

Jinks Beginning Band Syllabus

Welcome to the Jinks Hornet Band! You are joining a legacy 75 years in the making. Throughout this syllabus you will find information about the band program and how we operate. If you have any questions after reading, please reach out to Ms.Mynard.

Hornet Band - All Jinks Band students

Beginning Band - All first-year Band students

Intermediate Band - Band students who have successfully completed Beginning Band and need more one-on-one instruction in a smaller class setting

Advanced Band - Band students who have successfully completed Beginning Band and are ready to work in a larger band environment with fewer one-on-one instruction

Emerald Band - As the premier band at Jinks, all Advanced and Intermediate Band students are automatically members of Emerald Band. The Emerald Band is a privilege to be in, therefore students who do not meet any one of the following requirements can be pulled from performing or traveling with the Emerald Band. The requirements are as follows:

Staying Informed:

- FOCUS/ParentPortal: <https://focus.bayschools.net/focus/>

****PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL OF YOUR CONTACT INFO IS CORRECT IN FOCUS****

- Website: www.jinksmsband.com
- Email: mynarhe@bay.k12.fl.us

Required Materials:

- Please go ahead and get these things:
 - 1" 3 ring Binder
 - Page Protectors (clear plastic - set of 10)
 - Pencil
- Instrument
 - **Instrument Rental Night is Monday, August 17th from 4pm-6pm**
 - Please refrain from buying or renting an instrument before our instrumental rental night!! Your student will NOT know what they are playing until after school Monday, August 17th.
- **Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician**
 - This is the book your student will use to help them learn how to play their instruments with class instruction.
 - DO NOT BUY until you know what instrument your child will be paying. These books are instrument specific.

Beginning Band Uniforms:

- Band t-shirt ~\$15***
- Black pants (not sweat pants, no holes or chains), TALL black socks, black belt (if pants have belt loops), black shoes
- T-shirt tucked in

A fundraising activity will be held to help defray the cost of the Band t-shirts. If you need financial assistance with any Band expenses at any time, please let me know. Money issues should never keep a student from participating in Band.

Behavior:

- Respect and Communication are the foundations of a good band program. Students are expected to participate in all classroom activities in this manner.
- Students are expected to follow all Jinks Middle School rules and policies, including the Jinks Middle School Cell Phone Policy.

Grades:

- 10% Daily Grades (Formative) **For more information on Daily Grades, see the Jinks Band Handbook at www.jinksmsband.com/visit-us-here**
- 90% Pass Offs, After School Rehearsals, Performances (Summative)
- Reassessments for Pass Offs are unlimited and available upon request. Due to the nature of After School Rehearsals and Performances, reassessments are typically not possible.
- Performances and After School rehearsals attendance is required. **For more information, see the Jinks Band Handbook at www.jinksmsband.com/visit-us-here**
- **For a complete, updated list of rehearsals and performances, go to our website at www.jinksmsband.com/calendar.**

After School Rehearsals or Performances

After School Rehearsals and Performances are required for Beginning Band members and are composed of 2 Concerts (December and April) and the 4-6 associated after school rehearsals. These rehearsals and performances will count as Summative (test) grades. There is no way to make up an after school rehearsal or a performance.

Absences from After School Rehearsals or Performances

All After School Rehearsals and Performances are scheduled in advance and announced in multiple ways (paper, FOCUS emails and SMS, website calendar www.jinksmsband.com/calendar). It is the student's responsibility to make sure his or her parents are informed of all upcoming events. **The only absences that will be**

excused are ones that A) are cleared with me at least 24 hours before the event or B) involve an illness with a doctor's note. Homework is not an acceptable reason for an Excused Absence. Birthdays or birthday parties are not an acceptable reason for an Excused Absence. Students who are well enough to stay for the school day are well enough to stay for after school activities. Not having a ride home is not an excuse for missing an event. If asked in advance, I can help arrange a ride home.

(Excused absences will be noted as "Exempt", and Unexcused Absences will be noted as "Missing")

Please see next page to sign and return to Ms.Mynard

2026-2027 Band Student Information

Student Name: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Please list the phone number and email that you would like me to contact first if any information needs to be delivered to you. (Please list information even if it is already on FOCUS)

Phone(s) _____

email(s) _____

With enough advanced notice, I am willing to help with any of the following:

Chaperone _____ yes _____ no

Volunteer Work _____ yes _____ no

Give another student a ride home after practice _____ yes _____ no

I understand that School Board Policy 8.302 states the primary authority and responsibility for grading and reporting my achievement of standards is the band director. Grading will be based upon factors including but not limited to the following: participation in performing group rehearsals and performances that occur during or after school hours.

Student Initial _____

Parent Initial _____

I understand that my classroom extends beyond the regular school hours when participating in rehearsals and performances as established by School Board Policy 19-3, C. My class grade depends on my participation at all rehearsals and performances. Therefore, I realize the importance of attending rehearsals and performances and understand that my lack of attendance at a rehearsal or performance could adversely affect my grade in band and may even result in my dismissal from the band.

Student Initial _____

Parent Initial _____

I have read and understood the information contained in the **Jinks Band Handbook**, including the fact that after school rehearsals and evening performances are a part of my student's Band grade.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____