

FDR Tiger Band Syllabus

Goals and Expectations

The FDR Band program seeks to offer each student who is interested and eager to learn, an enjoyable learning experience centered around individualized musicianship and ensemble performance. A working understanding of basic tone production, rhythmic comprehension, fingerings, music vocabulary, dynamics, articulations, scales and key signatures, and rehearsal and performance of middle school literature reflect the FDR Tiger Band goals of achievement. Each member of the FDR Tiger Band program is expected to reflect positive behavior skills during ALL classes, rehearsals, and performances. Band membership at FDR is a PRIVILEGE (not a right), and should be treated as such.

Contact Info

Should students or parents need to contact Mr. Gerhart, please use the following contact information:

Mr. Chris Gerhart

email: Chris.Gerhart@Bristolwpsd.org

school phone: 215-788-0436

I highly encourage each band member and their parents to join the FDR band on "Remind" by doing one of the following:

- texting the message [@fdrb](#) to the number [81010](#).
- email a blank message to fdrb@mail.remind.com
- or use the Remind app and enter the class code [@fdrb](#)

Get the latest information about the FDR Tiger Band at www.fdrband.com.

Band Uniform

All students are required to purchase an FDR Band Polo Shirt. Order forms will be sent home during the first few weeks of school. Shirts are priced reasonably. If you have true economic difficulties that would prevent purchase of the shirt please contact Mr. Gerhart.

Boys – **black** dress pants (no jeans), FDR band shirt, dark shoes.

Girls –long black skirt or dress pants (no jeans), FDR band shirt, dark shoes.

*Please make every effort to avoid wearing jeans and sneakers. They are not appropriate concert attire.

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Concerts

All band members are required to participate in the Holiday concert and the Spring Concert.

- Holiday Concert dates:
 - 8th Grade band, Tuesday, December 3, 2019 @ 7pm
 - 6th and 7th Grade band, Thursday, December 12, 2019 @ 7pm
- Spring Concert dates (specific grade night will be determined after the Holiday Concert):
 - Thursday, May 7, 2020
 - Thursday, May 14, 2020

Materials

All students are required to have the following materials for every class:

- Your Instrument
- Your band folder (provided by school).
- All music with your name written in the upper left hand corner.
- A pencil.

Student Responsibilities

1. Be on time for all classes, rehearsals, and performances. Class begins when the director steps on the podium (about 3 min after the bell). You are late if you are not prepared.
2. Be prepared for class with all materials.
3. Always show respect for the podium by being very quiet and attentive for whoever is instructing from it.
4. Never handle another person's instrument. Only percussionists are to touch the percussion equipment.
5. Only ask for hall passes at the appropriate time in the appropriate manner. (during "down time" using correct hand signal)
6. Represent the band in a positive way when participating in organized activities.

Consequences include: loss of class participation grade, lunch detentions, office referral, parent conference.

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Grades

Formative - 35%

Participation/preparation (20 points daily)

You will be given a daily grade for participation and preparation. Everyone starts the class with 20 points. Deductions occur as follows:

- Unprepared – Materials (book, sheet music, pencil) – 5 pts
- Unprepared – Instrument –10 pts
- Not seated and ready to play when rehearsal begins – 5 pts
- Not actively participating in class – up to 20 pts

Summative - 65%

Students will be required to:

- **Participate in all performances.**
 - o Come prepared to perform with all necessary equipment and music.
 - o Wear the appropriate attire.
- * Excused absences will only be approved with a parent note. Once an absence is excused, a make-up assignment will be give to the band member.
- **Perform Benchmark tests**
 - o complete all assigned benchmark tests
 - Playing tests will usually be completed by sending an audio recording through google classroom or sight reading factory. Some test will be completed live in class.
 - o graded on the BTSD performance rubric

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FDR Tiger Band Contract

Please sign this page and return it to school by _____

I (parent and student) have read the FDR Tiger Band Syllabus. By signing this contract I acknowledge that I understand everything that is asked of me as a band member and will do my part to make this organization a success. I will represent the band in a positive way when participating in organized activities.

Student Name _____ (print clearly)

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____ (print clearly)

Parent Signature _____ Date _____