

# 6-8 Grade Band Handbook

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## Course Overview

Welcome to Band in Macomb. This is a **full-year course** consisting of one band each for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The Junior High School also offers a jazz band as an extra-curricular activity. There are numerous opportunities throughout the year for students to perform as a large ensemble, as individuals, or as a small chamber group; IMEA District 4 Festival, Dickens on the Square, and Solo and Ensemble Contest. A full schedule is contained later in the handbook.

The emphasis on individual musical development is fundamental to the success of the whole program. Therefore focus on pedagogical fundamentals such as tone production, breath support and proper playing position, as well as the musical fundamentals of melody, harmony, rhythm, and balance constitute the majority of the curriculum. Quality literature in various styles will reinforce the concepts listed above in addition to fostering your student's musical expression and maturity.

## Classroom Procedures

### What to do

1. Be responsible! Take care of your instrument, your music and your practicing. You are responsible for you.
2. Be in your seat 2 minutes after the bell rings with your:
  - a. music
  - b. instrument
  - c. pencil
  - d. reeds, valve oil, etc.
3. Follow the directions.
4. Once rehearsal begins, do not talk. Time is very limited and precious to us all.
5. No food or gum in the band room.

### What will happen

#### Positive Rewards

1. Praise
2. Notes, emails, phone calls
3. Privileges
4. Awards

#### Consequences

1. Warning
2. First Class Seating
3. Phone call/email home
4. Principal's Office
5. Detention

### Materials

#### Home Materials

1. Proper Instrument Cleaning Supplies
2. Metronome/Tuner (suggested)
3. Music Stand

#### Concert Uniform

1. Macomb Music Polo Shirt  
(see order form)
2. White undershirt
3. Black Pants
4. Black Socks
5. Black Shoes

#### Classroom Materials

1. Instrument
2. Music Folder
3. Music, Method Book
4. Sharpened Pencil
5. Reeds, valve oil, etc.

**Student Information Form**  
(please print **clearly**)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate relationship if you are other than the above: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

If your parents are divorced, with whom do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if there is a second address to which you would like communications to be sent.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate any medical concerns on the next form,**  
**including emergency contact information if necessary.**



The undersigned confirm that they have read and understand all of the information contained within the Sixth through Eighth Grade Band Handbook. It is understood that all of the rules and regulations will apply during any music function sponsored by Macomb School District #185. The undersigned agree to make any and all necessary arrangements to attend each function.

The undersigned understands that maintaining scholastic eligibility is required for participation in all music activities. The student assumes responsibility for reading the Macomb Junior High School Handbook and all rules contained therein. In addition, the undersigned student and parents understand that any rules set forth by the Macomb School District #185 will be binding on the student.

Signature of the Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This sheet is to be filled out, removed and returned to Mr. Mattsey by next Wednesday.

# Permission Slip for Band Trips and Contests 2009-10 school year

As members of the band program, students will use district transportation to attend band activities. These trips include being shuttled to another school building for rehearsals and concerts, traveling to music contests, community performances, and enrichment activities. Prior to each individual outing, students will receive information describing the purpose of the trip, arrival and departure times, and other pertinent information. To alleviate the need for extra paperwork, please sign the form below covering all day trips for the entire school year.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for  
\_\_\_\_\_ to attend band field trips during the school  
year. All Macomb School District policies regarding discipline and behavior issues will also be  
enforced as if attending regular school activities or classes on campus.

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Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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