

# DEPOALI MIDDLE SCHOOL – INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED BAND

## 2024-2025 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](http://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 can 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/Self assessments:** these will be given to show knowledge of music reading, symbols, terms, and to analyze self-progress.
- **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. After that time, no credit will be given.

### **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 in the band room at lunch or after school. They will have until a designated date near 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 the Depoali student planner.



## Intermediate & Advanced Band Supplies



Every student is responsible for purchasing or providing the following supplies by **August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**:

- 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 **Essential Elements 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:

<b>Flute</b> -Cleaning rod (normally included with instrument) -Swab for rod (any rectangular piece of cotton is fine) -Polishing cloth	<b>Double Reeds/Clarinet/Bass Clarinet/Saxophones</b> -Reeds: 1 box of 2.5 strength Vandoren or 3 strength Rico Royal -Cleaning Swab -Cork Grease -Neck Strap & polishing cloth (sax only) -Polishing Cloth
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<b>Trumpet/French Horn/ Baritone/Tuba</b> -Valve Oil (Rotor oil for horn) -Slide Grease -Polishing Cloth	<b>Trombone</b> -Slide Cream/Oil -Water Spray Bottle -Polishing Cloth	<b>Percussion</b> Must pay a fee of \$50. This includes instrument use, a percussion kit (with music stand), one pair of drumsticks, and contributes to shared materials.
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### 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 are 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 2024-2025

#### 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*).
- **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.

#### 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 email out 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.

### Depoali 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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*

Date	Event	Time	Location	Groups involved
Thurs, August 15, 2024	8th Grade Disney Trip Info Meeting	7:00pm (optional)	Depoali Cafeteria	8th Grade
Thurs, August 22, 2024	6th Grade Flute Boot Camp	2-5pm (optional)	Depoali Band Room	All flute players!
Monday, August 26, 2024	6th Grade Clarinet Boot Camp	2-5pm (optional)	Depoali Band Room	All clarinet players!
Tuesday, August 27, 2024	6th Grade Low Brass Boot Camp	2-5pm (optional)	Depoali Band Room	All low brass players!
Thurs, August 29, 2024	6th Grade Trumpet Boot Camp	2-5pm (optional)	Depoali Band Room	All trumpet players!
Thurs, Sept 19, 2024	ACES game Music Dept. fundraiser	6:35-9:45pm (optional)	Greater Nevada Field	Open to all
Tues, Sept 24, 2024	Intermediate Band After School Rehearsal	2-4pm	Depoali Band Room	Intermediate Band
Wed, October 2, 2024	Fall Band Concerts	Evening (see website)	Depoali Gym	All Band Students
Tues, October 22, 2024	Advanced Band visits Damonte Marching Band	6-8pm	Damonte Ranch Stadium	Advanced Band
Thurs, Nov 21, 2024	WCSD MS Honor Band Auditions	3:30-5:30pm (optional)	Mendive MS	7th & 8th grade
Friday, December 6, 2024	Intermediate Band After School Rehearsal	2-4pm	Depoali Band Room	Intermediate Band
Wed, December 11, 2024	Band Winter Concerts (7th/8th grade)	Evening (see website)	Depoali Gym	All Bands
Fri/Sat, Jan 24-25, 2025	Jazz Band Trip to Folsom Jazz Festival	3pm on Friday - 8pm on Saturday	Leave from Depoali	Jazz Band
Jan 30 - Feb 1, 2025	NMEA All-State Band (Vegas)	All Day (optional)	Las Vegas	7th/8th grade
Sat, February 8, 2025	UNR Jazz in the Schools Day	9am-4pm	Trip to UNR	Jazz Band
Monday, March 3, 2025	Intermediate Band After School Rehearsal	2-4pm	Depoali Band Room	Intermediate Band
Wed, March 5, 2025	Band Zone Concert	6:00-7:15pm	Damonte Ranch HS Gym	All bands except Jazz
Monday, April 21, 2025	Disney Chaperone Meeting	6:30-7:30pm	Depoali Band Room	Trip Chaperones
Tuesday, April 29, 2025	Disney Trip Full Group Meeting	6:30-7:30pm	Depoali Cafeteria	Disney students/families
April 30, May 1-2, 2025	8th Grade Disney Trip	Wed 11:45am - Sat 6:00pm	Depart from Depoali	Disney students
Friday, May 9, 2025	Band UNR Clinic & Trip to Coconut Bowl	9:00am-1:30pm	UNR/Coconut Bowl	Intermediate Band
Wed, May 14, 2025	Jazz Band Spring Concert with Damonte	6:00-8:00pm	Depoali Amphitheater	Jazz Band
Thursday, May 15, 2025	Intermediate Band After School Rehearsal	2-4:30pm	Depoali Band Room	Intermediate Band
May 20-21, 2025	WCSD Band Festival	TBA (School Day or after school)	Trip to UNR	Intermediate, Advanced
Thursday, May 22, 2025	Spring Band Concerts	Evening (see website)	Depoali Gym	All bands except Jazz

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

## YOUR 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade BAND "TO DO LIST"

- 1) **Read the Band Handbook**
- 2) **Complete the [Band Registration Form](#) by Friday, August 16.** 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 13. 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.

## 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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 on July 30/31). 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 -Mr. B will have copies to send home as well if needed) and then bring to Mr. Barthel before turning it in to the main office with payment. Keep your receipt as proof of purchase. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

2024-25 Depoali MS Band	
Intermediate/Advanced Band Fee Payment & Supply Order Form	
First & Last Name: _____	Instrument: _____
Band Class Period(s) - circle all that apply: 1 <sup>st</sup> - Advanced / 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Intermediate / 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Intermediate / 4 <sup>th</sup> - 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 late July)	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Intermediate Band Fee (includes band book and polo shirt)	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Advanced Band Fee (includes band book)	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Jazz Band Fee (includes jazz band book)	
Instrument Rental (only pay this after you have been emailed a rental contract)	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 half payment (the second payment of \$25 will be due by October 18 <sup>th</sup> )	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 full payment	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ (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)	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Cork/Side grease (for clarinets, saxophones, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone, tuba)	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Folding Music Stand	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Polishing Cloth (for all instruments except percussion)	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Reed: 7th/8th Bassoon - 1 reed	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Reed: 7th/8th Oboe - 1 reed	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Reeds: 7th/8th Clarinet - 10 reeds	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$33 Reeds: 7th/8th Bass Clarinet - 10 reeds	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$37 Reeds: 7th/8th Alto Sax & Tenor Sax - 10 reeds	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$21 Reeds: 7th/8th Bari Sax - 5 reeds	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Swab: Alto Sax	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$6 Swab: Bass Clarinet/Tenor Sax	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$4 Swab: Flute/Clarinet	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Swab: Oboe/Bassoon	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$6 Trombone - slide cream & spray bottle	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$3 Valve Oil/Side Oil (for trumpet, horn, baritone, tuba)	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$7 Band T-Shirt (if you need a replacement shirt - this is the same as the 6 <sup>th</sup> grade shirt & we use it for 7/8 too)	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$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: <a href="mailto:dbarthel@washoeschools.net">dbarthel@washoeschools.net</a>	