

DEPOALI MIDDLE SCHOOL – INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED BAND

2023-2024 HANDBOOK

Dear Band Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Band Students,

I am looking forward to introducing band music to some of you while continuing the journey with others. This handbook explains the grading procedures for my class and gives information for several other aspects of the band program. **Please make sure your contact information is up to date in Infinite Campus and that you set your message settings to allow teacher messages to go to your email as this is the way I send out group emails with updates/info (instructions for this can be found at the bottom of the band website homepage—in red writing).** Also, please follow the 'To Do List' at the end of this packet so you're all set for band for the school year. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Band Website: www.washoeschools.net/dbarthel

Band Grading Procedures

ASSESSMENTS (33% of overall grade)

- **Playing tests:** these will be done in class once per quarter so I may give each student feedback and grade their progress. Playing tests may be re-taken for a higher grade until the end of the quarter.
- **Pass-off tests:** there will be a few of these assigned each quarter. The goal of these tests is to pass with 100% accuracy as they will cover the basic building blocks of musicianship. Students may take them as many times as they would like until the end of the quarter and if they are unable to pass with 100%, I will enter the grade they earn on their third attempt.
- **Written assessments:** these will be given to show knowledge of music reading, symbols, and terms.
- **To note for all assessments:** You will always be given ample notification and will only be tested on concepts that have been covered in class. If you are practicing regularly, you will not have a problem with any of the tests.



PRACTICE (22% of overall grade)

Home practice is a critical element of playing an instrument! Students will complete weekly practice assignments and then submit electronically at the end of each week (via the band website under the 'Practice Assignments' page). Each assignment will have a set amount of goals to complete and students may complete more than the required amount to earn extra credit. Students should set aside about 75 minutes/week for practice and are encouraged to divide this time up evenly throughout the week (three 25-minute practices would be perfect). This means they will need to take their instrument home regularly (they may also practice in the band room after school or at lunch if arranged ahead of time). Late work is graded at 80% after the due date and will be accepted for one week after the due date. They may also do extra practice to earn extra credit each week!

CLASS PERFORMANCE (30% of overall grade)

Student performance in class is graded according to preparedness and active participation in class. Students can earn 20 points per class session. To be considered prepared for band; they need to bring the following items to every band class:

+Instrument: 10 points, +Band Book: 3 points, +Planner, pencil, practice log, additional music sheets, instrument accessories (reeds, oil, etc.): 1 point each. Participation points will also be subtracted if students are off task or late to class.

ABSENCE MAKE-UP WORK POLICY: If a student is absent, they can earn the missed Class Performance grade by doing 15 minutes of make-up practice and then emailing me after they complete the practice (telling me what they worked on). They are also welcome to come into the band room at lunch or after school to complete this practice. They will have until the end of the quarter to earn the missing grade.

CONCERT ATTENDANCE (15% of overall grade)

We will have several concerts during the year. **Your attendance at these events is mandatory and a major part of your grade.** If you must miss a concert, please submit a signed parent note with a valid excuse to your band teacher either: two weeks before the concert for pre-arranged absences or within one week after the concert for unexpected absences (*sickness, family emergencies, etc.*). An alternate assignment will be given for excused absences. If you can avoid scheduling elective surgeries/procedures before concerts (*especially dental*), please do! See the band calendar on the band webpage so you can ensure your attendance at all concerts this year.

CITIZENSHIP (Behavior/Work Ethic)

My rules for citizenship are basic manners that I hope students have acquired before this class:

- ✓ **Be respectful to teacher and fellow classmates**
- ✓ **Do not talk or play out of turn**
- ✓ **Enter and leave classroom quietly and orderly**
- ✓ **Employ all the elements of STRIKE!! (our school positive behavior system)**

DISCIPLINE PLAN: I will follow the discipline plan that is described in your student planner.



Intermediate & Advanced Band Supplies

Every student is responsible for purchasing or providing the following supplies by **August 25th, 2023**:



- 1) **Instrument** – Flute, Oboe*, Bassoon*, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto/Tenor/Baritone Sax, Trumpet, French Horn*, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba or Percussion
- 2) **Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician– Book 1** (for Intermediate Band) or **Book 2** (for Advanced Band) These books are included with your class fee!
- 3) **Portable Music Stand** with cover (optional- for practice at home)
- 4) **Pencil** (keep a pencil in your instrument case, we will use them daily!)
- 5) **Pocket Folder** (I will give these out - used to hold book, theory worksheets, and additional sheet music)
- 6) **Accessories** for individual instrument:

Flute -Cleaning rod (normally included with instrument) -Swab for rod (any rectangular piece of cotton is fine) -Polishing cloth	Double Reeds/Clarinet/Bass Clarinet/ Saxophones -Reeds: 1 box of 2.5 strength Vandoren or 3 strength Rico Royal -Cleaning Swab (Bass Cl & Bari Sax- swab included with rental) -Cork Grease -Neck Strap & polishing cloth (sax only)	Trumpet/French Horn/ Baritone/Tuba -Valve Oil (Rotor oil for horn) -Slide Grease -Polishing Cloth	Percussion Must pay a fee of \$50. This includes instrument use, a percussion kit (with music stand) and one pair of drumsticks.
		Trombone -Slide Cream/Oil -Water Spray Bottle -Polishing Cloth	

Band Uniform

We will wear our uniform at all concerts and events. The uniform includes:

- Your band polo shirt OR t-shirt (*depending on the event, you need both shirts*)
- Solid black pants (*dress pants preferred, but nice solid dark black jeans would be acceptable*)
- Solid black shoes, socks and belt (If you can't get shoes, you can just wear black socks. Belt not required if not needed.)



Band Instrument Rental/Purchase Procedures 2023-2024

Rental/Purchase Options:

- **Rent-to-own from a local music store** (or online). Approximate Prices: \$30-45/month for flute, clarinet, trumpet and trombone. Saxes and larger instrument are around \$50-80/month. (*Some pricing can be found on the band website*)
- **Purchase from a local music store or online** (*do not recommend this option for beginners*). If you are going to purchase, Mr. Barthel is happy to give input about instrument quality and price. Just email the link to the instrument. Remember- you get what you pay for!
- **Rent instrument from the school** for \$50 for the school year (*Limited inventory- reserved first for those on the Free & Reduced Lunch list per district policy*).

Rental Procedures:

- **From Music Stores:** Families review prices from different stores (some store rental rates and info can be found on the Depoali Band website) and then go in to rent/buy.
- **For School instruments:** Parents who are in need of a school instrument will indicate this on the [Band Registration Form](#). If more instruments are requested than are available, the list of those in need will be given to our Principal to check Free & Reduced Lunch eligibility. If the student qualifies and an instrument is available, Mr. Barthel will then send home a rental contract. Students will not receive school instruments until Mr. Barthel has received the rental contract and payment. Qualifying students still pay the \$50 rental fee.
- **If you are not in financial need of a school instrument but would like to use one if they are available after those in need are taken care of,** please indicate that on the form as well.
- **The following instruments will be provided by the school and do not need to be purchased or rented from a store:** oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, horn, baritone/euphonium, tuba, percussion.

Depoali 7th/8th Grade Band - Required Events Calendar**

See band website for full calendar

Events listed below are required as labeled for your group(s) unless marked otherwise

8/17/23 (Thurs)	Disney Trip Info Meeting (for 8 th graders)	After Back to School Night (7:45pm)	Depoali MS – Cafeteria
8/24/23 (Thurs)	Flute Boot Camp (optional)	2:00-5:00pm	Depoali MS
8/28/23 (Mon)	Trombone/Baritone Boot Camp (optional)	2:00-5:00pm	Depoali MS
8/29/23 (Tues)	Clarinet Boot Camp (optional)	2:00-5:00pm	Depoali MS
8/31/22 (Thurs)	Trumpet Boot Camp (optional)	2:00-5:00pm	Depoali MS
9/14/23 (Thurs)	Depoali Music Night Fundraiser at Ace's Baseball (optional)	TBA (evening)	Ace's Ballpark
9/21/23 (Thurs)	Intermediate Band After School Rehearsal	2:00-4:00pm	Depoali MS
9/28/23 (Thurs)	Fall Concerts – All Bands	Evening (see website)	Depoali MS – GYM
10/24/23 (Tues)	Adv Band visits Damonte Ranch HS Band Practice	5-7pm (tentative)	Damonte Ranch HS
12/08/23 (Fri)	Intermediate Band After School Rehearsal	2:00-4:00pm	Depoali MS
12/13/23 (Wed)	Winter Concerts – All Bands	Evening (see website)	Depoali MS – GYM
1/18/24 (Thurs)	After School Jazz Band Rehearsal	2:00-5:00pm	Depoali MS
Jan 26-27 (Fri/Sat)	Folsom Jazz Festival Trip (overnight!)	Friday 3:00pm – Saturday at 8:00pm	Meet at Depoali MS
02/10/24 (Sat)	Jazz Band Field Trip to UNR 'Jazz in the Schools'	8:00am-2:00pm	Meet at Depoali
03/13/24 (Wed)	Zone Concert – All Bands except Jazz	6:00pm (5:30pm arrival)	Damonte Ranch HS – GYM
March 15 (Fri)	Intermediate Band Trip to UNR/Wild Island	11:30am-4:30pm	Bus to UNR/Wild Island
March 20-21	WCSD Band Festival Trip (Intermediate & Advanced)	TBA	Hug High School
May 1-4, 2024	8 th Grade Disney Trip (optional)	Depart 5/1 at 12pm, Return 5/4 at 6pm	Meet at Depoali
5/16/24 (Thurs)	Jazz Band Spring Concert	6:00-7:30pm	Depoali MS - Amphitheater
5/20/24 (Mon)	Intermediate Band After School Rehearsal	2:00-4:00pm	Depoali MS
5/23/24 (Thurs)	Spring Concerts – All Bands Except Jazz	Evening (see website)	Depoali MS – GYM

**Events may be added, changed, or cancelled. Advance notice will be given for any changes.

YOUR 7th/8th Grade BAND "TO DO LIST"

- 1) **Read the Band Handbook**
- 2) **Complete the [Band Registration Form](#) by Friday, August 18.** This form includes:
 - a. *Band Class Agreement* (to complete after reading the Handbook)
 - b. *Needed student information* (shirt size, etc)
 - c. *School Instrument Rental Request Form* (for those wanting to rent an instrument from the school)
- 3) **Order the needed supplies for your child's instrument.** You can buy these through the band using the [Supply Order Form](#) (cheaper & easier!). This can be brought in with check or cash to school starting Tuesday, Aug 15. You can also see the supply list in the Band Handbook and order the supplies yourself from a local or online vendor.
- 4) **Set your Infinite Campus Message Settings to push teacher messages to email.** Most teachers use Infinite Campus as the primary means of communication with families. Instructions for this can be found at the bottom of the home page of the Band Website.

7th/8th Grade Band Fees & Supply Order

The main office collects all fees. You pay your band fee on the full school-wide fee form (most families pay this during Depoali Days the first week of August). This fee pays for your band shirt, band book, and band coaches. To order supplies, [print and complete the form from the band website](#) (sample below) and then bring to Mr. Barthel before turning it in to the main office with payment. Keep your receipt as proof of purchase (Mr. B will have copies to send home as well). You do not need to purchase your supplies through the band, but if you buy them online or in a store, please make sure to buy according to the details listed in this handbook. ***Band fees & supply orders are due by Friday, August 25th.***

2023-24 Depoali MS Band

Intermediate/Advanced Band Fee Payment & Supply Order Form

First & Last Name: _____ Instrument: _____

Band Class Period(s) - circle all that apply: 1st - Advanced / 2nd - Intermediate / 3rd - Intermediate / 4th - Jazz

Please check the items you are paying for:

Band Fees (required for all students - select for the class(es) you are in - you probably paid this at Depoali Days in early August)

_____ \$45 Intermediate Band Fee (includes band book and polo shirt)

_____ \$35 Advanced Band Fee (includes band book)

_____ \$20 Jazz Band Fee (includes jazz band book)

Instrument Rental (only pay this after you have been emailed a rental contract)

_____ \$25 half payment (the second payment of \$25 will be due by October 12th)

_____ \$50 full payment

_____ \$_____ (other payment amount as discussed with Mr. Barthel)

Band Supplies (you don't have to buy these through the school, this is offered as a convenience)

_____ \$3 Cork/Side grease (for clarinets, saxophones, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone, tuba)

_____ \$14 Folding Music Stand

_____ \$5 Polishing Cloth (for all instruments except percussion)

_____ \$15 Reed: 7th/8th Bassoon - 1 reed

_____ \$10 Reed: 7th/8th Oboe - 1 reed

_____ \$25 Reeds: 7th/8th Clarinet - 10 reeds

_____ \$33 Reeds: 7th/8th Bass Clarinet - 10 reeds

_____ \$33 Reeds: 7th/8th Alto Sax & Tenor Sax - 10 reeds

_____ \$33 Reeds: 7th/8th Bari Sax - 5 reeds

_____ \$6 Swab: Alto Sax

_____ \$6 Swab: Bass Clarinet/Tenor Sax

_____ \$4 Swab: Flute/Clarinet

_____ \$12 Swab: Oboe/Bassoon

_____ \$8 Trombone - slide cream & spray bottle

_____ \$4 Valve Oil (for trumpet, horn, baritone, tuba)

_____ \$7 Band T-Shirt (if you need a replacement shirt - this is the same as the 6th grade shirt & we use it for 7/8 too)

_____ \$20 Band Polo Shirt (if you need a replacement shirt - this is included in the Intermediate Band Fee)

Other

\$_____

Total \$_____ Total Amount Paid (check # _____ or Cash) Make checks to: Depoali MS Date: _____

Please contact Mr. Barthel with any questions: dbarthel@washoeschools.net