



Highland Springs Middle School Band

A Note from Your Director

It is with great enthusiasm that I look forward to working with you this year! As many of you are aware, Highland Springs Middle School strives to have a fine musical tradition. This tradition exists because of the conscientious work and collaboration between students, parents and teachers. I am very pleased to be part of this musical program and anticipate having a wonderful year of music making with all of you!

It is better to try and fail than to fail to try...as such, your grade in band is earned! It will be based upon the contribution you make to the success of the ensemble. Also, please remember that much of your grade will be based on your attitude, behavior, attendance at concerts, and how hard you are willing to work for the excellence of this organization. It will not be enough merely to say that you are interested in the groups' success. You must demonstrate through your actions that you are dedicated to that goal.

Course Description

All bands at HSMS are performing groups. This course is designed for students who like to perform and are willing to commit to a group performance effort. During rehearsals, students are asked to concentrate on greater refinement of previously acquired musical skills. Since band is a year-long course, students and parents must make a year-long commitment. This commitment requires time from both students and parents. No student may drop the course during the year.



Communication

All communications will be carried out through Remind, e-mail, phone calls, letters, and

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Grading Policy

Your grade in band/chorus requires work on your part that is based on your willingness to work to your potential and beyond. Each category of your grade has a set percentage value. Each assignment given will contribute towards that percentage. Each nine weeks your grade will be based on the following categories: participation, concert attendance, in class quizzes, and a sight-

~~reading operation~~

Participation grade - 50%

In-class performing, concert and performance attendance, music tests – 50%

Discipline Policy

~~The school's discipline is the classroom with assistance from the administrators if~~

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By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the responsibilities as outlined in this handbook for membership in the Midland Unified School Middle School Band Program. My parent's or _____

Date _____