

Greenfield Junior High School

Band Handbook

2017-2018



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WELCOME to the Greenfield JHS Band Program!

Our goal is for you to have fun while developing your musical skills and for you to gain as much musical knowledge as possible. Our success depends on every individual putting forth his/her best effort and working together to make 2017 – 2018 a rewarding year. We hope you enjoy your musical studies at GrJHS. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Also, be sure to bookmark www.BandisFun.com for information about the Band Program.

Music Contract

Please make certain that you and your parents read the handbook and are aware of the responsibilities of participating in a music performance class. By signing the Music Contract you indicate that you have reviewed the PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE with your parents and are certain that you are available on all the dates indicated.

After reading the Band Handbook, please sign this [Digital Contract](#).

Tax Credit Donations

Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the AZ tax law that allows taxpayers a credit of up to \$200 per individual and \$400 for joint tax returns per each calendar year, when they contribute to extracurricular activities. A Donation Form may be found under the Resource tab at www.BandisFun.com.

Remind

Concert Reminders and general announcements will be sent via Remind - a system that allows me to TEXT reminders to your phone. However, you must opt-in to receive the alerts.

Directions to receive text reminders from band: **Text your student's code to 81010.**

Code for 7th Grade Band is	@9d2gea
Code for 8th Grade Band is	@dkkaa6
Code for Jazz Band is	@ha67b

Classroom Expectations

Rules

1. Be on time and prepared for class
2. Be respectful (people and equipment)
3. Give your personal best (attitude and effort)

Consequences

1. Verbal warning
2. Loss of daily points and possible new seat
3. Parent contact and/or referral

Grading

Participation Points (35% of grade) are earned for following all of the Classroom Expectations each day, as well as having all required materials each day.

Written Work Points (22.5% of grade) are given for worksheets, quizzes, and tests covering a variety of basic music theory concepts.

Performance Points (22.5% of grade) are earned for individual Playing Tests. Playing Tests may include scales, etudes, sight-reading, and concert music. Students are assessed on: notes, rhythm, articulation, dynamics, phrasing, and tone quality.

Percussionists are expected to perform on both snare drum and mallet percussion. Their test material may also include snare drum rudiments.

Performance Points for Concerts (20% of grade) are awarded for being in full uniform, showing up on time and staying for the entire concert, appropriate audience/on-stage etiquette, & having all materials.

*Except for emergencies, absences from performances may only be excused by a note and/or phone call from home being received by Mrs. Moorhead no later than one week **prior** to the anticipated absence.* In the case of an emergency, a phone call or note from home should be received as soon as possible. A make-up assignment will be provided if the absence is excused.

Materials Needed

BINDER: Students need a black 1-inch binder and sheet protectors for sheet music and additional test material that will be provided by the school. 10 – 15 sheets protectors recommended.

BOOKS: Students will be issued a book from the school at the beginning of the school year. You do NOT need to buy any books this year.

FLUTISTS: Tuning rod and cloth.

REED PLAYERS: Clarinet and sax players need to have three good reeds at all times. We recommend Van Doren (2 1/2 or 3). Broken or worn reeds must be replaced. You will also need a reed guard, cork grease and cleaning swab.

BRASS PLAYERS: Brass players need valve oil, tuning slide grease, and a mouthpiece brush. Trombone players need slide cream and a spray bottle. Trumpets may also need to buy a straight mute if any of our concert selections require it. French horn players need rotor oil (NOT valve oil) and tuning slide grease.

PERCUSSIONISTS: Percussionists need to have a snare drum to keep at school, a pair of snare drum sticks (SD1 or 5a), and either medium yarn mallets or hard rubber mallets. A stick bag and practice pad is recommended.

SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS: Students using school owned instruments should purchase their own mouthpiece if possible.

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE: Students need to purchase a band shirt, which is \$15. This shirt is worn with solid black pants (long legs), black socks, and solid black shoes. If you are unable to meet these expectations, please notify the director immediately so arrangements may be made.

GRJHS Band Performance Dates 2017 -2018

Sep 8, Fri	HHS Marching Band Night - more info to come
Sep 29, Fri	GHS Marching Band Night - more info to come
Oct 24, Tues	Concert in the Courtyard @ GrJHS Courtyard, 7 PM, All Bands
Oct 27, Fri	*8th Grade Band and Orch to State Fair (<i>TENTATIVE</i>)
Nov 1, Wed	Music Department Pictures, cafe, daytime - WEAR BAND SHIRT
Dec 1, Fri	*HHS Pops Concert, daytime field trip
Dec 6, Wed	Concert @ GHS Auditorium, 7 PM, All Bands
Dec 15, Fri	Livestream Concert (from band room) of Chamber Group Performances
Feb 7, Wed	JH-Elem-HS Concert @ GrJHS Gymnasium, 6:30 PM
Feb 26, Mon	Concert @ GHS Auditorium, 7 PM, All Bands
Feb 27, Mar 1, or Mar 2	*District Festival @ MJHS, daytime event, (date TBD) Con. Band Only
Feb 17/24, Sat	Jazz Band plays at Celebration of Accomplished Teaching (date TBD)
Mar 8, Thu	*ABODA Festival, 8 th Grade Concert Band only, daytime
Apr 12-14, Thu - Sat	Highland Jazz Festival, Jazz Band only ALL are encouraged to attend the evening concerts! www.highlandjazz.com
Apr 26, Thursday	12/60 Club Auditions after school - any student with interest
May 16, Wed	Concert @ GHS Auditorium, 7 PM, All Bands



**Special events that students may earn the privilege to participate in. Please write these dates on your family calendar at home and refer to the section on Performance Points in the handbook for responsibilities regarding performance attendance. Please note that while I have made every attempt to list all activities for the year, there will inevitably be extra added on. Any activity which students are given two weeks notice is a required activity.*

GRJHS BAND SHIRT ORDER FORM

This year's shirt will be an embroidered polo made out of 50/50 cotton.
7th grade shirts are grey and 8th grade shirts are dark green. Shirts are \$15.00 and cash/checks (made out to GRJHS Band) are accepted.

Please enclose THIS ORDER FORM with payment in an envelope labeled with student's first and last name **by Friday, August 25.**

8th grade students who still have their shirt from last year do NOT need to order a new one.

Student Name _____ Class Hour _____

Please circle one. These are ADULT sizes and **run quite large.**

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| X-Small | Large |
| Small | X-Large |
| Medium | XX-Large |

If you are unable to purchase a shirt, please contact Mrs. Moorhead as soon as possible.

Band Contract and Information Sheet

(Only complete this form if you are unable to submit this [Digital Contract](#))

This contract verifies that both student and parents have read and understood the contents of the band handbook.

By signing below, you agree to follow all aspects of the Greenfield JHS Band Program, including performance expectations.

Student Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Preferred Phone # _____ Alternative Phone # _____

Parent Email Address

We are aware of the concert dates and have put them in our family calendar.

*Please print, sign, and return this form within the first full week of school
only if you are unable to submit the [Digital Contract](#).*