

Blind Brook Middle School Music Department

Lesson Requirements

All students involved in the Middle School Instrumental Music Program are required to attend small group lessons. These lessons are provided on a rotating schedule in which the student is excused from his/her regularly scheduled class in order to attend the lesson. The details regarding lesson attendance and lesson grades are outlined below.

The responsibilities of the student are as follows:

1. Check schedule of lessons to confirm correct date and time and lesson assignments due. This information is posted in the band room, on Edline, on the Band Website and is given to the students at the start of each quarter.
2. Arrive on time for lessons. Students will report directly to the band room for lessons and do not have to first report to their regularly scheduled class.
3. Student must notify the regular teacher in advance of the lesson that they will not be in class, and are responsible for any work that they must make up.
4. Student will come to lessons with all materials, including pencils, instrument, and any other required materials. Failure to do so may result in a lower lesson grade.
5. Student will practice lesson materials on a regular basis to be prepared for all lessons and rehearsals.

Missed Lessons: Students are permitted to miss 1 lesson per quarter.

Make-up lessons: Make-up lessons will be provided for students who have not successfully completed assignments. Only one make-up lesson will count for one missed lesson per quarter. Additional make-up lessons may be taken, but will not count for lessons missed during that quarter.

Suggestions for Planning: Lessons are an extremely important part of the band program, and are used to subsidize the limited time spent on individual technique during large rehearsals. The music department also recognizes the importance of the academic classes as well. In order to maintain a successful balance it is suggested that the following guidelines be observed:

1. If you miss a class for a lesson, be sure to spend activity period or AAA that day with the teacher of the class you missed. The lesson schedule is given out in advance so that you have time to make necessary arrangements.
2. Plan your lesson attendance carefully. If there is a class you feel you must attend, or if you know a test is coming up, make sure that you use one of your two misses for that class. You should rarely miss a class more than once during a quarter because of band lessons.
3. Come to as many lessons early on as possible. This will ensure that you are familiar with the lesson procedures and that you have built up a reserve of lessons in case you need to miss one in the future.

Grades: Please see Grading Procedures and Guidelines