

# Drexler Middle & Intermediate School Band Program

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## Philosophy

The bands at Drexler Middle & Intermediate School are designed to empower students to participate in, appreciate, and create music throughout their lives.

## Grading Policies

Your band grade is calculated using the DMIS Grading Scale based on the following categories:

Lesson Attendance

Lesson Preparedness

Rehearsal Preparedness

Rehearsal Behavior

Performance Attendance

- 4-The student is advanced or meeting grade-level standards with a high level of excellence.
- 3-The student is able to meet grade level expectations.
- 2-The student understands foundational material, but is working to master more complex skills.
- 1-The student has basic abilities on the material being covered.

**Lessons** are important to help each student achieve their personal best. Lessons are held every week. Students are required to attend. If you are unable to attend during the assigned time, notify the instructor as soon as possible. Missed lessons can be made up by contacting your lesson teacher. Conflicts should be reported as soon as possible so that accommodations may be made.

**Performances** are required unless excused prior to the event. The success of an ensemble is dependent upon the full participation of all students. In reality, there is no way to recreate a missed performance. However, points can be made up for an excused absence. **All requests for an absence must be submitted in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the performance when possible.** *Exceptions to the 2 week notice policy may be made for special circumstances.* Required performances are included in this handbook.

**Group rehearsal** grades are based on classroom expectations. Students will be marked on a 4 point grading scale. To earn all 4 points for the rehearsal, students must demonstrate the following:

- Students will be in their assigned seats with their instrument, music, and pencil when class is scheduled to begin.
- Students will demonstrate daily progress.
- Students will follow classroom procedures.

## Change of Schedule Requests

Once initially registered for band, students are expected to remain in the class for the remainder of the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester. All other schedule changes, including drops, must happen no later than 1 week before the end of the current trimester to be applied to the following trimester. Please contact the guidance office.

## Instrument Changes

It is highly encourage that students remain on the same instrument in order to ensure appropriate progress in band. Under certain circumstances an instrument change may be necessary for some students. If this should happen, a note will be sent home by Mrs. Waymire with a new recommendation for success. All other instrument changes must be approved by Mrs. Waymire. Approval will be based on lesson schedule availability, upcoming concert dates, and instrument availability. Changes will not be approved until after the first trimester.

## Concert Attire

5<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to wear nice dress clothes and dress shoes for all concerts. Please do not wear tennis shoes, jeans, or t-shirts. If you need assistance acquiring concert attire, please contact Mrs. Waymire.

# DMIS Music Department Calendar

## 2016-2017

September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wingfest	Farley	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Band	11:00 AM
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Homecoming Parade	Epworth	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Band	2:00 PM
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Homecoming Football Game	Epworth	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Band	5:30 PM
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Loras College Jr High Honor Band	Dubuque	Select 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Band	All Day
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Choir Concert	WDHS	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup> Choir	7:00 PM
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day Assembly	DMIS	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup> Choir & Band	
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Band Concert	WDHS	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Band	7:00 PM
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NEIBA Jr High Honor Band	Oelwein	Select 8 <sup>th</sup> Band	All Day
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Marion Jr High Honor Band	Marion	Select 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup> Band	All Day
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Concert	WDHS	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup> Choir	7:00 PM
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Young Musician's Honor Band	Cedar Rapids	Select 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Band	All Day
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Musical	WDHS	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir	6:30 & 7:30 PM
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mass Band Concert	WDHS	5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Band	7:00 PM
TBD	Band Solo and Ensemble	DMIS	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Band	TBD
TBD	Sinsinawa Honor Choir	Sinsinawa	Select 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup> Choir	All Day
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	NEICDA Honor Choir	Oelwein	Select 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Choir	All Day
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	NEICDA Honor Choir	Oelwein	Select 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Choir	All Day
May 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup>	Talent Show Auditions	DMIS	Any Student	3:30-5:00 PM
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Solo & Ensemble Festival	DMIS	Select Choir Students	4:00-8:00 PM
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Concert	DMIS	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup> Choir	7:30 PM
TBD	Band Concert	WDHS	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Band	7:00 PM
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Talent Show	TBD	Select Students	
	Talent Show Daytime Performance	DMIS	Select Students	TBD
June TBD	Adventureland	Altoona	Optional 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Music Students	All Day

## Drexler Band Supplies Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>
Flip Folio (grades 7/8)		\$5
Lyre (grades 7/8)		\$10
Sound Innovations Book 1		\$10
Sound Innovations Book 2		\$10
Music Department Polo (grades 6-8)*		\$10

\*DMIS Music Polos will be the uniform for all DMIS music events and are required for students in both band and choir in grades 6-8. Parents may order a shirt for themselves as well.

**Total Owed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Polo Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Adult Sizes S - 2XL available, THERE ARE NO CHILD SIZES AVAILABLE)

*Please send cash or checks payable to DMIS*

**This form must be returned by FRIDAY, September 2nd**

**Please sign and return this form after reading this handbook by  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student) have read this handbook and understand the rules and expectations of the Drexler Middle and Intermediate School Band.

**Please print your name** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent) understand the rules and expectations listed in this handbook. I have the schedule of activities for the year.

**Please print your name** \_\_\_\_\_