
GRANITE RIDGE INT. SCHOOL CLASS HANDBOOK

WELCOME TO THE GR BAND PROGRAM!

Concert Band is a year-long class, in which students will learn intermediate-level musicianship, technique, performance etiquette, and music theory. Students will perform in concerts, festivals, and parades! Our hope is that through their participation in the GR Band, students will develop a lifelong love and appreciation of music. If you have any questions that are not addressed on this sheet, please feel free to contact Mr. Vargas or Mr. Gabrielson at either the email (preferred) or phone number listed below. I'm looking forward to another GREAT year for our Bands!

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RECOMMENDED DAILY CLASS MATERIALS:

1. **Instrument in working condition** (preferably your own, but a limited supply is available to check out if needed)
2. **Folder for Music**
3. **Pencil** (writing on music in pen isn't allowed)
4. **Instrument maintenance supplies** (please refer to reverse side)

PERFORMANCE UNIFORM:

BOYS

Granite Ridge Polo Shirt (Provided)

Black dress shoes & calf length socks

Black dress pants w/ belt

GIRLS

Granite Ridge Polo Shirt (Provided)

Black formal pants outfit

Hair in pony tail with Bronco Blue Ribbon Bow

FAILURE TO BE IN CORRECT PERFORMANCE UNIFORM MAY RESULT IN NOT PERFORMING AT THE CONCERT AND A LOWERED GRADE. If you have any trouble obtaining any of the uniform, please let me know as soon as possible.

GRADING POLICY

WHAT IS MY GRADE BASED ON IN BAND?

(1) Performance/Labs (2) Daily Classroom Participation (3) Skills/Tests (4) Citizenship (5) Signed Documents

PERFORMANCE/LABS PARTICIPATION

Being a member of the Granite Ridge Band and Colorguard is a commitment to performing. **It is expected that ALL members will participate in all scheduled performances and labs**, which are worth **100** points each. In order to receive full participation credit, students should utilize the appropriate uniform (which will be provided if needed), music and instrument, as well as participate in an appropriate manner.

DAILY CLASSROOM PARTICIPATION

Students will earn points by putting forth their best effort, and participating each day in an appropriate manner. The classroom participation portion of the grade is worth up to 10 points per week.

SKILLS/TESTS

Students will learn performance fundamentals (such as scales, rhythms, technical exercises, etc.), along with basic concepts in music theory, vocabulary and notation.

CITIZENSHIP

Behavior, general deportment, adherence to rules, policies, and procedures, being prepared for rehearsals and performances. Also includes being in proper uniform or attire during concerts, football games, and parades.

SIGNED DOCUMENTS

Items that must be signed by parents and returned to the band office by a specified deadline.

PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

GENERAL ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

Participation in performances is expected of all members of the GR Band. Missing a performance for reasons such as... *"I'm being grounded", "I have too much homework", "I didn't feel like going", "I forgot", "My family had a birthday party",* etc. won't be considered "excused". Also, please be aware that we do ask our students to remain for a few minutes after each performance to help clean up music stands and percussion equipment.

EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM A PERFORMANCE

A calendar of performances is included in this packet. Please put these dates on your family calendar ASAP, and notify Mr. Vargas within the 1st month of school if you notice any conflicts with the calendar. Of course, it's understandable that occasional conflicts arise for which students are unable to give advance notice (family emergency, illness, etc.). In this case, please send your child with a note the day he/she returns to school. **Absences will only be cleared with a parent-signed note.** It is the student's responsibility to remember to communicate with Mr. Vargas about absences, and to bring a note from home to clear the absence.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CONFLICTS

Students who participate in more than one GR co-curricular or extra-curricular sport/activity may be allowed to miss all or portions of performances according to the following criteria:

PERFORMANCE vs. PRACTICE = Student will attend the **PERFORMANCE**;

REHEARSAL vs. GAME = Student will attend the **GAME**;

PERFORMANCE vs. GAME = Directors/Coaches of each activity will decide which of the two will be the most appropriate for the student to attend, and let the student know where he/she should be.

CLUB SPORTS AND NON-GR ACTIVITIES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE ABOVE POLICY

PLEASE COMPLETE THESE THINGS BY THE END OF THIS WEEK:

1. **Read and sign packet**
2. **Sign on to CHARMS and complete profile**
3. **Visit the GR Band website** at <http://josevargas2.wixsite.com/grbands> and become familiar with each section
4. **Sign up for REMIND text messages**

GRANITE RIDGE BAND

CLASSROOM RULES

BE RESPECTFUL!

Listen to instruction and *remain quiet* during rehearsal.

Treat the instruments & equipment with *care*. **IF IT'S NOT YOURS, DON'T TOUCH IT!!**

Treat each other with kindness, both with your *words* as well as with your *actions*.

NO HORSEPLAY at any time in the Band room!!

BE RESPONSIBLE!

Remember your *instrument* and *music* every day.

Remember when *things* are *due*.

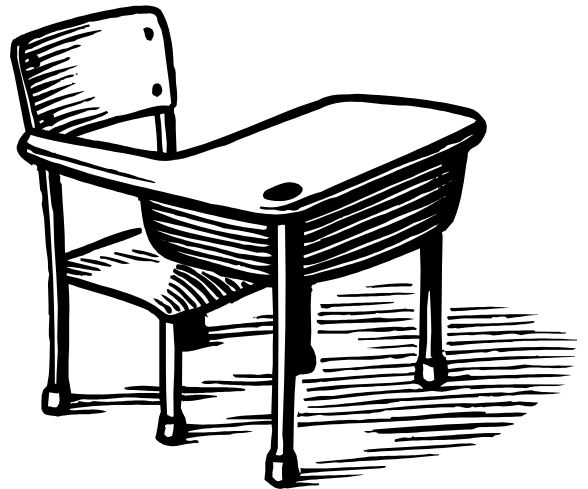
Use your *planner* to write down performance dates!

BE RELIABLE!

Attend all *performances*... others are counting on you!

Avoid backing out of things at the last minute.

Communicate conflicts with your directors and coaches!



BE READY!

Practice your instrument a little bit every day!

Always have your *instrument*, *music*, *pencil* & *supplies* at every rehearsal.

Get your *instrument repaired quickly* when necessary.

NO FOOD/DRINK IN REHEARSAL!

This includes *candy and gum*!

You may have *bottled water* during rehearsal.

Finish all snacks **BEFORE** *entering* the room.

RECOMMENDED MUSIC SUPPLIES

FLUTE

- Cleaning rod
- Cleaning swab
- Polishing Cloth
- Small flathead eyeglasses screwdriver

OBOE

- Cleaning swab
- 2 to 4 reeds w/ reed case
 - Cork grease
- Small flathead eyeglasses screwdriver

CLARINET/ BASS CL.

- Cleaning swab
- 4 to 6 reeds w/ reed case
 - Cork grease
- Small flathead eyeglasses screwdriver

BASSOON

- Cleaning swab
- 2 to 4 reeds w/ reed case
 - Cork grease
- Small flathead eyeglasses screwdriver

SAXOPHONE

- Cleaning swab
- 4 to 6 reeds w/ reed case
 - Cork grease
- Small flathead eyeglasses screwdriver

TRUMPET

- Valve oil
- Slide cream/grease
- Polishing cloth

FRENCH HORN

- Valve oil
- Slide cream/grease
- Polishing cloth

TROMBONE

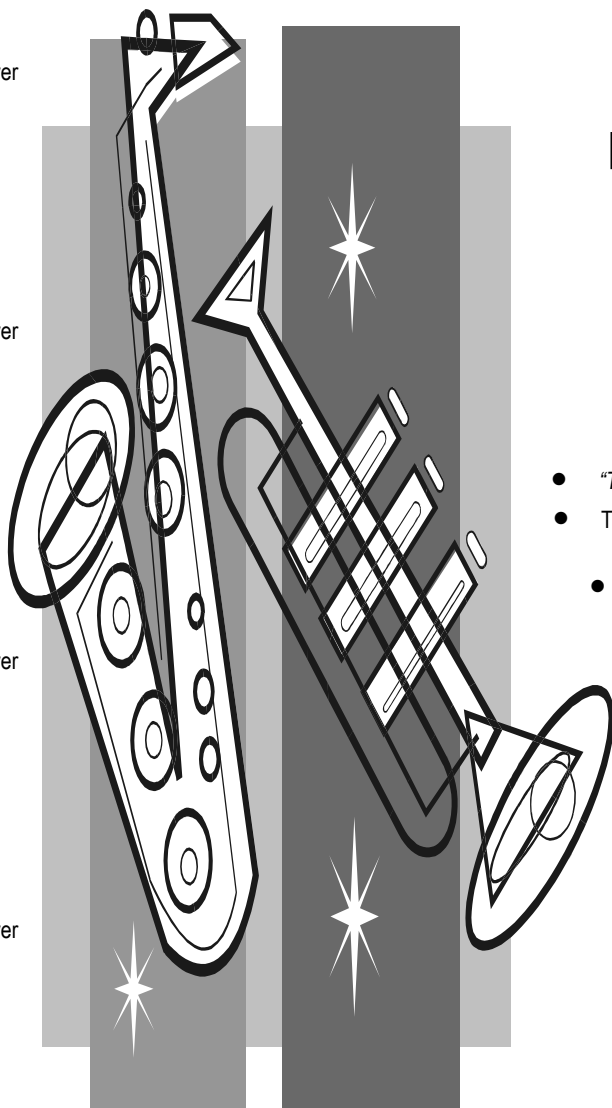
- "Trombotine" or "Slide-O-Mix" slide cream
- Tuning slide cream/grease (different from Trombotine)
- "Bone bottle" (water spray bottle)
 - Polishing cloth

BARITONE & TUBA

- Valve oil
- Slide cream/grease
- Polishing cloth

PERCUSSION

- General concert keyboard mallets
- General concert drum sticks
 - Practice pad
 - Stick bag



All supplies may be purchased at any local music store.
We recommend **GOTTSCALK MUSIC CENTER** and **THE HORN SHOP**