

Sutter Middle School
Wind Ensemble
Course Expectations
2022/2023

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I am very excited to begin this new school year at Sutter Middle School. This year we will be focusing on continuing our instrumental musicianship as well as having some students try new instruments.

As the eldest ensemble at Sutter my academic and social expectations are high for its members.

GOALS

- ★ **Prepare for becoming a high school musician and student**
- ★ **Foster relationships and guidance for younger students**
- ★ **Create a community within the classroom and school**
- ★ **Play our best and recover from mistakes**

Two-Pocket Folder: Every student will need a two pocket folder to hold papers and sheet music

Instrument rentals: [Rental Information](#)

I encourage those students who need to rent instruments to do so immediately. Instruments can be rented through Nicholson's Music (Folsom), Tim's Music (Carmichael), or Tague Music (Citrus Heights), The Music Store (Rocklin), McLaughlin Studios (Loomis).

Online resources include: JWPepper.com for music and recordings, Woodwind and Brasswind for instruments and accessories

Instruments such as baritones, french horns, trombones, tubas, can be rented from the school. We will have some flute, clarinets, and alto saxophones for rent.

ALL Percussionists! You will need to have your own drumsticks, yarn mallets, timpani mallets and snare practice pad IN CLASS EVERYDAY. (Instrumentalist buy/rent their equipment, so do you :)



****I would really love to have all rentals completed by Aug. 24th, as I know the students will be excited to get playing!****

Also, don't forget to get all appropriate accessories for your particular instrument. (Reeds, cork grease, valve oil, slide oil, etc...)

As per FCUSD policy:

We recognize that many families wish to provide supplies for their own student or donate materials to the school and are welcome to do so at any time. The supplies listed are suggested materials and are not required of any student or family to fully participate in the school's academic program. All required materials and supplies will be provided by schools to students at no cost.

Band Behavior and Expectations:

- ★ It is very important that all musicians are exhibiting expected and proper behaviors. There are sometimes double the amount of students in the band than other classes! This means that it is even more important for students to follow school rules as well as specific musician rules.
- ★ Students need to be seated and ready to play when the tardy bell rings. If a student continues to be late for rehearsal there will be phone calls or emails home.
- ★ No food or gum in the music room. Water only!!!
- ★ Any time I am on the podium, there will be no talking or playing. If a student has difficulty with this rule they will receive phone calls home,

discussions after class, and deduction in participation points, or may even be counseled out of the class, if behavior persists.

*Students who disrupt the band take away valuable teaching and learning time for the band, other students, and themselves.

- ★ All percussion instruments are off limits to everyone except percussionists. If it is not yours do not touch it!!
- ★ Only ever handle your instrument!! Do not touch or play anyone else's instrument. If you break something that is not yours you will be expected to fix it : (
- ★ If you ever have your instrument being repaired in a shop I would like to get a parent note/email explaining the situation. If I don't receive a note there will be a deduction in participation points.
- ★ Forgetting an instrument will also result in a deduction of points or an alternate assignment (So set reminders! I love when students take them home to practice but they need to get here everyday for rehearsals).
- ★ All students are expected to demonstrate respect for themselves, their peers, and any instructors.
- ★ Bathroom - Students are allowed one bathroom pass per semester. Students music show me agenda to use pass

Homework: Count toward Formative Assessment Grade

Students are required to practice their instruments outside of class in preparation for the next rehearsal. I suggest 15-20 minutes a day for intermediate students.

Concerts: Count toward Summative Assessment Grade

All performances are mandatory. Concerts are what we prepare so much for! When students miss concerts it lets down the whole team or band. Please do not schedule anything on these performance dates.

October 13th - Autumn Concert and Fundraiser @ SMS

December 15th - Winter Concert @ SMS

March 1st- Spring Concert @ SMS

April 29th - Music in the Parks Contest and daytrip

May 17th - Serenade under the Stars @ SMS

Concert Dress- Students need to be dressed accordingly for all performances.

- Formal Concert Attire - All black. Black pants or skirt with collared black shirt or black dress

Formal attire should not be clothes that students wear to school on daily basis

Please no jeans or sneakers/tennis shoes!!!

- Casual Concert Attire - Sutter Music Shirt with jean pants

All outfits should fall under school dress code standards.

Grading and Evaluation:

[6 Point Grading Scale](#)

Summative Assessments - 70%

Formative Assessments - 30%

The best and fastest way to get in contact with me will be via email.

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