

Buckley Beginning Band / Advanced Band Syllabus

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Class Description:

Beginning Band/Advanced Band is an ensemble for all students interested in learning to play a band instrument. A variety of music skills will be taught during class: instrument care, proper playing techniques, good sound production, reading music, music theory, music history and other music performance related topics.

Assignments/Grading Policy:

Classwork and quality work ethic in class – 50 points

Playing Tests – 25 points

Practice Log – 25 points

Classwork: Students are expected to work at their highest level during class. Classwork will include playing instruments, listening to music and critiquing music, discussing band/music related topics and occasional Chromebook/paper pencil activities.

Playing Tests: Once a month students will play a section from their music. Students will be graded on their ability to accurately play the section. Students will be scored with band rubric.

Practice Log: Students will be expected to practice their instruments a minimum of 30 minutes per week. Parents will sign off on practice logs. 25 points will be awarded to 30 minutes total weekly practice. Fewer than 30 minutes will be 10 points.

Instruments:

Students are responsible for acquiring and caring for their instruments during the school year. Instruments can be purchased/rented through our local vendor: Marshall Music. There is a very limited amount of instruments available at the school to borrow. Students may not get their first choice on borrowed instruments. Borrowed instruments must be returned in the same condition.