

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)
 - 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.
 - 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:
 - 1st Quarter: Fri. October 10, 2025 2nd Quarter: Wed. December 17, 2025
 - 3rd Quarter: Fri. March 6, 2026 4th Quarter: Thurs. May 7, 2026

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)



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 (XL), and Regular (S-XXXL). Each polo will be \$25. Please return order forms by Friday, August 29, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Woods (hwoods@dist102.org) or Mr. Woods (bwoods@dist102.org).

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Student Name: _____

Performance Polo Size: _____

Price: \$25.00

Make checks payable to GMS, please.

Please return in an envelope with cash or check by Friday, August 29, 2025 in the box outside of Mrs. Woods’ office.

August 14, 2025

Band & Chorus Students and Parents:

We will be placing an order for music department spirit wear for t-shirts and 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, August 29th. Parents and family members are welcome to purchase shirts as well!

Hooded Sweatshirts: \$ 35.00 (Sizes YL-Adult XL)
(Add \$3.00 for each additional 'X')

Crew Neck Sweatshirts: \$ 28.00 (Sizes YL-Adult XL)
(Add \$3.00 for each additional 'X')

T-shirts: \$16.00 (Sizes YL-Adult XL)
(Add \$2.50 for each additional 'X')

Mrs. Woods
GMS Chorus

Mr. Woods
GMS Band

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
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Georgetown Concert Band

Georgetown Middle School Department of MUSIC

Georgetown Singing Tigers

2025-2026 Schedule

Wednesday, October 1	<u>ILMEA All-District Auditions Due</u> <i>Select Band/Choir (Optional Participation)</i>	VIRTUAL	
Tuesday, October 7	<u>PCHS Homecoming Field Rehearsal</u> <i>Marching Band (Mandatory Participation)</i>	Pekin, IL	5:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday, October 10	<u>PCHS Homecoming Parade & Game</u> <i>Marching Band (Mandatory Participation)</i>	Pekin, IL	5 p.m.
Saturday, November 1	<u>ILMEA All-District Festival</u> <i>Select Band/Choir Students (Optional Participation)</i>	Western Illinois University	All Day
Tuesday, November 4	<u>Choir Fundraiser Supper</u> <i>Choir Fundraiser</i>	G.M.S. Cafeteria	5-6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 4	<u>GMS Fall/Holiday Concert</u> <i>Band / Choir (Mandatory Participation)</i>	G.M.S. Gymnasium	7 p.m.
Tuesday, November 11	<u>Veterans Day Ceremony</u> <i>Band / Choir (Mandatory Participation)</i>	G.M.S. Gymnasium	1:15 p.m.
Saturday, November 15	<u>ILMEA Jazz All-District Festival</u> <i>Select Band/Choir Students (Optional Participation)</i>	Jacksonville Middle School	All Day
Saturday, November 29	<u>Vendor & Craft Sale</u> <i>Band Fundraiser</i>	G.M.S. Gymnasium	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday, December 9	4 th /5 th Grade Music/Band Program	G.M.S. Gymnasium	6 p.m.
Friday, February 27	<u>IGSMA Organizational Contest</u> <i>Band/Chorus (Mandatory Participation)</i>	Germantown Hills M.S.	TBA
Friday, March 13	<u>IGSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest</u> <i>Band/Chorus (Optional Participation)</i>	I.C.C.	TBA
Thursday, March 19	<u>Pekin Chorus Day</u> <i>Chorus (Mandatory Participation)</i>	P.C.H.S.	TBA
Tuesday, March 24	<u>Pekin Band Day</u> <i>Band (Mandatory Participation)</i>	P.C.H.S.	TBA
Tuesday, May 5	GMS Spring Concert <i>Band/Chorus (Mandatory Participation)</i>	G.M.S. Gymnasium	7 p.m.
May, TBA	GMB Spring Arts <i>Band/Chorus</i>	Peoria, IL	TBA
May, TBA	8 th Grade Graduation <i>Band/8th Grade Chorus</i>	G.M.S. Gymnasium	6 p.m.

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 22, 2025. **Students will be receiving a grade for turning in this form.**

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____