

Midland Park High School Bands

Class Requirements For Middle School Band 2011-2012

1. Attendance at **ALL** Performances and Dress Rehearsals (as per attached dates) **NO EXCUSES ARE ACCEPTED AFTER** October 3, 2011 (except illness) Attendance form is due by October 3, 2011 and will count as a grade.

2. Attend one (1) outside performances and prepare a short one-page paper on each performance. Mr. Marks **MUST** approve concerts in **advance**. The paper can be downloaded at the website. The paper should include the following information:

Name of Performing Group
Location
Discussion of a musical effect that you observed
Attach Program and Ticket Stub

Paper due by **January 13, 2012**. **No late papers will be accepted.**

3. Written projects may be assigned in class.

4. Lessons must be attended... **READ THIS!!!** Please make sure that you follow the schedule. The schedule will be distributed each Marking Period. Each cycle will have one make-up period. You can only make up a lesson the cycle after you miss it. (I will explain more) Lessons will rotate through periods 1,2 , and 4. Each cycle your lesson day will change. At each lesson you will be responsible to play a checkpoint exercise and turn in a theory checkpoint sheet (if assigned). These will be assigned at each lesson for the following cycle. Please make sure that you get any assignment(s) you miss.

5. Grading System

Practice - 10%

Lessons - 20%

Performance / Practices - 30%

Classroom Behavior and Production - 40%

Reminder: Lates and absences can have an effect on your grade.

6. All items must be kept in the assigned area and you must sit in the assigned seat. If any problems develop please see me!

7. Practice logs must be turned in each marking period. Each marking period should have a minimum of 14 days of practice and total of at least 500 minutes. Material practice should only include, any music from class, exercises from lessons, exercises on your **band** instrument from a private teacher, and any other music from approved sources. (County band, region, other) Practice log must have a parent signature to be graded and must be turned in no later than the assigned date during your band period. **No late practice logs will be accepted.**

Practice Log Due Dates:

November 2, 2011

January 13, 2012

March 12, 2012

June 4, 2012

8. Classroom Needs

Every day you should have your instrument, your folder, a pencil, and need supplies for your instrument.

Concert and Rehearsal Dates (as of September 1, 2011)

Concert Dates

January 12, 2012 – 7:30 pm (Report time 6:00 pm)

May 24, 2012 - 7:30 pm (Report time 6:00 pm)

June 15, 2012 - 5:00 pm

Rehearsal Dates

January 10, 2012 – 7:00 pm

May 22, 2012 - 7:00 pm

Trip Dates

April 19-22, 2012 – Optional Trip to Boston

*One more performance may be scheduled in the spring. You will have at least 2 months notice and there will be an alternate assessment for students with unavoidable conflicts.