

Castle Rock Middle School Band Manual 2018-2019



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Hello and welcome to the Castle Rock Band Program. My name is Mr. Engle and I'm looking forward to an exciting year with all of the bands here at Castle Rock. The following manual describes the supply lists of what students need for band this year. *Everyone should read the information in this handbook.* Parents are VERY important to me and you are welcome to visit my classroom anytime or call if you ever have any questions. Your support is the reason music programs in Billings are so successful. After reviewing this information, sign the last page (along with your child's signature), tear it off, and return it to Mr. Engle.

Class Work Assignments & Homework Policy

In-class participation is vital to having a great band program, so coming to class prepared with an instrument at all times is mandatory. Playing tests will be given once a week (7th/8th) over scales and exercises being practiced at the time (these occur once every two weeks on average for 6th grade). I recommend students to practice at home fifteen to thirty minutes each night in order to get positive results. Because band is a performance-oriented class, it is mandatory that students be at all performances. There are a limited number of performances throughout the school year and everyone's attendance is vital. Students must stay for the entire scheduled performance. If a student misses a concert performance, leaves the performance early, or has to miss because of a family emergency, there will be a make-up assignment that has to be completed within one week of the scheduled performance. If this assignment is not completed, it will result in a failing grade for that performance. If a student does not have their instrument in class (without an excused note from the parent), they will receive a zero for the day. Every two zero's during a grading term, will result in a letter grade drop. Students may request to see their grades at any time.

Extra Credit Policy

It is possible for students to receive extra credit if they attend any “live” musical performance. They need to bring in a ticket from the performance or a note from a parent for proof of attending the performance. This can be any style of music as long as it is “live.” These points will not always completely change a letter grade, but they can be helpful for “bumping” grades up if they’re on the line. Students also receive fifty extra credit points per group if they play in either of the morning jazz bands, take private lessons, or perform in Solo & Ensemble Festival throughout the year.

Required Materials

Band students are required to have the following in class everyday;



1. Their instrument (along with extra reeds, valve oil, cork grease, etc.). Percussionists need their drumsticks, mallets, and bells*.
2. Their own band folder/music/book (or scale sheet). Folders will be provided at the start of the year.
3. A pencil at all times.

* **Percussionists**

1. Must pay a once-a-year \$35.00 School District fee, which covers the use and maintenance/upkeep of all of the percussion equipment within the band room (bass drum, xylophone, bells, aux., congas, etc.).
2. It’s important to rent/purchase a bell kit. All other percussion equipment, including snare drums, are provided. Bell kits are very important because percussion students will have “playing tests” where they will need to practice their scales and exercises on the bells at home. If you’re unable to get a bell kit, students can stay after school to practice on the xylophone in the band room if arrangements are made.





6th Grade Band Supplies-



1. Students will need their “Essential Elements 2000” Book 1 (same as the book they had in 5th grade). They will not need Book II.
2. All clarinet players should purchase **Mitchell Lurie** reeds (3’s to 3.5’s). Saxophone players should use **Lavoz/Hemke** (mediums) or **Rico Royal’s** (2.5’s to 3’s). **Have three playable reeds in your case at all times.**
3. Wire stands are needed for all concerts but will not be needed in the daily classroom.
4. **Students are required to wear black and white for all concerts. Black bottoms/shoes with white tops (button/dress style shirts). (NO jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes, flip-flops, or sandals!)**

If you need assistance with uniform requirements, contact me as soon as possible so that I can help remedy the issue.



7th Grade Band Supplies-



1. No book is needed for this class-- scale sheets are handed out for homework.
2. All clarinet players should purchase **Mitchell Lurie** reeds (3’s to 3.5’s). Saxophone players should use **Lavoz/Hemke** (mediums) or **Rico Royal’s** (2.5’s to 3’s). **Have three playable reeds in your case at all times.**
3. Wire stands are needed for all concerts but will not be needed in the daily classroom.
4. **Students are required to wear black and white for all concerts. Black bottoms/shoes with white tops (button/dress style shirts). (NO jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes, flip-flops, or sandals!)**

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8th Grade Band **Supplies-**



1. "I Recommend" book by James Ployhar (Book #1).
2. All clarinet players should purchase **Mitchell Lurie** reeds (3's to 3.5's). Saxophone players should use **Lavoz/Hemke** (mediums) or **Rico Royal's** (3's or 3 1/2's). **Have three playable reeds in your case at all times.**
3. **Students are required to wear black and white for all concerts. Black bottoms/shoes with white tops (button/dress style shirts). (NO jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes, flip-flops, or sandals!)**

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Because of the large number of students in band, please make sure to identify all books, instruments, wire stands, bell kits, drum sticks, mallets, etc. with your child's name (in & out). This greatly helps students from mixing their things up with others. Many instrument cases are identical to others.

Music stores recommended are Eckroth Music (252-2604) or Hansen Music (245-4544).

If you have any questions about the above listed requirements and procedures, please feel free to contact me at 281-5819. I check email daily so you can contact me easily that way as well. Thank you again and I look forward to a very successful year with your child.

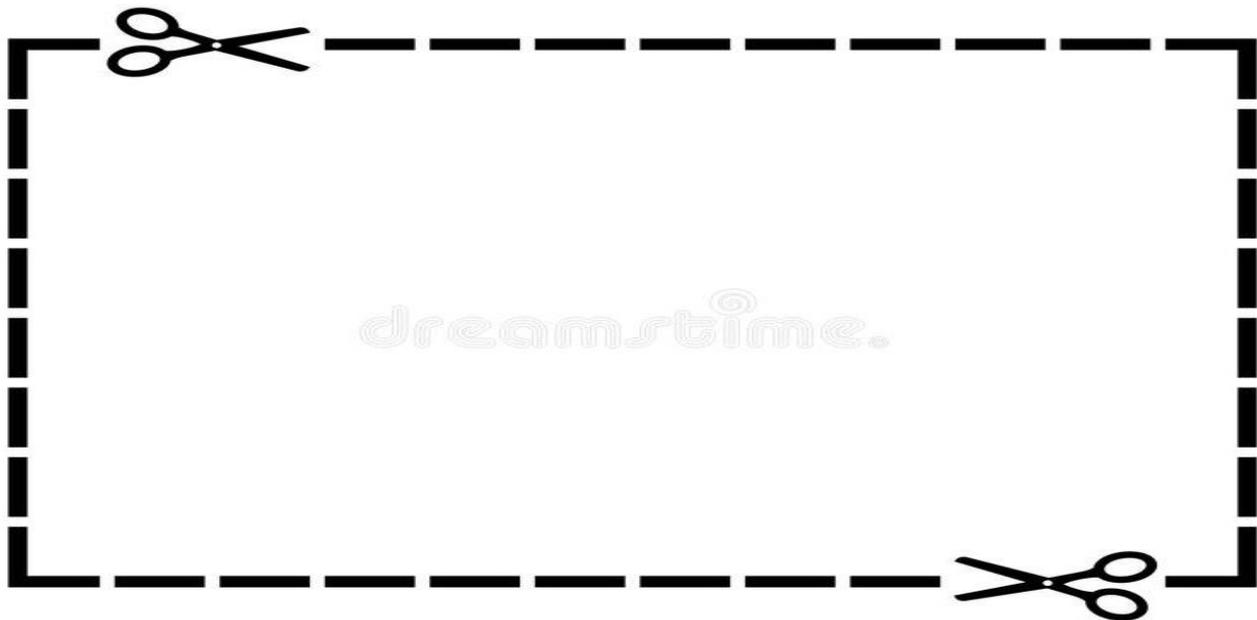
Yours,



Musically

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PS. There are a limited number of school district instruments that can be rented for \$100.00 for the school year.



(keep these dates handy)

Castle Rock Middle School Band 2018-2019 Concert Dates

Thursday, December 13, 2018	Winter Band Concert @ Castle Rock
Tuesday, February 5, 2019	Jazz Night Concert @ Castle Rock
Saturday, February 16, 2019	Solo & Ensemble Festival @ Riverside (optional)
Thursday, April 4, 2019	All-City 8th Band Gala @ Castle Rock (8th grade only)
Thursday, April 25, 2019	Spring Band Concert @ Castle Rock

All concerts start at 7:00 PM.
Students should meet in the band room 30 minutes before concert time.



(Sign & Return this lower section to Mr. Engle)

Student's Printed Name _____ Period _____

"I have read the course expectations and understand what is expected of my child."

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Print current email _____

(It is really important to have a current email address so that I can send information out about concert reminders and other events....if the school already has this, then you can leave it blank)

If your child is not allowed to be videotaped/photographed in class, please write me a small note on this sheet so that I am aware of it (or you can email me ASAP)?

"I have read the course expectations and understand what is expected of **me**."

Student Signature _____ Date _____