

Moss Bluff Middle Band Handbook

Welcome to the Moss Bluff Middle School Band Program! This handbook will provide band students with information regarding goals, activities, rules, procedures, and grades. This handbook should be read thoroughly by parents and students. Upon completion, please return the signed acknowledgement form on the back page. Please keep this handbook to better serve your student's music education process.

"Bill of Rights"

You Should Always **BE**:

AT THE **RIGHT** PLACE

AT THE **RIGHT** TIME

WITH THE **RIGHT** EQUIPMENT

WITH THE **RIGHT** ATTITUDE!!!

Performances

All band students are required to participate in concerts. These performances can be up to 20% of their nine weeks grade. Students are to arrive at the announced time (at least 30 minutes) prior to the concert in time for warm-up. There will be notice provided in advance concerning performance dates.

- **Beginning Band** students are required to perform in the MBMS Band Christmas and Spring Concerts. They are highly encouraged to perform in the LMEA Solo and Ensemble festival held in the spring.

- **7th Grade Band** students are required to perform in the MBMS Band Christmas and Spring Concerts, and LMEA Assessment. They are highly encouraged to audition for Honor Band, and to perform in the LMEA Solo and Ensemble festival held in the spring.
- **8th Grade Band** are required to perform in the Veteran's Day Program, MBMS Band Christmas and Spring Concerts, and LMEA Assessment. They are highly encouraged to audition for Honor Band, and to perform in the LMEA Solo and Ensemble festival held in the spring.

Uniform for Performances

Christmas and Spring Concerts

- Black bottoms, Band Shirt, and clean dark shoes.

Pep Rallies and Football games

- Band shirt with school khakis or jeans.

Veteran's Day Program

- 8th Grade Band: Black bottoms and Band Shirt.

Band Festival(s)

- 7th & 8th Grade – Black bottoms and Band Shirt

Honor Band try-outs / Solo & Ensemble Festival

- Same dress as if it were a free dress day at school. Casual but nice!

Band Fee

(Pay online)

- Each student will pay a one-time Band Fee of \$20. This fee will cover:
 - Band Shirt
 - Music Supplies
 - 1" Binder: 7th and 8th should have theirs from last year, if not, please replace it with the same color; Beginning Band will receive a binder to use for band

Classroom Supplies

(Band fee does not cover)

- Pencil Pouch with pencils for Binder
- 20 - clear sheet protectors for Binder

Classroom Expectations

Band Hall Rules

- Be on Time
- Be Prepared
- Listen attentively with a good **ATTITUDE**
- Respect yourself and others
- No gum, food, or drinks in the Band Hall!

Materials needed for Band each day

- Instrument ☺
- Folder with all music and handouts ☺
- Method Book (provided by band) ☺
- PENCIL ☺
- At least five G☺☺D reeds and cork grease (woodwinds) ☺
- Valve, slide, or rotor oil (brass) ☺
- Sticks, mallets, and drum pad (percussion) ☺

MBMS Band Grading Procedure

*Participation and Practice Reports will combine for ONE weekly grade.

- **Participation Grade:** Each student will receive 20 points for each class period. This will be totaled at the end of the week for a letter grade. Points will be deducted from the daily grade for the following:
 - *Band Hall rule violation*
 - *Lack of participation*
 - *No instrument, music, folder, or other materials needed for band*
 - *Rehearsal and/or class disruption*
 - *Unexcused absence*
- **Practice Report Grade:** Practice reports are due on Monday and each student will determine their practice grade as follows:

120+ minutes = A, 105-119 minutes = B, 84-104 minutes = C, 70-83 Minutes = D

- **Performance Grade:** Other grades during the nine weeks will come from the completion of:
 - *Worksheets*
 - *Playing tests*
 - *Written tests*
 - *PERFORMANCE EVENTS*

MBMS Band Student and Parents

Please sign and return this page with your child tomorrow.

I have read and understand the information concerning the MBMS performance obligations, grading policy and Band Hall Classroom Expectations.

I have received notice of the \$20 Band Fee and agree to pay the fee by **September 1, 2023**.

Student name (print) _____

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

Date ____/____/____

Thank you! 😊