

Kewaskum Middle School Band Handbook



Mr. Michlig and Mrs. Holmes

Welcome to 6th Grade Band!

We hope that you are looking forward to band this year! Playing an instrument is a lot of fun and with some hard work (in class and outside of class), you will be amazed how quickly you learn to play your instrument. In this handbook, we have some basic expectations that students must follow in order for us to have a great year.

Behavior Expectations

1. Respect Director
2. Respect Others
3. Respect Equipment
 - No gum, food, or drinks are allowed in the classroom.

***All general school rules and discipline procedures also apply within the band room.**

Classroom Expectations

1. Be on time
 - You have 3 minutes to warm-up your instrument and get your materials ready.
2. Give your best effort
 - Playing an instrument is fun, but takes patience, persistence, and lots of practice.
3. Be prepared
 - Always bring your instrument, supplies, all music, and pencil to band.

Required Materials

1. Music folder, 2 pencils, Essential Elements lesson book 1, and band music.
2. Instrument with proper supplies (reeds, valve oil, cleaning cloths, etc.)
3. Proper concert attire: KMS band shirt and black pants

*Instrument supplies can be purchased at any time from the school at a discounted price. Checks can be made out to the KMS Band.

***Reed cards** can be purchased for \$20. It's a punch card in which students can get reeds when they need them until the money runs out.

6th Grade Band Concert Dates 2018-2019

Tuesday, Dec. 18th - 6th Grade Holiday Band Concert at 6:30pm at KMS

** 7th-8th Grade has a separate concert at 7:30pm*

Monday, Mar. 4th - 6th Grade Winter Band Concert at 6:30pm at KMS

** 7th-8th Grade has a separate concert at 7:30pm*

Tuesday, May 21st – 6th Grade Pops Concert at 6:30pm at KMS

** 7th-8th Grade has a separate concert at 7:30pm*

Concert Attendance

Band is a performing ensemble. The concert experience is an essential and rewarding part of both the group and the individual musician. Concert attendance is required.

Family emergency or illness: Students will receive an “excused” grade for the concert after testing off the concert music. A written excuse must be presented to the teacher within two class periods after the student returns to school.

Other Family Excuses: A written excuse must be presented to the teacher at least **one week prior** to the concert. Students must test off the concert music to receive an “excused” grade for the concert. There will be **no exceptions** for notes presented less than one week before the concert which will result in an “F” for the concert grade.

Band Lesson Attendance

Students should come prepared for lessons and bring all required materials (instrument, book, music, and pencil) to earn full points. Missed lessons must be arranged by the student. There are “make-up lesson” weeks at the end of each quarter.

6th graders will be scheduled for one lesson every two weeks during the school day. The lesson schedule is posted in the band room and sent home on Skyward messenger. Students may request after school lessons if that works better.

Grading

Grades will be posted on Skyward and are updated frequently. Below are the grade percentages.

70%	Band lessons, playing tests, and concert attendance
10%	Quizzes
20%	Participation

Welcome back students and parents/guardians to the Kewaskum Middle School band program. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions. Let's make it a great year!

Return this page to Mrs. Holmes or Mr. Michlig with a student and parent signature
by
Friday, September 14th

I have read and understand all of the policies for band at Kewaskum Middle School
for the 2018-2019 school year.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Band Fees:

Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 (\$10) Please send the book fee payment with
this form.

*If you already have a book, please let me know below. Students that attended band camp or
are renting from White House of Music already have their books.

Band shirt: (\$11)

*There is a separate order form for this shirt. Payment is due on Monday, September 17th.

School-owned instrument rentals: If your child is renting an instrument through
school, please sign the rental contract and return with payment. This helps our department
maintenance in the instruments.