

Beginning Band Expectations

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No gum or phones are allowed during class or performances. Phones must remain in backpacks, along the wall. Hats and hoods are not permitted due to visual and auditory requirements.

Patience: for yourself, others and the teacher. Learning to play an instrument can be a slow process.

Students will need to practice at home and learn how to work together as a team. We will achieve success in due time.

Extra help: Please don't hesitate to request extra help.

Practicing at home-Each student will need to purchase THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS BOOK 1 FOR BAND. Students will be trained to utilize the CD it comes with. Please encourage our new musicians to practice at least 15-25 minutes a night, 3-4 times per week. These requirements will change during the year.

Be prepared to work, learn and have fun. Woodwinds need at least 2 working (2) reeds and cork grease in their case. Brass player's need valve/slide oil. Please do not use the oil or take the instrument apart at home. The proper maintenance of the instrument will be taught in class.

Winter Concert: 11-17-2025 Please have your child report to River Ridge H.S. no later than 6:30pm to prepare for their 7:00pm show. Students may wear their Sunday best. Appropriate school dress is required.

Spring Concert: 4-7-2026 Please have students arrive no later than 6:30pm to warm-up. The show begins 7:00pm. This performance is also being held at River Ridge H.S. Students may wear their Sunday best. No shorts or torn jeans please.

Students will need to purchase or rent their own instruments, with the exception of some lower brass.

A student's grade is weighted as follows: Performance fundamentals/scales 100%, participation 100% and assigned passages 100%

Thanks again for encouraging your children to sign up for band. Together we will make a joyful noise!

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I have read the above and understand what is expected of my child (students name)_____

Parents signature_____.