



## 7th Grade Band Details

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band is a continuation of the Willard Instrumental Music Program that began in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It is our mission to ensure that we are not only shaping quality musicians, but also aiding in the development of strong contributors to society. Although our objectives focus on their musical development, our students will learn the values and rewards of teamwork, perseverance, professionalism, and a balance of pride and humility through their practice and performance. We encourage students to present the best of themselves upon entering our classrooms, so that we may teach them to the best of our ability!

**Students will be given objectives that are to be deemed proficient by the end of each semester. In order to continue band in high school, students must pass ALL of these objectives and assessments, attend all performances, and meet the video assessment requirement. See Grading and Continuation Policy.**

### Eligibility

For your student's eligibility in all activities, we are required to follow the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) grade requirement policy. If you would like to see the full MSHSAA policy, please refer to [www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org) and click on the 2018-2019 Official Handbook.

### Course Requirements

1. Attendance – Both in class and ALL extra rehearsals and performances.
2. Participate in classroom activities.
3. Take video playing tests and written tests or quizzes on material covered in class.
4. Practice on a weekly, if not daily, basis. It is your responsibility to be the best musician you can be, and to know your music and practice the skills we teach you in class
5. Maintain the band binder with all exercises, warm-ups, sheet music, theory tests and assignments. Papers should be in clear page protectors. You will always need a pencil.
6. You **MUST** practice a minimum of 2 hours a week at home. Consider it homework that you need to accomplish to be successful in this class.
7. Build a collection of evidence to support your growth and shows your ability to continue in and be a contributing member of the Willard Band Program.

### 7<sup>TH</sup> Grade Brass Objectives

1. Concert Bb Scale (1 octave)----->Fall
2. Concert F Scale (1 octave)----->Fall
3. Chromatic Scale (1.5 octaves)----->Fall
4. Concert C Scale (1 octave)----->Fall
5. Concert Eb Scale (1 octave)----->Spring
6. Concert Ab Scale (1 octave)----->Spring
7. Concert G Scale (1 octave)----->Spring
8. Written Exam (90% to pass)----->Spring

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Woodwind Objectives

1. Concert Eb Scale (2 Octaves)----->Fall
2. Concert F Scale (2 Octaves)----->Fall
3. Concert Bb Scale (1 Octave)----->Fall
4. Concert Ab Scale (2 Octaves)----->Fall
5. Concert C Scale (determined on instrument)----->Spring
6. Concert G Scale (2 Octaves)----->Spring
7. Chromatic Scale (determined on instrument)----->Spring
8. Written Exam (90% to pass)----->Spring

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Materials

- Instrument in working condition at all times. Instrument repair is the **student's** responsibility, and each student is expected to get any issues fixed in a timely manner.
- 3 ring binder and clear pages for all loose paper materials. These can be purchased from us in the band room or you may use your own.
- Sharpened Pencils
- Foundations for Superior Performance-Warm ups & Technique for Band by Richard Williams and Jeff King. **To be purchased from the band in the spring semester.**

### Grading and Continuation Eligibility Policy

Grades and eligibility to continue in band are determined on the following criteria:

- **Evidence:** are things we do in class to show improvement or understanding of musical concepts. Things like playing tests, music theory quizzes, discussions, performances, etc.
- These pieces of evidence are averaged together create a score for our **Standards**, which are what you will see as grades when they are reported. These standards are state standards that are extremely general, and will cover lots of topics in music.
- **OBJECTIVES: ESSENTIALLY JUST VERY IMPORTANT PIECES OF EVIDNCE. ALL OBJECTIVES MUST BE PASSED EACH SEMESTER TO CONTINUE ON TO THE NEXT SEMESTER OF BAND.** Progress on Objectives may be checked on Empower as pieces of evidence at any time.
- In-class or online playing or written tests.
- Music theory assignments.

- Daily Group Collaboration and Discussion
- Performances and scheduled extra rehearsals. Failure to attend any concert or contest may result in removal from the band program. Exceptions are only made in rare cases where a conflict is discussed in advance with a parent. These cases include serious illness, family emergency, or major competition or tournament in another activity that cannot be avoided. Communication is key, please be sure to let us know of any conflicts as soon as possible.

### **Performances**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band is a performing ensemble that will perform in the following REQUIRED concerts.

- Willard Bands Winter Concert- Sunday, December 9th at 2 pm
- Day of Percussion- TBA (All Day, Performance TBA) (Percussion only)
- Willard Bands Spring Concert – Tuesday, April 16th at 7 pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th Grade Band Festival at WORLDS OF FUN- May 4th (All day)
- Willard Night of Percussion (Date and Time TBA) (Percussion only)

**A performance situation cannot be re-created, therefore, attendance is essential and required.**

**Students who feel they cannot fulfill the above requirements as a member of the Willard Band Program should strongly consider not participating in this class.**

To view the detailed curriculum schedule, please visit [www.willardband.org](http://www.willardband.org) and select the MORE tab, then select Middle School.

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