

# 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, spinners or other 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**

Communication to parents and students will be through various methods including Remind (see instructions for band and chorus sign-up), 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:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: October 5, 2018</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: December 14, 2018</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: March 8, 2019</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: May 10, 2019</b>

**Students will be given the instructions for the video assessment at the beginning of each quarter.**

## 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
- Tiger Band (Seating by playing audition)
- 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 (not required, but highly recommended—Contact Mr. Woods for more information).
    5. **Black gloves** (required—purchase from Mr. Woods)

**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 24, 2018. **Students will be receiving a grade for turning in this form.**

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

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

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_