



Parkway West Beginning Band Information Sheet

Welcome to the Parkway West Band Program!

Dear Parents and Students,

We are excited that you have chosen to participate in band and would like to welcome you to the West Band Family. We look forward to getting to know all our students and families. We will help guide you through a musical journey in learning a band instrument. Students will have band class every day and this sheet should answer most questions you may have at this point.

Facts about Band

What do my students need for the class?

- Instrument
- Measures of Success Book 1
- Pencils
- Appropriate instrument maintenance supplies.
- 1" three ring binder, sheet protectors

We have created a separate supply list sheet that lists everything you will need. These are also available on the website: parkwaywestband.com

The Supply List Sheets-

It also will be located on the website under beginning band

Woodwind sheet- Flute, Clarinet & Alto Sax

Brass Sheet- Trumpet, F Horn, Trombone & Baritone

Percussion Sheet

Should my child bring the instrument the first day?

No. Students will not need their instruments until Friday, August 18th.

When will they need their extra supplies?

Students should have their extra supplies by Monday, August 28th.

When are the concerts and does my students have to go?

****Performance Dates (Students will be graded on attendance):**

12/07/2017- Middle School Band Concert @ West Middle Time-7:00 pm

3/7/2018 - West Area Band concert @ West High School Time-7:00 pm

TBA- Solo and Small Ensemble Festival

05/07/2017- Middle School Band Concert @ West Middle Time-7:00 pm

Yes, your students have to participate in the concert. This is their time to show off their new skills with all the other students. It is also part of the grade for this class.

Where can I get an instrument?

Local Music Stores

It is recommended that you rent your child's instrument from a local music store like **Mozingo Music**. The supply list has a list of some local music stores or you can find more on the **website** under the **resources tab- music stores**. We strongly encourage you **not** to buy your child's instrument online unless you have consulted with us beforehand. This is to ensure you are getting a quality instrument for your money. If you already have an instrument that has been previously used we ask that you have an instrument repair tech look it over. Nothing is more frustrating for a student than an instrument that isn't in good playing condition. If you are unable to afford an instrument or supplies, please contact one of us. We have a system set up to ensure that every student has access to an instrument. The school does own a limited number of instruments that can be rented for the school year and these are checked out on a first come, first served basis. There is a **\$75 maintenance fee** for using the **school instruments** throughout the school year. Please check with your child's band director if you're interested in this.

Where will my student store their instrument?

Students will store their instrument in the band room or choir rooms. This will ensure the safety of their instrument. Also, please note that your students will not be bringing their instruments home until the beginning of September. We want to make sure they can properly assembly, maintain and produce a quality tone on their instrument.

How will my student be graded?

Grading

Students' grades will be based on these overall criteria categories:

- **Performance (Concerts) 30%**
- **Assessments (Playing, Written, Homework and At Home) 40%**
- **Daily Participation/Preparation(Binder, Pencil and Instrument Checks) 30%**

The grading scale is as follows:

93% - 100% A

90% - 92% A-

87% - 89% B+

83% - 86% B

80% - 82% B-

77% - 79% C+
73% - 76% C
70% - 72% C-
69% or below F

Band Expectations

As a member of the West Band Program, you are a member of one of the school's most important and respected organizations. As with any other organization, the success of the West Band Program depends on the loyalty of all its members. We will learn, develop and establish these expectations through the understanding of the 4 C's for Creating Class.

C's for Creating Class

Commitment- taking pride and ownership in the West band program by being prepared and giving 100%.

Community- Respecting staff and peers in the West band program as you would yourself.

Control- Restraining negative and disruptive behavior by having the self-control to promote pride and success in the West band program.

Class- Characteristic to be displayed both in winning and losing so others can see the pride you have in yourself and in the West band program.

Course Content

1. Maintenance and Instrument Care
2. Music Literacy /Reading
3. Rhythm
4. Technical Skills
5. Tone Quality
6. Musicianship
7. Rehearsal/Performance Etiquette
8. Cultural and Historical Context

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