



SOJO Band Information

Welcome to BAND!!! The purpose of this class is to help you to...

Love music
Perform
Have FUN with friends!

Like “South Jordan Middle School Band” on Facebook for schedule/due date alerts.

Grading:

- 60% Assignments
- 20% Concerts and additional rehearsals
- 10% Extra Playing Time
- 10% Class participation/preparedness

Assignments 60%

Daily playing assignments are given each day in class to have ready for the next day. Most students choose to take their instrument home at night in order to be prepared the next day.

Concerts/Rehearsals 20%

For the group to sound its best, **every** student needs to be present for performances. If someone has to be absent only a portion of the points may be made up. Please refer to the Band Grading System for acceptable absences and for make-up work requirements. Concerts are “dress-up” occasions. (The school dress code applies.) Boys: dress shirt, dress pants, tie, and dress shoes. Girls: dress or skirt and a blouse with dress shoes. No flip-flops, very short skirts/dresses! The way students in the ensemble dress reflects the pride in this group and school. If there are any problems with the dress code please see Miss Johnson well in advance of the concert. In order to receive full credit, students should plan to stay for the entire performance/rehearsal (usually 1 hour). The entire family is welcome at band concerts. **They are very FUN!!**

Schedule of performances:

See “Performance schedule” sheet.

Extra Playing Time 10%

Students receive credit toward their band grade every time they play their instrument outside of class time. Musicians call it **PRACTICE**. Students will keep a written record of this time. This is done on your Band Achievement Record and will also be turned in weekly - forms are due each Tuesday and found on the website. The amount of encouraged time will be determined by each class for each quarter.

Participation 10%

Winds ... musical instrument and appropriate required supplies (reeds, valve oil, slide/cork grease, etc.) are expected in class each day and should be taken home for practice. **Supplies are available for purchase at school.**

Beginning percussionists ... bell kits. (Bells, appropriate mallets, practice pad, sticks (SD-1s or equivalent).) In addition percussionists need to have the following mallets:
2nd-year percussionists – Medium Hard Marimba Yarn Mallets (Innovative IP240 or Yamaha ME-202 recommended)

3rd-year percussionists – Medium Hard Marimba Yarn Mallets (IP240/ME-202) AND General Timpani Mallets (Michael Baker Series 1 recommended – you can buy them through the school for \$20).

Sharpened pencil ... it is important to write on sheet music in pencil.

Metronome ... pocket sized, or can be a free app for phone or ipod (required for beginning percussion, optional for everyone else)

Books:

Beginning Band:

Standard of Excellence books 1 and 2 by Bruce Pearson

Beginning Percussion:

A Fresh Approach to Mallet Percussion by Mark Wessels
Alfred's Drum Method Book 1

Concert Band:

Accent on Achievement books 1 and 2 by O'Reilly/Williams
Winning Rhythms by Edward L. Ayola (provided by the school)

Symphonic Band:

Accent on Achievement book 2 by O'Reilly/Williams
Scale Etudes by McLeod/Staska
Foundations for Superior Performance, by Williams & King (provided by the school)

Please buy the book that is specific to your instrument. NOTE: additional books may be required later on in the year.

Extra Credit

Sometimes there will be an opportunity to exceed the expectations of a certain exercise and earn extra credit.

Citizenship Grades:

See South Jordan's Citizenship Guidelines in the school-wide Disclosure Statement (1. School-wide Rules / Citizenship Guidelines).

Setting an example in following the rules and **never** being tardy earns an "H".

Consistently following classroom and school rules earns an "S".

Needing to be reminded that your behavior is inappropriate and/or receiving three tardies earns an "N".

Needing to be constantly reminded of inappropriate behavior and/or receiving four tardies earns a "U". .

School Instrument Use

It is Jordan District Policy that all students who use a school/district-owned instrument will be charged an \$80.00 usage/rental fee for the school year. (This includes percussion - \$80 for 2nd and 3rd year percussionists, \$50 for 1st year percussionists.) Students using school instruments are required to purchase the appropriate reeds, valve oil, slide grease, trombone slide oil, mallets, and sticks in order to play and take care of the school-owned instruments. To ease the expense of school registration at the beginning of the school year, this fee will not be due until October 1st.

Field Trips/Festivals/Assemblies:

Only students with a C or better grade in all their classes and an S or H for citizenships may attend. These are rewards for good behavior and class habits.

All of this information can be found on Miss Johnson's website: <https://sites.google.com/jordandistrict.org/sojobands/>

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