

# Georgetown Middle School

## Music Department Syllabus

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### Objectives

- Perform in several quality performances throughout the school year.
- Improve individual musical ability (tone production, intonation, music literacy, musical interpretation, technique).
- Acquire a greater knowledge of quality musical literature.

### Materials

- Music/Folder (provided)
- Instrument (Band)
- Pencil
- Concert attire (GMS band/chorus shirt (order forms available), tan/khaki dress pants, long solid black socks, and solid black shoes). Students without the required attire at a performance will either not be allowed to perform and/or receive a lowered grade depending on the infraction.

### Rules/Expectations

- Be on time with music/instrument when the bell rings.
- Sit in assigned seat with required materials.
- Show respect to the director and fellow musicians.
- Show respect to all school property.
- Be responsible for your own actions.
- No food/drinks/gum, etc. are allowed in the music department.
- Cell phones or other items/devices that interrupt rehearsal are not allowed.
- Be prepared for all rehearsals...PRACTICE!!!
- Music will be learned and memorized (chorus) for performances.
- Attend all performances. If a student is absent from a performance, a parent/guardian must notify the director. The director reserves the right to deem the absence excused or unexcused.

### Communication

Parent/teacher communication is very important. Please contact Mr. Woods or Mrs. Woods with any questions and/or concerns. Communication to parents and students from the directors will be through various methods including Class Dojo, email, district website, and written notes sent home with students.

## Grading

- Grades will be based on attendance, improvement, supply checks and performance tests.
  - Attendance is mandatory
    - Concerts
    - Competitions (IGSMA Organizational Contest)
    - Parades (Band)
    - Basketball Games (Band TBA)
    - Rehearsals/Lessons (Band)
    - Specialty Performances (Advance notice will be given.)
- Grades will be based on an accumulation of total points.
  - Contest (IGSMA Org.) 300 pts.
  - Concerts 200 pts.
  - Parades (Band) 200 pts.
  - Pep Band 50 pts.
  - Weekly Lesson (Required Band) 20 pts.
  - Daily Participation 10 pts.
  - Performance/Written Assessments 100 pts.
- An unexcused absence from a performance or rehearsal will be a "0" in the grade book.)
  - \*\*\* End of quarter performance tests (video) are due on the following dates:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: Fri. October 13, 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: Wed. December 20, 2023
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: Fri. March 8, 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: Fri. May 10, 2024
  - Students will be given the instructions for the video assessment during class and will also appear in each student's Google Classroom account.

## Add/Drop Policy

Membership in the GMS Music Department is a privilege. The directors reserve the right to add and remove students from the ensembles if necessary. Students that continually miss rehearsals and performances will be removed from the ensemble. No student may drop out of the GMS Band or Choral Program at any time during the year without permission from the director, the parent/guardian, and the building principal. Students will not be allowed to return to the group for the remainder of the year if they leave the ensemble at any time throughout the year.

## Ensembles

- Singing Tigers
- Concert Band (Seating by playing audition)
- Jazz Band (Rehearse after school—Seating by audition)
- Marching Band (All Band Students)
  - Marching band will march at parades as announced, including at Pekin H.S. Homecoming Football Game.
  - After school rehearsals may be assigned if necessary.
  - Required materials:
    1. **Instrument** in good working order
    2. **Band uniform** (provided)
    3. **Long solid black socks** (required)
    4. **Solid black shoes** (required)  
*Speedsters marching shoes (required)*
    5. **Black gloves** (required—purchase from Mr. Woods)



Each year, the GMS Music Department students wear matching polo shirts as a part of their standard uniform for performances. Students are required to have these polo shirts for their concert dress at every performance (unless otherwise specified). Younger students are encouraged to purchase a slightly bigger size with the goal of wearing the shirt for multiple years. Below is an order form for our polo shirts. They will be black with the included logo placed on the “pocket” side of the polo (there are no pockets on the polo). Polo shirts are available in these sizes: Youth (S-XL), Ladies (S-XXXL), and Regular (S-XXXL). Each polo will be \$23 (add \$2.50 for XXL and \$5 for XXXL). Please return order forms by Friday, September 1, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Woods ([hwoods@dist102.org](mailto:hwoods@dist102.org)) or Mr. Woods ([bwoods@dist102.org](mailto:bwoods@dist102.org)).

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Polo Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \$23.00 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Add \$2.50 for XXL and \$5 for XXXL

Make checks payable to GMS

Please return in an envelope with cash or check by Friday, September 1, 2023 in the box outside of Mrs. Woods’ office.

August 17, 2023

**Band & Chorus Students and Parents:**

We will be placing an order for music department spirit wear for t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts. The shirts will be a new design this year. These shirts are optional to purchase and will not replace the required black performance polo shirts. If you would like to order a t-shirt and/or sweatshirt, return the slip below along with cash or a check made out to "GMS" by Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Parents and family members are welcome to purchase shirts as well!

Hooded Sweatshirts:                      \$ 32.00 (Sizes YL-Adult XL)  
(Add \$3.00 for each additional 'X')

Crew Neck Sweatshirts:                \$ 25.00 (Sizes YL-Adult XL)  
(Add \$3.00 for each additional 'X')

T-shirts:                                        \$15.00 (Sizes YL-Adult XL)  
(Add \$2.50 for each additional 'X')

*Mrs. Woods*  
*GMS Chorus*

*Mr. Woods*  
*GMS Band*

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**Name**

**Fill in size (YL, Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) on the blanks:**

**Size**

Hooded Sweatshirt                      \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Neck Sweatshirt                  \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt                                        \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to GMS*

*Please return in an envelope with cash or check by Friday, September 1, 2023 in the box outside of Mrs. Woods' office.*

## Georgetowne Middle School Music Department Syllabus Agreement

By signing below, you state that you and your child have read the music department syllabus and agree to abide by the guidelines and expectations stated in the syllabus. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the syllabus, please contact Mr. Woods and/or Mrs. Woods. Please return this form by Friday, August 25, 2023. Students will be receiving a grade for turning in this form.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_