

Rogers Middle School Band Course Syllabus

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Conference Period: 11:00 – 11:45 am

About the Program

The Rogers Middle School Band is the largest student group on campus with **130+ members** and a tradition of excellence:

- **Best in Class** – Shadow Creek Showcase of Sound (2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
- **Superior Ratings** – multiple contests annually
- **Solo Achievements** – 110+ First Division ratings and 30+ Outstanding Soloist Awards yearly

We are the **direct feeder** to the award-winning Berry Miller Junior High Band.

Student Expectations

Band members must uphold **character, honesty, and integrity**, following the Pearland ISD Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, and Band Handbook.

Pillars of the RMS Band

- **Be On Time • Kind • Dependable • Prepared • Engaged**
- **Polite • Coachable • Honest • Exceptional • Accountable**
- *Be Proud, but Never Satisfied*

Band Rules

1. Respect all students, staff, and visitors.
2. Follow instructions the first time.
3. Handle only authorized equipment.
4. Only band students are allowed in the band hall.
5. Stay in your assigned room.
6. Ask permission before entering the director's office.
7. No food, drink, or gum in the band hall.

Classes & Progression

- **6th Grade Beginners** – Homogenous classes for strong foundational skills. Instruments include Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Percussion.
- **Beyond Beginner Year** – Students audition for one of four ability-based bands at Berry Miller Junior High.

Grading

- **Daily Grades – 60%** (practice logs, participation, checks, assignments)
- **Major Grades – 40%** (playing/written tests, concerts, rehearsals, solo contest)
- Expect **1+ major grade weekly** after instruction begins.
- **No late work** accepted after the grading period closes.

Course Requirements

- **Practice Logs** – Daily/weekly, submitted via Canvas.
- **Concerts** – Required; graded like an exam.
- **After-School Rehearsals** – Required before combined concerts; graded.
- **Solo Contest** – Required; \$30 accompanist fee.

Communication

- **Parents ↔ Teachers** – Email, Skyward, or Canvas only.
- **Students ↔ Teachers** – Canvas only.
- **BandApp** – Main source for announcements/reminders (locked for safety).

Eligibility (No Pass, No Play)

- Must maintain **70+ average** in all classes to perform in extracurricular events.
- Ineligible students may rehearse but not perform for 3 weeks.
- **Concerts** are curricular—attendance required regardless of eligibility.

Curricular vs. Extracurricular

- **Curricular (Required & Graded):** Classes, assignments, rehearsals, concerts, solo contest.
- **Extracurricular (Eligibility Required):** Festivals, trips.

Supplies

- **Tuner/Metronome:** TonalEnergy app (\$7.99) recommended.
- **Band Binder:** Black 1.5–2" binder, pencil bag, 5 pencils, 1 highlighter, notebook paper, dividers (Fundamentals, Scales & Technique, Daily Drill, Music, Private Lesson Material).
- **Instrument Supplies:** See instrument-specific list in Band Handbook.

Uniforms

- **Formal:** Dress pants/skirt, dress shoes, collared shirt or blouse, closed-toe shoes.
- **Informal:** RMS Band shirt (included in course fee).

Fees

- **Course Fee:** \$20 (covers music, supplies, shirt) – Pay via Skyward.
- **Instrument Rental Fee:** \$120/year for school-owned instruments – Pay via Skyward.

Fundraisers

Rock-A-Thon Fundraiser supports:

- Why is this important?
- One time per year
- Spring Trip costs
- Private lesson scholarships
- Supplies & music
- Contest entry fees & transportation
- Clinicians
- General student support
- Phone/Text Fundraiser – how does that work with HB 1481?
 - During school fundraiser set up using school devices during classes.
 - After school when students are at home, student will activate the fundraiser on their personal devices.
 - During school fundraiser participation party!
 - Held during class using Pearland ISD device – as per HB 1481, students are not allowed to use personal smart devices during the school day (7:45 am – 3:55 pm).

Private Lessons

- Highly encouraged for all students
- Required for students playing school-owned instruments
- Instructors include professionals and symphony musicians
- Personalized instruction accelerates musical growth

Required Events

- **Winter Concert** – December 4th @ Pearland JH South
- **Dawson Cluster Percussion Concert** – March/April TBD
- **Solo Contest** – February 21st (Saturday) @ Rogers MS (\$30 fee)
- **Spring Concert** – May 5th @ Pearland JH South
- **Local Festivals** – April 25th (Saturday) @ Shadow Creek High School

Attendance Policy

- **Excused:** Illness, family emergency, death in family, medical appointment (with documentation), or approved serious circumstances.
Unexcused: No documentation, tutorials, clubs, other extracurriculars, oversleeping, forgetting.
- Unexcused = partial credit (70) via make-up assignment.

Resources

- [Band Handbook](#)
- [RMS Band Website](#)
- [Berry Miller Band Website](#)
- [Dawson HS Band Website](#)