

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Equipment and Music

The school provides many large instruments, equipment, music, folders, and stands for the instrumental program. In turn, the students are responsible for the care of all classroom equipment and any equipment specifically assigned to them. Costs incurred due to neglect, damage, or loss is the student's obligation.

Rental

Any student using a school-owned instrument is responsible for its care and maintenance. Please see the GFPS rental agreement for all pertinent details.

Percussionists pay a fee to cover the use of many instruments throughout the school year.

Instrument Storage-Security

Storage space for large instruments is provided in the music area. Smaller instruments may be stored in students' lockers. Instruments should not be left overnight on a regular basis at EMS. All instruments should go home on weekends and long breaks.

Name Tags

Name tags on all instrument cases are MANDATORY. EMS tags are available for purchase (\$2) should a student choose to own one.

Risk Coverage

Insurance for privately-owned instruments is available at a low cost premium by the school district. Forms will be distributed in the fall.

GRADING

Grades are based on the following areas:

- *Attendance
- *Class work and preparation
Your child needs their instrument and music every day for maximum participation.
- *Quizzes and tests
- *Individual playing skills
- *Progress and improvement
- *Practice records
- *Performances
(Please place your child's concert dates for the year on your calendar at home)

PRACTICE RECORDS

Practice is mandatory and necessary for the success of every music student.

Weekly practice records will require parent verification.

Neglect or failure to meet this class expectation will have a substantial effect on the grade for that grading period. Students experiencing difficulty in this area may be asked to make special arrangements for help.

PERFORMANCES

Concert Dates

Please see the concert calendar for concert dates and times. Dates are also available on the band and orchestra websites.

Concert Dress

*East Middle School Band and Orchestra **green polo** (provided by the school)

*Black **pants** with no holes (no skirts)

*Dark **shoes**

Concert Attendance

We practice so that you may perform!

A concert is a group activity and each and every performer is an integral part of the group's total success. ***You need to be there!***

It is necessary for parents to contact directors in advance of performances when conflicts occur. Notes are required for verification and a make-up assignment should be anticipated.

Special Note:

Please plan ahead. The following are examples of conflicts that have not been excused at EMS:

- *Failure to have transportation to concerts
- *Babysitting
- *Non-school sporting event (EMS sporting and extra-curricular activities are carefully scheduled to avoid student conflicts.)

An unexcused absence can result in a failing grade for that grading period. (Make-up for unexcused performances is possible. See your director.)

Signature Page

We have read the information regarding the music program at East Middle School and understand that there are performances and occasional rehearsals outside the school day for which attendance is required and for which grades are given. We received a copy of the criteria used in grading for the instrumental classes and a calendar showing the concert dates for the 2021-2022 school year.

Student name (print)

Parent Signature

Date

Parent name (print)

Parent Phone #

Agree to receive *Remind texts*
Yes/No

RAM PRIDE EXPECTATIONS

A high standard of behavior is exhibited and expected at East Middle School.

NO gum, food, or candy allowed in the music area. Only bottled water allowed.

SIGN UP FOR REMIND!

Highly Recommended for ALL students and parents

Text your class code to 81010

BAND:

Period 1 - RAM BAND: @mrssundq
Period 2 - SYMPHONIC BAND: @eastsymph
Period 3 - CONCERT BAND: @eastconc
Period 6 - BIG HORN BAND: @7bighorn
Period 8 - PERCUSSION CLASS: @playperc

ORCHESTRA

Period 1 - CONCERT : @playorch
Period 2 - PHILHARMONIC : @playphil
Period 3 - EAST ENSEMBLE: @playeast
Period 7 - RAM STRINGS: @playram
Period 8 - STRING ENSEMBLE: @playeast

CLASS MATERIALS

All instrumental students should supply the following as appropriate:

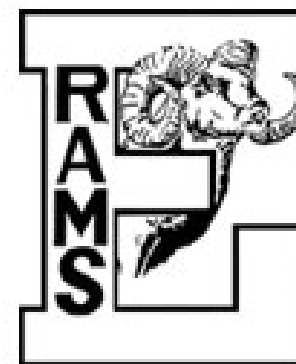
Band:	Orchestra:
pencil	pencil
3 reeds	rosin
valve oil/ cork grease	mute
swabs/cleaning brush	tuner
Bell cover*	

*students may opt to provide their own—
template available on the band website

SCHEDULE CHANGES

All add/drop requests are made with the music director, Parents must personally contact the director. Please DO NOT just send a note from home.

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Instrumental Music Handbook

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