

**Plymouth Middle Schools
Music Program
Course Syllabus**

Course Name Band
Grades Grade 6

Course Description

Students in the Grade 6 Band will be continuing their progress of learning to play an instrument. Emphasis will be on developing technique, sight reading, tone development, ensemble skills, and performance experience with musical styles from a variety of musical genres. Students will be able to perform music at a 1.5 grade level. Assessments will be based on student's performance. Students will be expected to participate in all performances both during school hours and evening performances.

Instructional Objectives

Students will:

1. Use correct technique and posture;
2. Use appropriate embouchure and hand positions;
3. Improvise and compose simple melodic patterns;
4. Identify and describe basic elements of music: beat, tempo, rhythm, meter, pitch, melody, texture, dynamics, and form;
5. Use appropriate terminology in describing music, music notation, and music performances;
6. Use movement in response to music while performing and listening to music;
7. Demonstrate an understanding of good care of instruments;
8. Develop and maintain an effective practice routine; and
9. Develop and demonstrate appropriate rehearsal, performance, and audience behavior.

Text and Instructional Materials

Middle School Band Library
Standard of Excellence Book 2
Teaching Music Through Performance in Band

Performance Opportunities

Students will perform in regularly scheduled evening performances throughout the school year. Additional performance opportunities may include:

- All – Town Band Festival
- Jazz Band (after-school)
- Small Ensembles
- Institutional concerts

Grading Policy

Student grades are determined by their performance through the following tasks and assignments:

Performances	30%
Performance Assessments/Participation	30%
Quizzes and Tests	15%
Homework and practice	10%
Cooperation/Class Preparation	15%

Learning Sequence

Term 1

Review of note reading

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Chromatic scale mastery
Reintroduce and rehearse these scales in warm-ups
Key signature review (Bb, F, C, Ab)
Sight reading (MENC grade .5 music)
Improvisation assignment
Dynamics and expression markings
Preparation for Holiday Concert

Term 2

Holiday Concert
Scale tests: Bb, F, Ab, C
Small ensembles
Composition assignment
Sight reading
Rhythm tests
Preparation for All-Town Band Festival

Term 3

All Town Band Festival
Key signature tests
Rhythm tests
Composition / Improvisation assignment and performances
Sight reading
Preparation of Spring Concert
Possible Music Festival/Competition

Term 4

Spring Concert
Final performance assessments
Composition assignment and performances
Sight reading (MENC grade 1.5 music)
Jr. District Scale requirements
Final Exam
End of the year review / reflections