

# DEPOALI MIDDLE SCHOOL - INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED BAND

## 2021-2022 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 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 several 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 80 minutes/week for practice and are encouraged to divide this time up evenly throughout the week (four 20-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.

### **CLASS PERFORMANCE** (30% of overall grade)

Your performance in class is graded according to your preparedness and active participation in class. You can earn 20 points per class session. To be considered prepared for band; you 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 you are off task or disrupting the class.

**ABSENCE MAKE-UP WORK POLICY:** If a student misses class they can earn the missed Class Performance grade by recording themselves playing the indicated music from the day they missed (I'll list this on the band website and in Infinite Campus). If they are unable to record they can also arrange to play for me at lunch or after school. Students have the amount of days absent plus one to complete the make-up work and have the absence cleared (per WCSD policy). 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 really basic manners that I hope you 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 providing the following supplies by **August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**:

- 1) **Instrument** - Flute, Oboe\*, Bassoon\*, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto/Tenor/Baritone Sax, Trumpet, French Horn\*, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba or Percussion\*  
(\* = by special permission only)
- 2) **Essential Elements- Book 1** (for Intermediate Band) or **Book 2** (for Advanced Band) **This book is 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:

<p><b>Flute</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Cleaning rod (normally included with instrument)</li> <li>-Swab for rod (any rectangular piece of cotton is fine)</li> <li>-Polishing cloth</li> </ul>	<p><b>Double Reeds/Clarinet/Bass Clarinet/Saxophones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Reeds: 1 box of 2.5 strength Vandoren or 3 strength Rico Royal</li> <li>-Cleaning Swab (Bass Cl &amp; Bari Sax- swab included with rental)</li> <li>-Cork Grease</li> <li>-Neck Strap &amp; polishing cloth (sax only)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Trumpet/French Horn/ Baritone/Tuba</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Valve Oil (Rotor oil for horn)</li> <li>-Slide Grease</li> <li>-Polishing Cloth</li> </ul>	<p><b>Percussion</b></p> <p>Must pay a fee of \$50. This includes instrument use, a percussion kit (with music stand) and one pair of drum sticks</p>
		<p><b>Trombone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Slide Cream/Oil</li> <li>-Water Spray</li> <li>Bottle</li> <li>-Polishing Cloth</li> </ul>	

### 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)
- Solid black pants (dress pants preferred, but nice solid dark black jeans would be acceptable)
- Solid black shoes, socks and belt (belt not required if not needed)



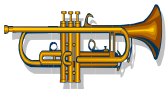
### Band Instrument Rental/Purchase Procedures 2021-2022

#### 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. 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 webpage, info below) and then go in to rent/buy.
- **For School instruments:** Parents who are in need of a school instrument submit a School Rental Application (the rental application is included in the Band Registration Form which is posted on the band website - [www.washoeschools.net/dbarthel](http://www.washoeschools.net/dbarthel)). The list of those in need is then 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 contract and payment. Qualifying students still pay the \$50 rental fee.
  - If you don't need a school instrument, but would like to use one if Mr. Barthel has any left over after those in need have checked theirs out, please complete the form below 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 unless marked otherwise

8/19/21 (Thurs)	Flute Boot Camp (optional)	2:00-5:00pm	Depoali MS
8/19/21 (Thurs)	Disney Trip Info Meeting (tentative & optional)	After Back to School Night (7:45pm)	Depoali MS – Cafeteria
8/30/21 (Friday)	Trombone/Baritone Boot Camp (optional)	2:00-5:00pm	Depoali MS
8/23/21 (Mon)	Clarinet Boot Camp (optional)	2:00-5:00pm	Depoali MS
8/26/21 (Thurs)	Trumpet Boot Camp (optional)	2:00-5:00pm	Depoali MS
9/29/21 (Wed)	Fall Concerts – All Bands	Evening (see website)	Depoali MS – GYM
10/15/21 (Fri)	Advanced Band Plays at Damonte Football Game	3:00-10:30pm	Damonte Ranch HS
12/07/21 (Tues)	Intermediate Band After School Rehearsal	2:00-4:00pm	Depoali MS
12/08/21 (Wed)	Winter Concerts – All Bands except 6th	Evening (see website)	Depoali MS – GYM
02/12/22 (Sat)	Jazz Band Field Trip to UNR ‘Jazz in the Schools’	8am-4pm	Meet at Depoali
03/08/22 (Tues)	Zone Concert – All Bands except Jazz	6:00pm (5:30pm arrival)	Damonte Ranch HS - GYM
04/30/22 (Sat)	Jazz Band Trip to UNR Jazz Festival	8am-4pm	Meet at Depoali
May 4-7, 2022	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Disney Trip (optional)	Depart 5/4 at 1pm, Return 5/7 at 6pm	Meet at Depoali
5/12/22 (Thurs)	Jazz Band Spring Concert (with Damonte!)	6:00pm	Depoali MS - Amphitheater
5/17/22 (Tues)	Intermediate Band After School Rehearsal	2:00-4:30pm	Depoali MS
5/18/22 (Wed)	Spring Concerts – Intermediate & Advanced Band	Evening (see website)	Depoali MS – GYM
May 19/20	WCSD Band Festival - Intermediate & Advanced Band	TBA (hopefully during school day)	Depart from Depoali

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

## 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 the week before school). 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 Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.*

2021-22 Depoali MS Band  
**Intermediate/Advanced Band Fee Payment & Supply Order Form**

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Class Period(s) - circle all that apply: 0 - Jazz / 1<sup>st</sup> - Intermediate / 3<sup>rd</sup> - Advanced / 4<sup>th</sup> - Intermediate

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Please check the items you are paying for:

**Band Fees** (required for all students – select for the class(es) you are in)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Intermediate Band Fee (includes band book and shirt)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Advanced Band Fee (includes band book and shirt)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 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 2<sup>nd</sup>)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$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)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$2 Cork/Side grease (for clarinets, saxophones, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone, tuba)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$12 Folding Music Stand

\_\_\_\_\_ \$4 Polishing Cloth (for all instruments except percussion)

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$22 Reeds: 7th/8th Clarinet - 10 reeds

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Reeds: 7th/8th Bass Clarinet - 10 reeds

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Reeds: 7th/8th Alto Sax & Tenor Sax - 10 reeds

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Reeds: 7th/8th Bari Sax - 5 reeds

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 Swab: Alto Sax

\_\_\_\_\_ \$6 Swab: Bass Clarinet/Tenor Sax

\_\_\_\_\_ \$3 Swab: Flute/Clarinet

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Swab: Oboe/Bassoon

\_\_\_\_\_ \$7 Trombone - slide cream, oil & spray bottle

\_\_\_\_\_ \$3 Valve Oil (for trumpet, horn, baritone, tuba)

**Other**

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Total \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Paid (Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash) Make checks to: Depoali MS

Please contact Mr. Barthel with any questions: [dbarthel@wvshschoools.net](mailto:dbarthel@wvshschoools.net)

## 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 13.** 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 10. You can also see the supply list in the Band Handbook and order the supplies yourself from a local or online vendor.
- 4) **Complete & turn in the WCSD Travel Waiver** (last 2 pages of the handbook). Due by Friday, August 13.



Please read and complete the form below. The dates of all band trips and events that this form refers to are listed at the bottom of this page. These are all of the possible trips for your child this school year as of now. Any added trips/events will be listed on the Depoali Band website ([www.washoeschools.net/dbarthel](http://www.washoeschools.net/dbarthel)).



Administrative Form 5307  
**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY & ATHLETIC TRAVEL  
 WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I hereby acknowledge that I am the lawful parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ ("child/ward"), who will be participating in a variety of Washoe County School District extra-curricular activities and athletic events and competitions during the \_\_\_\_\_ 2021-2022 \_\_\_\_\_ school year, as further detailed in the attached proposed schedule. For any non-scheduled and non-NIAA sanctioned sporting events, I understand I will receive advance notice of each activity, along with the mode of transportation to/from the activity, and will be given an opportunity to decline my child's participation in said activity.

I hereby expressly relieve, indemnify, save, hold harmless, and agree to defend the Washoe County School District, its Board of Trustees, and all its volunteers, agents or employees thereof from and against any and all liability or claims arising from injury or damage, including property loss or damage, suffered or incurred by my child/ward as a result of the acts, omissions, or conduct of any person, including an employee, trustee, volunteer and/or agent of the Washoe County School District and assume all risk associated with participating in the athletic events.

I understand that travel to and from the athletic events can involve risk of injury including but not limited to neck and spinal injuries, and injury to bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, and tendons. I also certify that my child/ward has no ailment or organic defect that would make participation in the sporting activity dangerous to his/her health.

I further agree to assume the responsibility of seeing that my child/ward cooperates and conforms to the fullest extent with the directions and instructions of the individual(s) supervising my child/ward.

I understand it is my responsibility to carry and maintain medical insurance for my child/ward. In the case of an emergency and the parent/guardian cannot be reached, I hereby authorize the Washoe County School District or any of its employees, agents, representatives, instructors, coaches, or volunteers to obtain whatever medical treatment they deem necessary for the welfare of my child/ward. I further understand and agree that I will be financially responsible for all charges/fees incurred in the rendering of said treatment even if such charges/fees are not covered by medical insurance.

I acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand all of the above, and I hereby consent and give permission for my child/ward to participate in the athletic events described in the attached schedule of events.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date	Event	Times	Location	Transportation
10/15/21	Advanced Band Plays at Damonte Football Game	3:00-10:30pm	Damonte Ranch HS	Parent drop-off
02/12/22	Jazz Band Field Trip to UNR 'Jazz in the Schools'	8am-4pm	Meet at Depoali	School Bus
04/30/22	Jazz Band Field Trip to UNR Jazz Festival	8am-4pm	Meet at Depoali	School Bus
05/04-07/22	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Disney Trip (optional)	Depart 5/4 at 1pm, Return 5/7 at 6pm	Meet at Depoali	Tour Bus
05/19-20/22	WCSD Band Festival - Intermediate & Advanced Band	TBA (hopefully during school day)	Depart from Depoali	School Bus

**Please complete the form below.** This will be kept in a secured location and will be used for band field trips and events this year.

Administrative Form 5308  
Student Travel Permission Form and Waiver of Liability/Assumption of Risk  
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Student Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nick Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Female  Male

**Medical Treatment Information for Medical Treatment**

Allergies to Medications:	_____
Allergies (Other):	_____
Conditions for which the child is currently receiving treatment:	_____
Other significant medical information:	_____

I acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand all of the above, and I hereby consent and give permission for my child/ward to participate in this activity.

I hereby **consent** to allow my child/ward (name), \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in this field/activity trip and I acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand the above.

**OR**

I hereby **decline** to allow my child/ward (name), \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in this field/activity trip.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature