

# Jinks Beginning Band Syllabus

**Hornet Band** - All Jinks Band students

**Beginning Band** - All first year Band students

**Advanced Band** - All Band students who have successfully completed Beginning Band

**Emerald Band** - All Advanced Band students are automatically members of Emerald Band. Advanced Band students who do not meet the requirements will not perform or travel with the Emerald Band.

## **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](http://www.jinksmsband.com)
- Email: [walsij@bay.k12.fl.us](mailto:walsij@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
  - DO NOT BUY OR RENT AN INSTRUMENT until instrument fittings have been completed. A paper will go home once instruments have been chosen, with details about the specific instrument your child has chosen,
- Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician for your instrument
  - 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:**

- Students are expected to participate in all classroom activities in a respectful manner.
- Students are expected to follow all Jinks Middle School rules and policies, including the Jinks Middle School Cell Phone Policy.

### **Grades:**

- 5% Daily Grades (Formative) **For more information on Daily Grades, see the Jinks Band Handbook at [www.jinksmsband.com/visit-us-here](http://www.jinksmsband.com/visit-us-here)**
- 95% 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](http://www.jinksmsband.com/visit-us-here)**
- **For a complete, updated list of rehearsals and performances, go to our website at [www.jinksmsband.com/calendar](http://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 well in advance and announced in multiple ways (paper, FOCUS emails and SMS, website calendar [www.jinksmsband.com/calendar](http://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 actual 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".

## 2024-2025 Band Student Information

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

There are multiple phone numbers and emails listed in FOCUS for most students. Which phone number and email would you prefer that I contact first, if I need to get some information to you about your child?

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Football Concessions \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Give another student a ride home after practice \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_