

North Garner Middle School Band Handbook 2018-2019

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PRIDE

Prepared, Respect, Integrity, Discipline, Evaluate

Concerts and Performances

Band is a performance-based curriculum. Concerts are **mandatory** and **graded** for all students enrolled in a band class.

Attendance and Rehearsals

Band members are required to attend all rehearsals and performances. Absence from a performance requires **PRIOR** notification for the event being missed in the form of handwritten note or email.

Students who miss a performance will be given a grade of "0" for an unexcused absence.

Excused absences include:

- Illness, injury, or medical emergency
- Death in the family
- Court appointments
- Religious observance

Band members are expected to arrive on time and be picked up on time at all events. Failure to notify the director can result in a lowered grade, probation from future events, and/or removal from the band.

Concert Attire (REQUIRED for ALL PERFORMANCES)

Community Performances and Sporting Events

Blue Garner T-shirt, Jeans, Tennis Shoes

Concerts and Formal Events

Gentlemen: Black dress pants, black button-down dress shirt, black dress shoes, black socks, dark belt

Ladies: Black dress pants, Black dress top at least $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve, black dress shoes (black socks or stockings if applicable)

Performance Probation

Any band member may be placed on performance probation as a result of:

- Excessive absences
- Excessive behavior infractions
- Lack of preparation
- Grade of D or below

A student placed on performance probation will not be allowed to perform until probation is lifted by the director. Alternate assignments will be given to make up the missed performance grade.

Class Expectations

Practice

Students are expected to practice a minimum of 4 days, 15 minutes each day for a weekly total of 60 minutes. There will be weekly practice assignments and assessments during class.

Daily Expectations

Students should have with them daily:

- Music
- Instrument and all necessary parts (ex. Reeds for clarinet)
- Pencil

Students are to be on time (over the threshold when the bell rings). There will be a countdown timer displayed and students must be playing their tuning note when the timer gets to 0:00.

Students should respect others as well as the space and move carefully around the room. Take care of each other and the equipment!

Students should not talk or play out of turn, especially when instruction is being delivered.

Grades

Students will be graded in the following categories:

Concerts/Performances	Tests/Projects
Classwork/Daily Performance	Quizzes

Concerts/Performances

For full credit, students must:

- Arrive/Leave on time
- Wear ALL REQUIRED concert attire
- Bring all materials (instrument, music, etc.)
- Exhibit proper performance and audience etiquette

Test/Projects

There will be both playing and written tests. Students will be assessed in their playing as well as in their knowledge of music theory concepts. Projects will be given to enhance understanding of certain areas of the curriculum and can include playing and technology use.

Classwork/Daily Performance

Students are expected to have all required materials and follow classroom behavior expectations. Practice checks will be in this category.

Point deductions:

- No instrument, music, reeds, oil, pencil
- Disruptive behavior and/or unapproved device use
- Tardy to class
- Not completing assigned work

Quizzes

These are short written assessments to guide students' music theory knowledge.

BAND EVENT CALENDAR 2018-2019

July 31

Instrument Rental Night, NGMS Band Room, 6:00

October 23*

All County Band Auditions, Carnage MS, 3:30-8

November 15 & 16*

All County Band Clinic, Ligon MS

December 4

Winter Concert, Garner High School, 7:00 pm

December 11

Fine Arts "Collage" Performance, 3rd, 5th, and 6th periods

January 5*

All-District Band Auditions, SE Guilford HS

January 25-26*

All-District Band Clinic, East Chapel Hill HS

March 2*

All-State Band Auditions, Central Davidson MS

March 6

Pre-MPA Concert with Garner HS, NGMS Auditorium 7:00

March 18 or 19

NC Music Performance Assessment (MPA)

May 3-5*

All-State Band Clinic, UNC-Greensboro

May 17 (pending approval)

8th Grade Band Trip to Musicale Festival at Busch Gardens

June 4

Spring Concert, Garner High School, 7:00 pm

*Select Students Only

Required Supplies

Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Bands:

Instrument in good working order
Essential Elements Book 1-Beginning Band
Essential Elements Book 2-Intermediate/Advanced Band

Flutes-cleaning cloth and cleaning rod
Clarinets/Saxophones- at least 2 reeds (Rico, VanDoren, Mitchell
Lurie, other brands), cork grease, swab
Trumpets/Trombones/Baritones/Tubas-valve oil
Percussion-set of sticks/mallets (Vic Firth EP-2 stick bag
recommended, includes snare sticks, timpani mallets, yarn mallets,
and hard plastic mallets), practice pad

Where?

Music & Arts (musicarts.com)
Triangle Town Center 919.872.1601
Crossroads Cary 919.854.0024

Sam Ash Music (samashmusic.com)
Raleigh 919.855.9581

Repairs/Service

Music & Arts
Flying Squirrel Music 919.615.3117 (flyingsquirrelmusicnc.com)

*If you need assistance with obtaining supplies, please contact Mrs.
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