

## Greene County Intermediate School Band Handbook

"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."

**Billy Joel**

Welcome to the Greene County Intermediate School bands! The following information is meant to keep you informed on events and expectations for this year.

### Room Rules

The room rules are in place to help us be happy, safe, and high functioning as a team.

1. Respect the room, equipment, and other students.
2. No food, candy, gum, or drinks other than water.
3. Follow "podium rules" at all times.
4. Raise your hand if you have a question, after the music has stopped.
5. Avoid any behaviors that disrupt rehearsal.
6. Be in your seat, ready to play, before the bell rings.

### Consequences

1st offense - Warning

2nd offense - Call home to parents

3rd offense - Office referral

### Concert Expectations

**Dress-** Black pants, white shirt, and black shoes and socks.

**Arrival time-** Students should arrive at 6:30pm for the 7pm concert.

All concerts and performances are mandatory for all band students.

### Performances

The band is a team that depends on every player in the group. Therefore, all band students are expected to be at all performances.

Holiday Concert, November 13th

Solo and Ensemble, to be announced

Spring Concert, April 23rd

### Fees and Resale Items

School instrument rental fee is \$20 for the year. Students are responsible for repairs to damaged school instruments, and repairs to their own instruments. Each band student will have a "fee tracking card" that will list consumable items given out during rehearsal (examples: reeds, valve oil, grease, books). If a student accumulates \$10 on their fee card, the parent will be contacted for payment.

Students cannot receive more consumable items until their bill is paid.

### Practice

It is strongly recommended that students practice a minimum of three times per week, for a minimum of 15 minutes. Band is a combination of mental exercise and physical dexterity, both of which require practice to be successful. On Fridays all instruments go home, and on Monday all instruments come back.

### Lessons

Students will receive one individual or group lesson per calendar week in addition to their scheduled band period.

### Grades

Student grades will be created from the following categories: lesson attendance, performance

attendance, daily on task work, rhythm work, quizzes, and tests.

**Communication**

There is a band web page, and a band Facebook page. Both of these will be updated on a regular basis with information including: current band activities, upcoming performances, uniform reminders, and other items of interest. If any parents would prefer another social media format, please contact me and we'll get your request up and running. Below is the band website, and the site has a link to the band Facebook page.

[www.greenecountyelementarybands.weebly.com](http://www.greenecountyelementarybands.weebly.com)

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**First Quiz Grade! Have your parent read this, sign the slip below, and return it to Mr. Palmer.**

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**I have read the band handbook, and understand what is expected of my band student.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_