



**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental Music**  
**Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School**



**Instructor:** Mr. Fagan

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**Description:**

Band is an essential class here at NHAMS. Students will develop their musical skills related to their instrument and ensemble performance. The instruments available **are flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, percussion.**

**Materials:**

Each student will be provided an instrument upon parent and student signature of the instrumental contract for **no rental fee**. Parents/guardians will be charged for any major repairs needed. **Music, book,** and a **folder** will be provided to students. Please take care of them and mark only in pencil if necessary. We highly encourage families/guardians to purchase their music lesson book and/or music folder from a local music store.

- **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade band: Standard of Excellence [Instrument] by Bruce Pearson – Red**

**Attendance:**

Attendance will be taken every period and will be handled in accordance with school policy. Students will also have weekly lessons where they will be pulled out of their core academic class for 30 minutes per week. Students are held accountable for any work they missed.

**Behavior:**

All students are to be held accountable for their actions at all times. **Continued misbehavior may result in removal from the ensemble.**

**Practice Charts:**

Students are responsible for practicing outside of the classroom, even a few minutes per day. Practice charts are provided as a simple way to reflect home practice. Aim for 40-50 minutes a week.

**Concerts/Performances:**

All students are required to perform in concerts and performances unless there is a specific reason. Mr. Fagan must know in advance if any performances are to be missed. All first-year players have one performance in May and second year players have one in January and one in May.

### **How will being in band help my student?**

Music builds many skills for students that can apply to them for the rest of their lives regardless if they continue their instrument or not.

1. It builds teamwork between them and the other band members.
2. Develop individual tasks for social life at school, home, and community.
3. Gain problem solving skills and memory skills.
4. Understand music through familiarity with a wide variety of compositions.
5. Experience the joy and appreciation of performing music with others.
6. Develop desire to listen to music that they may never have had the opportunity to listen to before.
7. Build self-confidence, self-esteem, and self-discipline.
8. Strive for high standards of achievement in individual and group settings.

### **What can I do as a guardian to ensure success for my student?**

1. Show an interest in your student's music.
2. Help your student find time to practice their instrument daily.
3. Encourage your student strive for their best and praise them for their achievements!
4. Help them keep their instrument in the best condition possible.
5. Encourage your students to perform for others.
6. Helping your student explore different types of music!

Recommended Music Stores:

#### **Stewarts Music**

171 Main St.  
Niantic, CT 06357  
(860) 739-4141

#### **Music and Arts**

907 Hartford Turnpike E11  
Waterford, CT 06385  
(860) 442-8884

**Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School  
Band Contract**

Daniel Fagan, Band Director  
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It is agreed that all parties will be bound by the conditions below:

1. Nathan Hale Arts Magnet agrees to loan (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (instrument) to \_\_\_\_\_ (student) for the current school year or until the student leaves Nathan Hale.
2. Rental will begin when the student may obtain the instrument from the music director. The instrument must be returned immediately following the final concert or lessons, which will occur in late May/early June. Students may not borrow instrument over the summer without prior approval from the Band Director.
3. An instrument loan from the school is at no cost. However, the student and his/her parent/guardian is fully responsible for any damage or loss during the rental period and agrees to return the instrument in the same condition as received, less reasonable wear. This includes any accessories that came with the instrument. During that term of this rental agreement, all repairs will be taken care of by Mr. Fagan through a professional instrument repair technician and will be left at Nathan Hale to be picked up for the needed repairs. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MAKE ANY REPAIRS YOURSELF!!**
4. Nathan Hale and its band director reserve the right to repossess any instrument at any time due to improper use, care, or negligence.
5. If at any time the student discontinues lessons with the school, the instrument must be returned immediately, and this agreement cancelled.
6. You may cancel this agreement at any time, while this agreement is in effect, by returning the instrument directly to the school. In such situation, prior communication with the band director regarding the student's lessons must be authorized.

*I have fully read and completely understand the terms set forth in this agreement. I agree to all the conditions listed for instrumental rental, including that I am financially responsible for the instrument while it is in my child's possession for the duration of the school year.*

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I promise to treat the instrument I am borrowing with the best care possible. I will also work hard and practice the entire time I am taking lessons.*

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_