

🎵 🎵 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT RYE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
~ A Middle School
2008-2009

Please read and keep this at home for your reference.
Only return the signature portion of the agreement.

DUE: By September 10th to Miss Papoutsy

GRADING AND PREPARATION: Your child will receive a weekly practice assignment that will include a very specific list of what your child should be practicing at home. This assignment should be written or stapled inside the agenda book. Weekly practice assignments will always be given out on the same day of the week. If a student is absent on that day it is the student's responsibility to pick up a copy of the new assignment the next day he/she is back in school. Weekly assignments will always be available outside the back door of the band room!

Students will be asked to play excerpts from the weekly practice assignment and will be graded accordingly.

SUGGESTED PRACTICE TIMES

- 6th grade requires 60 minutes of practice per week.
- 7th grade requires 90 minutes of practice per week.
- 8th grade requires 90 minutes of practice per week.

Practicing all your time at once produces very little progress. We suggest dividing up the time into 10, 15, 20 or 30 minute intervals.

REPORT CARDS: Students will receive the following grades in music classes:

Achievement

A+ (100-97)
A (96-93)
A- (92-90)
B+ (89-87)
B (86-83)
B- (82-80)
C+ (79-77)
C (76-73)
C- (72-70)
D+ (69-67)
D (66-63)
D- (62-60)
E (under 60)

Conduct

O = outstanding role model
S = follows school expectations
N = inconsistent with school expectations. Little effort demonstrated.

Class participation and materials are worth 60% of your grade. Coming prepared includes having your school agenda, band note book w/music in page protectors, instrument w/name tag, and necessary supplies such as reeds. 1 point will be deducted for each item you do not have for class.

Practice assessment quizzes are worth 25% of your grade. Student's will be asked to perform excerpts from their weekly practice assignment and graded accordingly. Practice sheets do not need to be turned in to Miss Papoutsy.

Concert Attendance is worth 15% of your grade.

Attending the school concert is a mandatory requirement for being in the band. The concert is considered to be a final exam and is worth 15% of the student's grade. Should a student be unable to attend a concert he/she will have 14 days to complete a make-up project worth 15% of their grade.

- December 2008 Band & Chorus Holiday Concert, assembly & evening performance
- May 2009 Spring Band Concert, assembly & evening performance

EXTRA CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES:

Here are a few ways you can earn extra credit in band: ☺attend a concert, music rehearsal, or musical, ☺perform in a band or chorus outside of school, ☺play your instrument at a community service type of event, ☺take piano, voice or guitar lessons, ☺draw, paint, or create a sculpture of a musical instrument, ☺write a poem or short story with a musical theme.....and the list goes on.

EXTRA HELP & MAKE-UP: After school by appointment.

DROP/ADD: Students may add band at the beginning of each trimester.

Bring in a note from parent/guardian at least two weeks before the new trimester and set up an audition time. It is expected that band members can meet basic performance standards on their instrument. Beginners will need to take lessons with a private teacher to get started.

Students may only drop band after the Holiday Concert or beginning of Trimester 3

Bring in a note from parent/guardian

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

South East Junior High Band and Chorus Allstate Festival: *Open to advanced students. Nominations are made in December and selected in late January .The festival is held in May.*

Evelyn Drake Music Scholarship: *Interested students fill out a simple application which includes a brief essay explaining why they would like to take private music lessons if they received the scholarship. Scholarships range from \$50.00 to \$150.00*

INSTRUMENT REPAIRS:

- Students and their parents are responsible for instrument repairs. If you choose Musical Arts bi-weekly school pick-up for your repair, please note that parents need to fill out a repair form, tape it to the instrument, and have child place it at the Musical Arts pick-up spot, located in the band room at RJH. Payment needs to be mailed directly to the company. Teachers are not able to handle money or repair transactions. Musical Arts (Ted Herbert's Music Mart) comes to our school every other week. 603-623-0153
- Gary's Guitars in Portsmouth next to Pic & Pay, 603-427-6133
- Ralph's House of Tone, 603-749-7473 www.houseoftone.com 474 Central Ave. Dover, NH
- Exeter Music located in downtown Exeter. 603-772-5440

SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS

Any student who is using an instrument owned by the school system needs to complete a loaner agreement form and is responsible for handling and paying for the repairs. Arrangements for repairs must be made in a timely fashion. Most repair shops (see list above) can have an instrument repaired within one week.

RETURN THE AGREEMENT BELOW.
PLEASE KEEP THE INFORMATION FOR YOUR REFERENCE.

RETURN THIS SIGNATURE AGREEMENT

DUE: Return to Miss Papoutsy by 9/10/08

Student name: _____

My child and I have reviewed the guidelines for the band program.
Please initial each category below, as described in the instrumental music guidelines.

Parent Initials	Student Initials	
_____	_____	Grading & Preparation
_____	_____	Extra Credit
_____	_____	Report Cards
_____	_____	Concert Attendance
_____	_____	Extra help/make-up
_____	_____	Drop/Add
_____	_____	Other opportunities
_____	_____	Instrument repair & policy
_____	_____	School owned instruments policy

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Student signature: _____