



## **8th Grade Band Details**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band is a continuation of the Willard Instrumental Music Program that began in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<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 weekly and written tests 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 you learn in class.
5. Complete music theory assignments as assigned.
6. Maintain the band binder with all exercises, warm-ups, sheet music, tests, and assignments organized and in class at all times.
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.

### **8th Grade Brass Objectives**

1. Concert F Major Scale (2 octaves)
2. Concert G Melodic Minor Scale (1 octave)
3. Concert D Major Scale (1 octave)
4. Concert C Melodic Minor Scale (1 octave)
5. Concert A Major Scale (1 octave)
6. Concert D Melodic Minor Scale (1 octave)
7. Concert Db Major Scale (1 octave)
8. Concert F Melodic Minor Scale (1 octave)
9. Written Exam (90% to pass)
10. Rhythmic Sight-reading (90% efficiency)

### **8th Grade Woodwind Objectives**

1. Concert D Major Scale (2 Octaves)
2. Concert Db Major Scale (2 Octaves)
3. Concert D Melodic Minor Scale (2 Octave)
4. Concert G Melodic Minor Scale (determined by instrument)
5. Full Range Chromatic Scale
6. Melodic Sight-reading
7. Key Signature Exam (90% to pass)

### **8th 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 (every day at your stand)
- Foundations for Superior Performance-Warm ups & Technique for Band by Richard Williams and Jeff King. **(To be purchased at the beginning of the fall semester).**

## **Grading and Continuation Eligibility Policy**

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

- **OBJECTIVES: ALL OBJECTIVES MUST BE PASSED EACH SEMESTER TO CONTINUE ON TO THE NEXT YEAR OF BAND.** Evidence of progress towards target objectives may be viewed as updated on Empower.
- EVIDENCE TOWARDS TARGET OBJECTIVES may include:
  - In-class playing or written tests and assignments.
  - Music theory assignments. There will be music theory assessments as necessary to test understanding of concepts covered in a unit.
  - Daily Group Collaboration.
  - 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 8th Grade Band is a performing ensemble that will perform in the following REQUIRED concerts.

- Willard Bands Winter Concert - Sunday, December 9th, 2018 at 2 pm
- Willard Bands Spring Concert - Tuesday, April 16th, 2019 at 7 pm
- 7th/8th Grade Band Festival at WORLDS OF FUN - Saturday, May 4th, 2019 (All day)

**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.**

Please visit [www.willardband.org](http://www.willardband.org) and select the Middle School Bands tab to view any information. Also, text @wms8band18 to 81010 to join the Remind service!

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