

Pearland JH West Band “Vision”

Mission: Inspire Growth, Character, and Excellence

Student Characteristics:

- Make good and well-thought out decisions
- Find enjoyment in working diligently and intelligently
- Set high standards for themselves with regard to conduct
- Treat each other with sincere respect and encourage each other to be successful members of a team
- Put the group and others ahead of themselves
- Set the standard with regards to maturity, enjoyment and energy
- Develop great practice and study habits while mastering the fundamentals of their instruments
- Know when to ask for help
- Know when to offer help
- Show respect to all adults, teachers, clinicians, volunteers, chaperones, etc.
- Learn to communicate effectively and appropriately

Director Characteristics:

- Obvious commitment to the students
- Communicate goals, expectations and visions clearly
- Reward positive habits, behaviors, accomplishments and actions in a timely manner
- Follow through on commitments personally, academically and musically
- Provide a wealth of information in a simple and motivational manner
- Time commitment to individuals
- Commitment to planning and goal-setting
- Ability to help students reach their goals in the appropriate manner
- Understanding of students, their needs, interests and motivational types
- Communicate with parents regarding student success and individual needs through e-mail, phone calls and personal communication
- Display the ability to learn and better themselves as people, musicians and teachers
- Ability to ask for help when needed

Environmental Characteristics:

- Calm and pleasing atmosphere
- “Air” of success throughout the band hall
- Organized and clean
- Inspirational and motivational
- Open door policy
- Fun place to hang out where there is an awareness of environment and instruction taking place
- Family-like atmosphere

Teaching Objectives for PJH West Band Students

I Will...

- Learn and use good posture while playing
- Learn the correct method for breathing (wind instruments)
- Learn and use the correct embouchure while playing (wind instruments)
- Learn and use correct hand position
- Learn and use correct technique for percussion playing (percussion only)
- Learn the proper concept of tone production and tone quality
- Learn various rhythmic notations and the counting system
- Learn and understand the musical terms and symbols necessary for the performing
- To develop discriminatory listening skills
- To develop successful home practice routines
- To promote social development through large group interaction
- To develop personal and social self-discipline
- To prepare students to advance to the high school band programs