Disclosure Document - Band

1. DESCRIPTION OF CLASS

A band is a group of 40 to 60 students playing brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments. The band rehearses and performs various styles of music including marches, classical, and contemporary. Each student is tested on playing, tuning or comprehension skills. The band participates in concerts three times each year and annual music festivals.

2. GRADING POLICY

The students earn points by passing tests, practicing regularly, behaving well in class, having good attendance, participating in concerts and festivals, and being involved in any worthwhile musical experience. The following percentage scale is used to determine actual grades: 98-100=A+, 93-97=A, 86-92=A-, 80-85=B+, 75-79=B, 70-74=B-, 65-69=C+, 60-64=C, 55-59=C-, 50-54=D+, 45-49=D, 40-44=D-, 0-39=F.

3. CLASS REQUIREMENTS AND HOMEWORK

The students are expected to cooperate and behave as adults. Each student's minimum responsibility to the group is to perfect his/her part. Practice outside of class is required as well as 100% attention and effort in class.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF TEST RESULTS

The students are told as soon as they finish a playing test or tuning test if they passed or not. The written tests are scored and returned the next time the class meets.

5. PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports are posted weekly in the band room to allow students to track their grades. Mid-term progress reports are sent home to the parents/guardians of all students in time to avoid failure.

6. ATTENDANCE POLICY

In accordance with district policy, all missed rehearsals must be made up. Twenty minutes of practice in the band room before or after school will make up one missed rehearsal. A tardy can be made up by being on time to the next five rehearsals. All make up work must be completed by the end of the current trimester.

7. DISCIPLINE PLAN

The school discipline plan is used in all band classes. The rules are as follows:

- Play only when directed
- Respect property rights
- Follow directions.
- Be polite.
- Don’t eat gum or candy.

8. FEES AND EXPENSES

All students using district owned instruments are do not need to pay a usage fee. Mrs. Pradhan has purchased instrument supplies for each student ahead of time (reeds, swab, valve oil, drum sticks, etc.) and asks that parents/guardians make a $10 donation for supplies, except for clarinets and saxophones, who are asked to pay a $20 donation since they will need reeds on a regular basis. Percussion students are asked to make a $5 donation for drum sticks.