



SOJO Band Information

Welcome to BAND!!! The purpose of this class is to help you to...

- Love music
- Perform
- Have FUN with friends!

Sign up for Remind for schedule/due date alerts.

Grading:

- 80% Assessments (concerts and additional rehearsals will be included in this grade and will be worth more than the other assignments)
- 20% Enrichment Time

Assessments 80%

Daily playing assignments are given each day in class to have ready for the next day. Most students choose to take their instrument home at night in order to be prepared the next day. In addition, students will be assessed on various exercises, etudes, and scales. Assessments will usually occur on Thursdays/Fridays. Students will have until the end of the quarter (date chosen by Ms. Johnson) to turn in late assignments.

Concerts/Rehearsals

For the group to sound its best, **every** student needs to be present for performances. If a student has to be absent only a portion of the points may be made up. Please refer to the Band Grading System for acceptable absences and for make-up work requirements. Concerts are “dress-up” occasions. (The school dress code applies.) Dress shirt/blouse, dress/dress pants/skirt, dress shoes. No shorts, short skirts/dresses, jeans, t-shirts, sneakers, or flip-flops. The way the ensemble dresses reflects our pride in the group and the school. If there are any problems with the dress code please see Ms. Johnson well in advance of the concert. In order to receive full credit, students should plan to stay for the entire performance/rehearsal (usually 1 hour). The entire family is welcome at band concerts. **They are FUN!!**

Schedule of performances:

See “Performance schedule” sheet for individual class performances. The full calendar can also be accessed through the SOJO bands website.

Enrichment/Practice Time 20%

Students receive credit toward their band grade every time they play their instrument or do exploratory music activities outside of class time. Musicians call it **PRACTICE**. Students will keep a written record of this time.

Required Materials

Woodwinds/Brass ... musical instrument and appropriate required supplies (reeds, valve oil, slide/cork grease, etc.) are expected in class each day and should be taken home for practice. **Supplies are available for purchase from the school.**

Beginning percussionists ... bell kits and binder with sheet protectors for music and warm-ups. (Bells, appropriate mallets, practice pad, sticks (SD-1s or equivalent).)

In addition to the kits 2nd and 3rd year percussionists need to have the following mallets:

2nd-year percussionists – Medium Hard Marimba Yarn Mallets (Innovative IP240 or Yamaha ME-202 recommended)

3rd-year percussionists – Medium Hard Marimba Yarn Mallets (IP240/ME-202) AND General Timpani Mallets (Michael Baker Series 1 recommended – you can buy them through the school for \$20).

Sharpened pencil ... it is important to write on sheet music in pencil.

Metronome ... pocket sized, or can be a free app for phone/mp3 player (required for percussion, optional for everyone else)

Books:

Beginning Band:

Standard of Excellence books 1 and 2 by Bruce Pearson

Beginning Percussion:

A Fresh Approach to Mallet Percussion by Mark Wessels

Alfred's Drum Method Book 1

Concert Band:

Accent on Achievement books 1 and 2 – O'Reilly/Williams

Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician – Rush, Scott, Wilkinson, Moon, and Boyle

Winning Rhythms by Edward L. Ayola (provided by the school)

Symphonic Band:

Accent on Achievement book 2 – O'Reilly/Williams

Band and Before for Band – David Newell

Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician – Rush, Scott, Wilkinson, Moon, and Boyle

Please buy the book that is specific to your instrument. NOTE: additional books may be required later on in the year.

Citizenship Grades:

See South Jordan Middle School's Citizenship Guidelines in the school-wide Disclosure Statement (1. School-wide Rules / Citizenship Guidelines).

Setting an example in following the rules and **never** being tardy earns an "H".

Consistently following classroom and school rules earns an "S".

Needing to be reminded that your behavior is inappropriate and/or receiving three tardies earns an "N".

Needing to be constantly reminded of inappropriate behavior and/or receiving four tardies earns a "U".

School Instrument Use

It is Jordan District Policy that all students who use a school/district-owned instrument will be charged an \$80.00 usage/rental fee for the school year. (This includes percussion - \$80 for 2nd and 3rd year percussionists, \$50 for 1st year percussionists.) Students using school instruments are required to purchase the appropriate reeds, valve oil, slide grease, trombone slide oil, mallets, and sticks in order to play and take care of the school-owned instruments. To ease the expense of school registration at the beginning of the school year, this fee will not be due until October 1st.

Field Trips/Festivals/Assemblies:

Only students with a D- or better grade (Symphonic Band C- or better) in all their classes and an S or H for citizenship may attend. These are rewards for good behavior and class habits.

All of this information can be found on Ms. Johnson's website: <https://sites.google.com/jordandistrict.org/sojobands/>

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