

# Music Handbook



Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

Welcome to the music program! We are pleased to offer CHOIR, ORCHESTRA and BAND at our school for 5th and 6th grade students. Below is a list of instruments we offer for study.

	VIOLIN		FLUTE		TRUMPET
	VIOLA		CLARINET		FRENCH HORN
	CELLO		SAXOPHONE		TROMBONE
	STRING BASS	 	PERCUSSION		BARITONE / TUBA
VOICE					

Please read through the **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY** section so that both you and your child know what will be expected of them in the music program. **Return the MUSIC CONTRACT signed by both parent and child.** Please feel free to email us if you have any questions about the music program.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# *Music Class Schedule*

Each student in the music program will have a practice rehearsal during school on the following days. **Please save this paper and add it to your child's schedule.** Music students will receive two 45 minute lessons per week.

Red Bank - Monday & Wednesday



## *Student Responsibilities*

Please read over the following responsibilities of music students with your child. We hope that you will become actively involved by supporting and encouraging your child in music. Please sign and return the **MUSIC CONTRACT** to the school.

1. Students are participating in the music program for the **entire** school year. In addition, fifth graders are expected to remain in the same music class through sixth grade.
2. Students are expected to practice their instruments at home weekly.
3. Students are expected to bring their instruments and book to school on days when music classes are scheduled. Forgetting instrument and/or materials will result in a lower grade and an alternative assignment for that day.
4. Students are required to attend all scheduled music programs or concerts unless he or she is ill. Failure to attend the concerts will result in a grade drop.
5. Students are responsible for taking care of their instruments and for having all necessary supplies. (reeds, rosin, valve oil, etc...)
6. Students understand that they will receive an effort grade for music that will reflect the following: Daily Class Participation, Tests, Homework, & Concert Participation.
7. Band, Choir and Orchestra classes will adhere to each school's Student Discipline Referral Process.



# Grading Policy

Each student in the music program will receive an effort grade on his/her quarterly report card. The grade will reflect their effort in these categories: Homework, Testing, Class Participation, and Concert Attendance. The following chart shows how the student will earn their grade during each quarter of school.

Quarter 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks)	Quarter 2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 Weeks)	Quarter 3 (3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks)	Quarter 4 (4 <sup>th</sup> 9 Weeks)
Homework Sheet Due	Homework Sheet Due	Homework Sheet Due	Homework Sheet Due
Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Test #4
Class Participation	Class Participation	Class Participation	Class Participation
	Winter Concert Band, Orchestra, Choir	Area Concert Band, Orchestra	Spring Concert Band, Orchestra, Choir
	Community Concert Choir	Festival	

**HOMEWORK** - Each quarter a student must turn in one homework/practice sheet. You are required to sign off that your child has practiced their instrument at home at least 3 times during this quarter. Students are allowed to turn in more than one sheet per quarter for a special reward, but still must turn in one sheet every nine weeks of school.

**TEST** - Each student will also be tested in class on various pieces of music every quarter. Ask them if they are prepared.

**CLASS PARTICIPATION** - Each student must have their materials with them for class. Forgetting their instrument and/or book more than twice per quarter will result in a grade drop.

**CONCERT** - Each student will be given credit for attending the concerts. These are mandatory so be on the look-out for dates to these events.

The report card will have a listing of the music teacher's name below the regular teacher's name. Then it will have one of three EFFORT grades listed next to the music subject.

O = Outstanding

S = Satisfactory

N = Needs Improvement

# Instrumental Music

## Supplies



The recommended book we use is listed below. If you choose to purchase your own copy to keep, make sure the *correct instrument name* is listed at the top of the book.

Red Bank: Essential Elements for Band / Strings (Book 1)

The following are *recommended* supplies for each instrument. Purchasing supplies is voluntary and not a requirement to participate in the program.

<b>BARITONE/TUBA</b>	<b>AL CASS or FAT CAT valve oil, tuning slide grease</b>
<b>CLARINET</b>	<b>One box Rico Royal #2.5 reeds, cork grease, weighted cloth</b>
<b>FLUTE</b>	<b>Small soft cloth</b>
<b>FRENCH HORN</b>	<b>Soft cloth, rotor oil, tuning slide grease</b>
<b>PERCUSSION</b>	<b>Size 2B snare sticks</b>
<b>SAXOPHONE</b>	<b>One box Rico Royal #2.5 reeds, neck strap, cork grease</b>
<b>TROMBONE</b>	<b>TROMBOTINE slide cream, small spray bottle</b>
<b>TRUMPET</b>	<b>AL CASS or FAT CAT valve oil, tuning slide grease</b>
<b>VIOLIN/VIOLA</b>	<b>Shoulder rest, rosin, soft cloth</b>
<b>CELLO/BASS</b>	<b>Endpin holder, rosin, soft cloth</b>

In addition to the above supplies, a folding music stand for home practice is helpful but not required.

Many of the instruments listed above are available to be checked out from the school site, but there is not an unlimited supply. In the past, parents have opted to rent or purchase their instrument of choice from one of the music stores listed below if the student's first choice of instrument was not available. If you opt to rent or purchase your child's instrument, it is recommended that you contact one of the stores listed below to ensure availability. **MOST STORES ARE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS!**

Vendor	Address	Phone	Description
Gottschalk Music	328 Pollasky Ave Clovis, CA 93612	(559) 298-4400	All instrumental music sales & repairs.
American Music	2597 E. Ashlan Ave Fresno, CA 93726	(559) 221-0233	All instrumental music sales & repairs.
The Horn Shop	4337 N. Golden State Blvd. #106 Fresno, CA 93722	(559) 276-2247	Specialize in wind instrument repairs and sales.
Harvard House	90 E. Escalon Ave. #112 Fresno, CA 93710	(559) 432-9071	Specialize in string instrument repairs and sales.
JT's Music	325 N Clovis Ave #101 Clovis CA 93611	(559) 326-0493	All instrumental music sales & repairs.
Patrick's Music	769 E. Barstow Fresno, CA 93710	(559) 224-7287	All instrumental music sales & repairs.



# Music Contract

## STUDENT SECTION

**PRINT STUDENT**

**FIRST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **LAST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STREET ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CIRCLE ONE - I am a 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> grader.**

**STUDENT EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the **student responsibilities** expected of me and will abide by them.

**STUDENT**  
**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT SECTION

**PARENT CELL PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WORK PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT PARENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and will encourage my child to abide by the **student responsibilities**.

**PARENT**  
**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TURN THIS PAGE IN TO**  
**THE MUSIC TEACHER**