



**BAND HANDBOOK**  
**2017-2018**

# Philosophy of the Parkview Band Program

The purpose of the Parkview Band Program is to be of vital service and importance to its members, the school and community, and to the art of music as a serious and distinctive medium of musical expression. To its members, the band endeavors to provide effective experience, training, and growth in basic musicianship, in musical culture, and general citizenship through discipline, organization, practice, and performance. To the school and community, the band offers appropriate performances and concerts in the interest of musical culture and entertainment and for the enhancement of school spirit and character. To music as an art, the band endeavors to bring increasing artistry, understanding, dignity, and respect through concerted individual and group efforts.

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# Expectations

While in the band room, you must comply with the following **rules**:

1. **You must be respectful at all times.** You must treat the staff and other students with respect. Do not roll your eyes, sigh loudly, or exhibit other behaviors that are disrespectful. No bullying will be tolerated at any time.
2. **Candy, gum, and drinks other than water are not allowed in the classroom.**
3. **You must raise your hand and wait to be recognized before speaking.** This includes playing your instrument without permission.
4. **You must keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.**

If a student breaks a rule, the following consequences will occur:

- First offense                      Warning (name written down)
- Second offense                    Infraction
- Third offense                      Instrument away and separated from class
- Continued offenses              Sent to ISR with an Office Referral
- *Severe clause* - student will be sent to the office with a referral and parents will be notified.
- *Repeat offenses* - if a student repeats the same offense consistently each day of class, student will *begin* class with their warning to help correct the behavior.

Offenses do NOT accumulate from one day to another; students begin each day with a “clean slate”.

Students that are exemplary examples of our expectations will be rewarded with **Devil Deniro**

# Procedures

Upon entering class each day, you will complete the following steps:

- **Enter the room in a respectful manner.** Assemble your instrument and be in your seat with a stand, music, and a pencil within two minutes of the bell ringing.
- **If you need to buy supplies,** do so before class starts. Reeds, valve oil, slide grease, etc. will not be sold after class begins.
- **Ask before leaving your seat** for any reason.
- **Do not touch/play any percussion equipment** unless you are a percussionist (and it is the appropriate time to play).
- **At the end of class,** you will properly place your stand on the rack and disassemble your instrument. After putting away your belongings, you will return to your seat until dismissal.

*Failure to follow the procedures will result in accumulating checks.*

# Attendance Policies

**Students are required to attend all rehearsals and performances.**

The Parkview Band is a unit requiring the talents and effort of every individual in order to excel. It is an organization in which each person reacts and performs based on what others are doing around him/her. It is the only class/activity in which the teacher and the peers demands 100% accuracy from each and every member. Our collective goal is to reach as near a level of perfection as possible. Therefore, we must be able to rely on each individual to do his/her own part, make a unique contribution, and sacrifice for the good of the program as a whole.

Acceptable Excuses for Missing a Rehearsal:

1. Religious Holidays
2. Death in the family
3. Illness (a note from parent and/or doctor required)

Acceptable Excuses for Missing a Performance:

1. Death in the family
2. Severe Illness (doctor's note required)

\*Please Make Note:

1. Doctor and Dental appointments (when not associated with severe illness), job interviews, car repairs, driver's tests, job responsibilities, babysitting, college testing, hair appointments, etc., are not considered valid excuses due to the predictability of our schedule.
2. No student is excused from a rehearsal to make up work in another class unless it was a band or guard activity that caused the student to miss the class assignment.
3. The Director reserves the right to fairly implement an individual procedure for any extenuating circumstance that may not be covered in the scope of this handbook.

## Student to Director Communication

- Students must give the Director 48 hour notice when requesting permission to miss a portion of rehearsal for a school sport activity, club, or class officer's meeting. No student may miss an entire rehearsal for this reason.
- Communication of a request should be made with parent and student signatures using the request forms available in the band room. In some cases, an email or other communication from a parent is acceptable. However, to eliminate error, make sure your communication is able to be documented IN WRITING for our records. It is nearly impossible for directors to remember a verbal conversation that isn't recorded.

# Grading

All classes in Greater Clark County Schools use the same grading scale. It is as follows:

- **70% Assessment-** This includes any tests (written or playing), quizzes, and concert attendance. Concerts are what we spend an entire quarter or semester working towards. Our group cannot succeed without contributions from each individual in the group, therefore your attendance and participation is expected.
- **30% Assignments -** This includes any written assignments in class, such as worksheets, handouts, etc. These assignments are supplemental to the understanding of the content in class.

Students will receive a weekly assignment grade for coming to class prepared. This includes bringing the following materials every day:

- Instrument
- Book and music
- Pencil
- Instrument specific materials (reeds, oil, sticks/mallets, etc.)

Failure to bring any of these materials will result in zero credit for that day.

**Please Note:** Band is a co-curricular class that requires commitment of time outside of the normal school day. Failure to participate in after school rehearsals and performances will affect your course grade, as outlined above, and could result in a failing grade in the class.

# REQUIRED MATERIALS

## WOODWINDS



## BRASS



Instrument (owned personally or rented from Conrad Music/school)

- If you are thinking of purchasing your own instrument, ***please*** talk to Mr. Scroggins before purchasing! There are a lot of cheap, low quality instruments online that will severely hinder your student's success because of the low quality material and manufacture of the instrument. *A good quality used instrument can often be found for the same price as the terrible instrument you found on eBay!*

Method Book (purchased through school; comes with 6th grade rental from Conrad Music)

### Pencils

A folder dedicated to Band music, handouts, assignments, etc.

### Instrument Care Supplies

- Brass
  - Valve oil
  - Slide grease
- Woodwinds
  - **At least** two working reeds
    - Buying a box is easiest!
  - Cork grease

All of the items below (with the exception of the ThumbPort) can be purchased from Conrad Music Service's website. Next to the description/brand for each item is a string of numbers and letters; if you enter this item code into the search bar on the website, it will bring you straight to that item. I also have supplies for sale, but you will receive a much better deal purchasing directly from Conrad Music. It is more convenient for everyone: Conrad Music gets business, you don't have to worry about sending money to school with your son or daughter (and can purchase from the comfort of your home), and I don't have to take time from teaching to get supplies for students.

www.conradmusicservice.com

**You can select the "Deliver to my school" option to have it delivered directly to Parkview! Deliveries are made on a weekly basis! No need to drive to Corydon to pick it up!**

ITEM	6th	7th & 8th
Flute ThumbPort	Purchased from Miles Ahead Music in Louisville. Approximately \$20; comes <i>strongly</i> recommended from a number of flautists. Contact Mr. Scroggins for more information if needed.	
Clarinet Reeds (Mitchell Lurie)	Size 2.5 - RML10BCL250  <i>*After December upgrade to 7th &amp; 8th grade reeds</i>	Size 3 - RML10BCL300
Bass Clarinet Reeds (Vandoren)		Size 3 - CR123
Alto Saxophone Reeds (Vandoren Traditional)	Size 2.5 - SR2125  <i>*After December upgrade to 7th &amp; 8th grade reeds</i>	Size 3 - SR213
Tenor Saxophone Reeds (Vandoren Traditional)		Size 3 - SR223
Baritone Saxophone Reeds (Vandoren Traditional)		Size 3 - SR243
Valve Oil (for trumpet & euphonium)	Blue Juice - BJ2 Al Cass - 341	
Slide Oil (for trombone)	Yamaha - YAC-1021P	
Rotor Oil (for French horn & tuba)	Yamaha - YAC1002P	
Cork Grease (for clarinet & saxophone)	Conrad - CCCork Vandoren - CG100	
Slide Grease (for brass)	Selmer - 2942SG	

# REQUIRED MATERIALS

## PERCUSSION



- Percussion Kit (must include snare pad and bell kit)
- Method Book (purchased through school; comes with 6th grade rental from Conrad Music)
- Pencils
- A folder dedicated to Band music, handouts, assignments, etc.
- Snare drum sticks (Vic Firth SD1)
- Xylophone/bell mallets (Malletech BB34 recommended)
- Marimba mallets (Innovative Percussion IP240 recommended)
- Stick bag

Sticks and mallets can be easily purchased from Steve Weiss Music ([www.steveweissmusic.com](http://www.steveweissmusic.com)). The student will need to replace sticks and mallets throughout the year if they are broken or lost. Students should label their materials with initials or colored electrical tape after receiving it (to prevent it from being mixed with other students'!).

All of the recommended sticks, mallets, and bag can be purchased in a premade pack from Steve Weiss. Type SW-BESTPACK1 into the search bar to find the pack.

***Any other sticks or mallets should be approved by Mr. Scroggins before purchase.***



## Required Concert Attire

Uniform attire at performances is very effective; thus we require that each member wear the designated outfit for all public performances. Specific information regarding cost, ordering information, and payment details will be sent home in the near future.

***Students will provide:*** Khaki slacks, brown dress shoes, brown dress socks

***Students will purchase through the school:*** Red Parkview Band polo shirt (approx. \$20 cost)

***\*Jeans, capri pants, tennis shoes, and sandals are NOT acceptable performance attire.***

*Students who are "out of uniform" for performances may receive a point deduction on their concert grade.*

## School Instrument Usage

A limited number of school instruments are available for student use if needed. There is a \$25 charge to rent the instrument for the year, and the instrument is checked in at the end of the year. There is a separate form students must submit before they are able to use one of these instruments. Contact Mr. Scroggins if renting a school instrument is necessary.

Instruments will be distributed by seniority initially (to assure students receive an instrument they used a previous year), then by a first-come-first-serve basis. There is a limited supply of functional instruments in the Parkview inventory, so contact Mr. Scroggins earlier rather than later.

School instruments available include:

Flute

Clarinet

Alto Sax (*very limited*)

Trumpet

Trombone (*very limited*)

Euphonium

**Percussion is not an option for school instruments!**

# Parkview Middle School Band Calendar

2017-2018

Attendance is mandatory at all event unless noted!

(Optional events have a gray background)

## SEMESTER 1

	Date	Event	Time
<b>August</b>		No Events Scheduled	
<b>September</b>	8	Optional: All-Region Honor Band Entries Due <i>7th &amp; 8th Grade Only</i>	
<b>October</b>		No Events Scheduled	
<b>November</b>	11-12	Optional: All-Region Honor Band Eastern Pekin HS	9 AM
	28	Optional: Solo and Ensemble Entries Due	Entries Due
	27	After School Rehearsal - 7th/8th	3 - 4:30
	28	After School Rehearsal - 6th	3 - 4:30
	29	After School Rehearsal - 7th/8th	3 - 4:30
	<b>30</b>	<b>Winter Concert</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>December</b>		No Events Scheduled	

## SEMESTER 2

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>January</b>		Potential 8th Grade Pep Band Night Jeffersonville HS	TBA
	27	Optional: ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Floyd Central HS	All Day
<b>February</b>		Potential 8th Grade Pep Band Night Jeffersonville HS	TBA
<b>March</b>	1	After School Rehearsal - 7th/8th	3 - 4:30
	2	After School Rehearsal - 7th/8th	3 - 4:30
	<b>3</b>	<b>IMEA Festival &amp; Clinic</b> <b>Scribner MS</b> <i>7th &amp; 8th Grade Only</i>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>April</b>		No Events Scheduled	
<b>May</b>	7	After School Rehearsal - 7th/8th	3 - 4:30
	8	After School Rehearsal - 6th	3 - 4:30
	9	After School Rehearsal - 7th/8th	3 - 4:30
	<b>10</b>	<b>Spring Concert</b>	<b>7:00</b>

\*These events subject to change, based on ISSMA

# FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

## POLO SHIRT

Quantity of: Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL (add \$2) \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Small \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Large \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of shirts (# x \$20) \_\_\_\_\_

**BAND BOOK** (only for 7th/8th graders and 6th graders not renting from Conrad Music)

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of book (\$10, Percussion \$15) \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL INSTRUMENT RENTAL** (for those who qualify)

Cost is \$25 for the entire school year. Must complete Instrument Usage Agreement Form as well.

Rental Total \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Parkview Middle School

Total included \_\_\_\_\_

Need to set up an alternate payment plan?

Contact Mr. Scroggins if you need to work out a plan.

# Parkview Middle School Band Member Contract

I have read the Parkview Band Handbook and understand what is expected of me as a member of the Parkview Middle School Band Program. I hereby agree to participate in the following activities of the Parkview Middle School Band:

**ALL** Rehearsals for the Concert Seasons.

**ALL** Concerts and Performances – as specified by the director

**ALL** other activities as specified by the directors of the Jeffersonville High School Band and Guard for the 2017-2018 school year.

I also agree to be responsible for the financial obligation to the Parkview Middle School Band Program as outlined in the Financial Obligations page. If applicable, it is my responsibility to pay the instrument/equipment use fee.

I agree to act as a responsible band member and citizen of the school when representing our band and the school to others. I agree to comply with the student rules/expectations as outlined by the director, and to comply with all code of conduct rules as outlined in the Parkview Middle School and Greater Clark County Schools Handbook, when representing the school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please return all forms to:**

**Band Director, Nick Scroggins  
Parkview Middle School  
1600 Brigman Ave  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130**

**Please Return by Friday, August 4, 2017**