

# BMS Panther Band Syllabus

## 2023-2024

### Expectations

#### **Rehearsal Etiquette:**

1. Try your best..... always.
2. Follow Directions immediately the first time they are given.
3. Keep away from equipment/instruments that do not belong to you.
4. Raise your hand before speaking.
5. Have all materials for class: Instrument, Music, **Pencil**, etc.
6. Stay in your assigned area.
7. Stay in class for the entire period. Don't ask to leave.

#### **Sectionals:**

We will hold sectionals for each instrument on and off throughout the year. Sectionals will be **after school**. Attendance is mandatory. You will be notified a minimum of 48 hours in advance of all after school rehearsals. These are crucial to our performance preparation. This is when we will take care of music play-offs as well as chair tests. If you miss a sectional you must schedule a time to make it up before or after school. Missing a sectional will also result in loss of chair position.

### All-Region and Solo & Ensemble Contest

#### **All-Region:**

Students are encouraged to audition for the Region XXI A.T.S.S.B All-Region Band. It is a fantastic opportunity to improve their abilities. Honors Band chair tests will be over the All-Region Music and Scales. Students will receive an extra 100 for a test grade for making the band.

We will hold All-Region Practice sessions after school during the fall semester for those students trying out.

#### **Solo & Ensemble:**

All students are encouraged to learn a Solo and/or Ensemble for the UIL Region XXI Solo & Ensemble Contest in the Spring. Students will receive an extra 100 test grade for participation.

### Performances

Students are **required** to attend all scheduled performances. (TEKS for music: 19 TAC Chapter 117. 208.3) Music is a performance art, therefore you must perform for a grade! This includes all pep-rallies, football games, concerts, parades, and contests. We understand that emergencies do occur, and in this case please send a note detailing the reason for the absence. Students will have to do an alternative assignment chosen by the director to make up for the missing assignment.

### Uniform

At pep-rallies students must wear their band T-shirt.

**Blue** blue jeans and band T-shirt will be required for football games and parades.

Concert and contest uniform will be their band polo, black slacks or skirt, and black shoes.

Remember, when you are in uniform you are representing Bullard Middle School and should behave in a manner that will reflect positively on our band and school.

### **Shirt/Equipment Fee**

Band Shirt.....	\$15
Band Polo.....	\$25
<u>Equipment Fee.....</u>	<u>\$40</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$80</b>

Make checks payable Bullard Band.

These fees will cover a band shirt, band polo, flip folder, lyre, reeds, valve oil, slide grease, etc.

### **Grading Policy**

Tests.....	40%
Daily grades.....	60%

Tests will include all performances and will be based on attendance, participation and punctuality. Students will also be required to pass off their music before performances. This will also count as a test grade.

A Daily grade will be given once a week based on participation, preparedness, having all materials, and following proper rehearsal etiquette. There will also be random music and pencil checks that will be counted as daily grades. Any other assignments will be considered daily grades.

Music Play-Offs will also be used for grades.

### **Contact Information**

#### **Parent Square / Student Square:**

We utilize the district's centralized **Parent Square** communication system. Please make sure that you have downloaded the App and updated your information. Students should download the **Student Square App** and update their info as well. Connecting your cell number to the system will ensure you get the most immediate updates and information from the band.

#### **Website:**

[bms.bullardisd.net/finearts/band](http://bms.bullardisd.net/finearts/band)

#### **Email/Phone:**

For any other questions or concerns please call or e-mail us.

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# Syllabus Acknowledgement Form

Student Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read the BMS Band Syllabus and understand everything it contains. I agree to its policies and to adhere to them.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_