98% of the students will have the full 100 points left to help raise their band average.
3. **Be On Time!!!**
4. **Don't Disturb Class by talking or playing out of turn!**
5. Respect Yourself and Others
6. **NO GUM IN CLASS**
7. **NO CELL PHONES, AIR PODS, or SMART WATCHES in class**

Behavioral Procedure

1. 1st Warning of the 9 Weeks – Verbal Warning
2. 2nd Warning of the 9 Weeks - Parent Contact
3. 3rd Warning of the 9 Weeks – Demerit Given
4. 4th Warning of the 9 Weeks - Office Referral

Please note that chewing gum, candy, or any other foreign substance in the band room during class will result in a behavioral consequence each time.

*** If I am ever out of school, any name that I receive from the substitute teacher will be sent to ISS the next day!!!**

Grading Policy

Tests 30% - an average of written and playing tests that are given as well as the student's participation grade and grades given for forms to be turned into the teacher.

Rehearsal 40% - an average of weekly grades based on well the student is musically prepared and performs in class.

Concerts 30% - grade based on participation in all band performances.

****ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL PERFORMANCES****

Band Assignments and Playing Tests

Assignments such as worksheets, playing tests and written tests will be given in class. Your child will be on a weekly worksheet or testing schedule. There will either be a test (playing or written) or a worksheet activity at least every two weeks.

School Owned Instruments

If your child is playing a school owned instrument, they will bring a contract home to be signed by the parent or guardian before the instrument is given to them. I will be sending the contract this week.