**BAND SYLLABUS**

**Delta, Loxley, Rosinton and Stapleton Elementary Schools**

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**Course:** Beginning Band

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The best way to reach me is through Remind. If you are not on the band Remind write your name and the phone number you would like me to use on the signature page and I will add you. I am very busy teaching at 4 schools, but I will do my best to get back to you within 24 hours.

**Course Description**

We will be learning the fundamentals and discipline of playing a musical instrument. We will have daily rehearsals where students will learn to read music, correctly hold and produce sound on instruments, and perform together in class as well as in concerts. ***Note: Students will have until November 3rd to decide whether they wish to continue in band. Once this date has passed, he/she must remain in band for the remainder of the school year.***

**Cost**

Students will need to pay **$30 (paid in Myschoolbucks)** to be enrolled in band. This payment is due by Friday, Sept. 8th. It covers the price of a band t-shirt and the music I purchase though out the year. Shirts will be ordered in October. If a student is not enrolled in band when shirts are ordered, they will not receive a shirt. Students will need to secure an instrument, preferably through a “rent to own” program at a reputable music store. I have a music store that comes to the school every week. Their contact info is located on your child’s band folder, which will be coming home soon.

**Rules**

**BE RESPECTFUL—of yourself and others, including their belongings.**

**BE RESPONSIBLE—come to class with everything that you need.**

**BE POSITIVE—a positive attitude is essential for new musicians.**

**BE ATTENTIVE—pay attention to everything going on in the classroom!**

**Classroom Discipline Plan**

1. **Verbal Warning**
2. **Put instrument away (sit quietly and listen or be asked to do written work).**
3. **Contact parents**
4. **Office Referral**

***Repeated referrals may result in expulsion from band.***

**Band Supplies**

Students use a variety of supplies in band class. A list of required supplies was given out at the instrument try out. These supplies are vital to properly care for your child’s instrument. In addition to these supplies your child must bring their band folder (given to students) and instruments to class every day.

**Class Attendance/Concerts**

As with any other class, skills build upon skills, and classroom attendance is very important. We have at least two concerts a year, and **attendance is mandatory**. Grades are given for these performances, and everyone’s part is vital. Concert dates are set early in the school year, and parents of band students are encouraged to plan accordingly. Absences will be considered “excused” or “unexcused” on a case-by-case basis and only with a parent note at least one week prior to the absence. If the absence is unplanned (sickness, death in family, etc.), a note should be sent immediately following the absence. A make-up assignment will be given if a student is absent from a performance. The make-up assignment will count as a test grade.

**Grading**

Students will receive daily grades based on daily participation, playing quizzes called pass offs, written work done inside of the classroom, outside assignments such as practice reports, and performances. Please feel free to set up a conference if you have any questions or concerns about your student’s band grade.

**Practice and Practice Reports**

**I saved the most important for last.** In order to be successful in band your child **must** practice daily. At the end of each daily class I will advise students on what needs to be practiced. Please encourage your child to practice every night. I will hand out practice reports in October. Students and parents will keep track of practice time on these and turn them in for a grade on Mondays. A parent signature is required. Forgeries will receive a referral.

**Instructional Recordings:**

Instruction in this class might be recorded or streamed live.  Any recordings will be available to students enrolled in this class. This is intended to supplement the classroom experience.  Students are expected to follow appropriate school system and campus-wide policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access classroom recordings.  Live streaming and recordings may not be captured or reproduced, shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments.  Doing so would be a breach of the Baldwin County Public School System’s Acceptable Use Policy.  If I, or an administrator plan to use any recordings, beyond the classroom environment, students identifiable in the recordings will either be de-identified or will be notified prior to in order to obtain proper consent prior to such use.

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**I have read the band syllabus and agree with all expectations set for participation in school band.**

Students T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(example: Youth Large)

We use band shirts all year. If you are not sure of size, go with the bigger size.

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