



Piedmont Band Handbook 2022-2023

Welcome!

Welcome to the Piedmont Band!!! The purpose of this handbook is to inform you with all aspects of our band programs. It is imperative that you familiarize yourself with its contents. Many of the questions you may have concerning your student's band experience will be found in this handbook. With the policies and procedures of this handbook, our band program can run smoothly and efficiently. PDMS Band Program prides itself on creating a welcoming environment. Through participation in band, students will learn discipline, perseverance, and teamwork skills, all while making something beautiful and having fun! We are very excited to be on this journey with you and your student. For more information, please visit the band website at pdmsband.org

Meet the Teachers

Ms. Helms studied music education at Wingate University. This is her first year at Piedmont. Her primary instrument is the clarinet.

Mr. Lukac studied music education at Wingate University. He has been at Piedmont since 1999. Trumpet is his primary instrument.

Homework Assignments

This category on grading will vary from grade level to grade level as well as from grading period to grading period. We will sometimes have written assignments for the students to do. Examples of the types of assignments you may see: music theory worksheets, reflection assignments, research assignments.

Also included in this category is a notebook grade. The students have a great deal of things to focus on during the day and we want to make life as easy as possible for them so we have them keep everything they need for band in their notebook or case. See below for the list of required materials for the class. We check to make sure students have the items necessary to be successful in band class. There will be at least 1

notebook grade per grading period. The notebook should be neat and have the following items in this order:

- Pencil Pouch(with at least 1 sharpened pencil)
- Blank paper
- Divider labeled Notes
- Divider labeled Music (Sheet protectors go in this section)
- Divider labeled Worksheets/Written Work
- Divider labeled Other

Classroom Rules & Expectations

- Work hard and have fun
 - Working hard and having fun is listed together as the number one rule because there must be a balance. If we only have fun, no work will get done. If we only work hard; we will not have any fun.
- Respect yourself, your classmates, and your instructors
 - Respect includes not talking over each other. We have a zero tolerance policy for bullying.
- Follow directions the first time they are given
- It is the student's responsibility to make up any assignment and contact Ms. Helms for any questions or makeup work. This includes actively checking Canvas and email for announcements and assignments.
- Only play your instrument or speak when prompted
- If it does not belong to you, do not touch it. (Examples: Percussion, An instrument that belongs to someone else, another person, etc.)
- No gum, food, or drinks other than water in the band room.
- Have your pencil, binder, instrument, instrument maintenance supplies, and any other necessary materials with you at the beginning of each class period.
- Each student is expected to be in attendance for every mandatory band event.
- Students are expected to practice **100 minutes a week**
- It is your responsibility to care for your instrument.
- Any school-owned property is to be taken care of and returned in the condition it was loaned to you. (Example: Instrument, music, instrument maintenance supplies)
- Each student is expected to adhere to the dress code for performances.

Dress Code

Concert attire is dressy black(white button-up shirts allowed). All performances require concert attire unless otherwise stated by Ms. Helms or Mr. Lukac

ACCEPTABLE	<u>NOT ACCEPTABLE</u>
Black or White collared shirt or blouse Black dress pants Black skirt/dress with black tights Black Dress Shoes/Flats(1" heels or lower)	Jeans(even black jeans) Leggings Tennis shoes or sandals Clothing with tears or holes Sweat clothes/workout attire Exceptionally high heels or open toe shoes T-shirts

Grading Policy

Participation 10%

Written Assignments (Includes Notebook) 20%

Tests/Quizzes 30%

Performances 40%

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

We require EACH student to have the following items:

Instrument

Method book (See below for your grade level)

BLACK 1" three-ring binder (it must be black and NO bigger than 1")

Clear sheet protectors (about 10 in the binder—will show example in class)

Pencil pouch (one with holes so it can clip into binder- this is a dedicated pencil pouch that stays with their binder in the band room- and is ALWAYS stocked with a pencil)

Pencil

Notebook Dividers (4)

Brass

Valve oil for trumpets, baritones and tubas

Slide CREAM (do not get grease or liquid)- Trombones

Woodwinds

Cleaning Kit

Reeds- once you are down to 3 reeds- ORDER More!

PERCUSSION students:

Stick Bag

Drum Sticks (Vic Firth SD1 General)

Bell Mallets

Marimba Mallets (yarn mallet)

Timpani mallets

Students must have all materials no later than September 19

Students are expected to purchase a method book for band. This book is their personal band book. These books will be used on a daily basis in class (most homework will come from these books). Books can be purchased through the Piedmont Band or through Music & Arts. Bring in your cash or check made out to PIEDMONT BAND BOOSTERS

6th Grade—*Band Fundamentals*, Book 1 (Green Book)

7th Grade—*Band Fundamentals*, Book 2 (Blue Book)

8th Grade—*Band Fundamentals*, Book 2 (Blue Book)

Calendar

*** If any of the dates are changed due to unforeseen circumstances, the students and parents will be notified immediately.***

8th Grade Band Night (8th grade) – October 14 **Concert Attire NOT required**

Cookie Dough Fundraiser (All grades) Oct. 14- Oct.27

Winter Concert (7th and 8th grades ONLY) Dec. 15 @6:30pm, PHS Auditorium

All-District Auditions – Jan. 14 [Snow Date January 21](Select students) @ Southpoint High School

All-District Clinic – Jan. 27 and 28 [Snow Date Feb.3-4] (select students) @ Stuart W Cramer

6th First band concert: (6th Grade) March 2 @6:30, PHS Auditorium

Piedmont-only MPA Preview Concert (7th/8th)– March 7 @6:30pm, PHS Auditorium

All County Band – TBD @ Porter Ridge HS (Select 7th and 8th grade students)

Spring Concert 6th and 7th Grade- (6th/7th Grade) May 18 @6:30,PHS Auditorium

Spring Concert 8th Grade and HS- (8th Grade) May 23 @7pm, PHS Auditorium

Band is a performance-based class, so all concerts are required for every student. **Failure to attend the performance will result in an automatic 0 for the missed performance!!** All performances will be announced prior to the actual date, letters will be sent home, and will be posted on the band website, www.pdmsband.org Not all dates apply to all students! Please pay attention and read the descriptions of the events to find out what applies to you. Please put ALL dates for your student/grade level on your calendar now as to avoid conflicts

Event Description

8th Grade Band Night – Recruitment effort by the Piedmont HS Band program. Students will observe a high school football game from the band's point of view. Students will sit with the band and play pep tunes during the game, watch half time, and in general be treated like a HS band member.

Winter Concert – 7th, and 8th grades will perform in the Auditorium. THIS IS REQUIRED OF 7th and 8th BAND STUDENTS.

All-District Audition – Competition against other students in the same grade levels in our 10 county area to win a spot in the All-District Band. Must know scales, solo, and sight-reading. 7th and 8th graders only.

All-District Band – Two day intensive band clinic held for students who auditioned and made the all-district band. Overnight trip to Belmont, NC.

County Band – All students interested in performing in the county honor band, must first audition for ALL-DISTRICT BAND. Students will be chosen to participate in County band by the band directors.

6th grade first concert- This is the first opportunity to hear the wonderful sounds coming from these young musicians!

“Piedmont-only” MPA Preview Concert – Pre-MPA evening concert held at the Piedmont High School Auditorium to prepare us to go to MPA. Required for 7th, 8th only.

Spring Concert – Evening concert, last concert of the year for Piedmont Middle Students.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE BAND ROOM BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

I have read and understand the policies set forth by the Band Directors for the 2022-2023 school year.

Parent Initial: _____

I am aware of the given concert dates and realize that they may change, and I am aware of the dress code policy for concert band. Parent Initial: _____

I have read and understand the requirements and rules for band for the next school year.

(student name...PRINT)

Date Signed

(student signature)

(parent signature)

(HOME PHONE #)

(WORK PHONE #)