6th Grade Band Handbook 2025-2026

6th Grade Band Students and Parents,

Hello and welcome to the 6th Grade Hayfield Band! I'm very excited you have chosen to be in band and for the opportunity to direct this wonderful group of students!

Below is this year's schedule, expectations, grading policies, and more. Please familiarize yourself with the information as it is a great place to refer to throughout the year and has a great deal of information.

After reading through the handbook, please sign on the last page, detach on dotted line, and hand it back in during class time. The handbook signature is worth 10 points.
Information is also available on my classroom website. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone, email, or stop in the band room.

Once again, I've very excited for all that this year has in store for the Hayfield Band Program and all that we will accomplish!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Megan Lynch
Phone: (507) 671-1541
E-mail: mlynch@hayfield.k12.mn.us
Website: http://hayfield.k12.mn.us/meganlynch/

Goals

- Students will have musical experiences that enhance students' overall educational experiences
- Students will collaborate and create through music.
- Students will understand the connection between music, its purpose, and cultural and historical contexts
- Students will develop a proper playing technique working on posture, embouchure, fingerings, and breath support.
- Students will demonstrate proper band ensemble technique work on blend, balance, and intonation.
- Students will learn to read music, including note names, rhythms, key and time signatures.
- Students will analyze, interrupt, and evaluate musical works and performances
- HAVE A FUN LEARNING EXPERIENCE!!!

Band Classroom Expectations

- **Participate** to the best of your ability *every single day*
- Treat others and classroom items with **respect**
- Display a **positive attitude**
- **Be on time** for class. In your seat when the bell rings.
- Have your **materials** for class. (Instrument, pencil, music)
- **Clean up** any items in your surrounding area at the end of class
- **No gum or food** is allowed in the band room. Water bottles are allowed.
- **No cellphones.** Cellphones should be placed in cellphone holder slots before class.

Materials

- Instrument
- Band Book
- Pencils
- Band Folder with music

**Items such as reeds, valve oil, cleaning swabs, etc can be purchased through the school. Items will be charged on JMC.

Grading

Summative (50%)

- Concert Performances
- Concert Reflections
- Playing Assessment

Formative (50%)

- Daily rehearsal technique (DRT)
- Worksheets
- Lessons

Grading Scale:

A	100-94
A-	94-90.9
B+	87-89.9
B	84-86.9
B-	80-83.9
C+	77-79.9
C	74-76.9
C-	70-73.9
D+	67-69.9
D	64-66.9
D-	60-63.9
F	59.9-0

Course Content

Band units are based upon performances each quarter. See calendar for performance dates

- Playing Technique
- Music Theory-rhythm, pitch, major scales, vocabulary, etc.
- Sight Reading
- Music History and Connection to Society and Cultures

- Cooperative/Ensemble Learning
- Performance Etiquette

Music Awards

All 6th grade band members are eligible for the following awards.

Instrumentalist of the Year: Given to one student that has demonstrated outstanding instrumental skills, leadership, and attitude.
Most Valuable Instrumentalist: Awarded to the student that has demonstrated outstanding musical skills.
Most Improved: awarded to the student that has improved the most musically through the year.
Band Hero Award: Awarded to the student that has demonstrated outstanding leadership, attitude, hard work and dedication.

Concerts

Concerts are a major part of your summative assessment grade. **All concerts bolded in the schedule below are graded and require attendance.** Make sure to mark these performances on your family calendar or post them on the fridge. Concert expectations and grading rubric will be given and explained before each concert.

Excused absences: Excused absences include personal illness, family emergencies, and unavoidable family trips. These absences may be made up by an individual performance of your music for Mrs. Lynch. If an excused absence does occur, an email or phone call must be provided to Mrs. Lynch by a parent/guardian. Make sure to plan ahead in clearing your schedule and arranging transportation.

Unexcused absences: An unexcused absence is an absence not covered under excused absences. An unexcused absence will result in a "0" for a concert grade.

Concert Dress: Band members should wear appropriate dress clothes for performances. It is important to look our best! All outfits must follow the HHS dress code.
Examples of appropriate concert dress:

- dress pants
- dress shirt (button-up or polo)
- skirt
- dresses
- dress shoes (no super high heels)

*The band handbook is subject to change. All changes will be noted in class and sent to parents via email.



Hayfield 6th Grade Band Calendar
2025-2026

Date	Time	Event	Place
October	**TBA (during class time)**	**Performance at Field Crest Care Center**	**Field Crest Care Center**
December 8th	**7:00 pm**	**Winter Concert**	**HHS West Gym**
February	**TBA (during class time)**	**Performance for Elementary Music Class**	**HES**
May 4th	**6:00 pm**	**Spring Concert**	**HHS West Gym**

I have read the 2025-2026 6th Grade Band Handbook and understand the class expectations.

Student name _____

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date_____