



REED BAND

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Performance Expectations

Being in a performing band is different from other academic classes—the most obvious being that not everyone earns a place in a performing band. Unlike academic classes, where students are scheduled into each class, band is an extracurricular event. Students audition and are placed into a group according to their ability and effort. Both the Symphonic I and II bands are considered “honor” groups based on the level of skill and effort they require. Participation and musical development are 50% of a student’s average grade. Each student must be aware of these expectations or the program will suffer. Every student must attend rehearsal fully prepared with a pencil, a completely organized BLACK BAND BINDER, all appropriate supplies, and the proper attitude ready to work hard.

Practice Reports

Practice reports are designed to document your child’s practice schedule. Each student must practice every night. Failure to do so may prevent a student’s musical development. Playing an instrument is a physical activity and must be maintained daily. All practice reports must be turned in on Wednesday (or Thursday for 10 pts off). Students who chose not to turn them in will receive a “zero” for each report. Practice report grades are 20% of a student’s average grade.

Sectionals

Sectionals are a time apart from full-band rehearsal for each section to practice together before or after school. Section rehearsals will be scheduled one day per week, before school (7:30-8:30am) and the band hall will be open daily after school for individual pass offs (4:30-5:00pm). Sectionals are absolutely essential for musical development and are 30% of a student’s average grade. You must inform a band director of your upcoming absence ahead of time. Please do not make appointments during sectionals.

Practice and Commitment

The Reed Symphonic I Band is a State Champion (TMEA Honor Band), having performed in San Antonio for an audience of over 5,000 musicians, directors, and students. In 2017, the Reed Band advanced to the state area level in the Texas Music Educators Honor Band Contest. In 2017, 2016, and 2015 the Reed Band was a national commended winner in the Foundation for Music Excellence National Wind Band Honors Contest. They have been very successful at region in the number of students qualifying for the All - Region Band. Both Symphonic I and II Bands at Reed Middle School have received consistent Superior ratings at UIL Concert and Sight-reading contests, as well as Best in Class awards at other contests and festivals.

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