

Kewaskum Middle School Band Handbook



Mrs. Holmes

Welcome to 7th Grade Band!

I hope that you are looking forward to band this year. I enjoy teaching band and working with middle school students very much! With one year of playing experience, students now have new performing opportunities (marching, jazz, and solo and ensemble). In this handbook, I 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 2, 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.

KMS Band Concert Dates 2018-2019

Friday, Oct. 5th - Homecoming Parade at 4:30pm (meet at KMS)

** 7th and 8th grade band students only*

– Pep band and pregame performance at Homecoming game

** 8th grade band students only*

Tuesday, Dec. 18th - 7th-8th Grade Holiday Band Concert at 7:30pm at KMS

** 6th Grade has a separate concert at 6:30pm*

Saturday, Feb. 23rd –Solo and Ensemble: 8am-4pm at John Long Middle School in Grafton

** optional event for 7th and 8th grade band students only - but strongly encouraged!*

Monday, Mar. 4th - 7th-8th Grade Winter Band Concert at 7:30pm at KMS

** 6th Grade has a separate concert at 6:30pm*

Tuesday, May 21st – 7th-8th Grade Pops Concert at 7:30pm at KMS

** 6th Grade has a separate concert at 6:30pm*

Monday, May 27th –Memorial Day Parade at 9:30am

** 7th and 8th grade band students*

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.

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.

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 me with any questions. Let's make it a great year!

Return this page to Mrs. Holmes 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 2 (\$10) Please send the book fee payment with
this form. Percussionists see below.

*Please indicate below if you need your child borrow a book and return it in good condition at the
end of the year. There are a limited amount of used books, so it's first come, first serve.

*If you already have a book, please let me know below.

Band shirt: (\$11)

*This is only needed if you are new to KMS band or need a replacement band shirt. Please send
in the payment and what size is needed (adult sizes small, medium, large, extra-large).

Percussion students: You do not need to purchase a band book this year because I have
a surplus of used books. You may order and keep a new book for \$17.

****All percussion students must own timpani mallets. I have ordered timpani
mallets with my school discount for \$28. Please send in the payment or let me know
if your child owns timpani mallets already.***

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.