

Albeniz Middle School

Mr. Borrayo

7th & 8th Grade Band

2024-2025

Course Syllabus and Guidelines:

Welcome to 7th/8th Grade Band!

It is my pleasure to be your band teacher for this coming year, and I am looking forward to a delightful, productive and successful school year. Attached below is a breakdown of course expectations, guidelines, and everything you need to know for your first day in band. I'm quite excited to meet each and every new student, and get reacquainted with those I already know! Please read the following contract in its entirety and *have your parents/guardians fill out the Syllabus Agreement Form by no later than Friday, September 6th*. This will count as your first grade for the term!

Materials:

- Instrument- To be brought in class on Monday, September 9th.
(Note- Only the following instruments will be rented out through the district: oboes, bassoons, tenor saxophones, bass clarinets, french horns, baritones, and tubas. Rental contracts must be signed and returned to Mr. Borrayo no later than Friday, September 6th)
- Classroom Supplies- Reeds, Mouthpiece, Valve Oil, Cork Grease, Combination Lock (Note- No keyed locks are allowed on lockers), Pencils, Cleaning Rods/Swabs (woodwinds only).
- 2" Black Three Ring Binder with 4 dividers - The dividers are to be labeled as follows:
 1. Course Documents
 2. Fingering Charts (rudiments for percussion)
 3. Warm ups
 4. Repertoire
- The following list is for percussion students only:
 1. Snare Drum Pad
 2. Vic Firth EP2 Intermediate Education Pack or equivalent (Note- If a student chooses to purchase an alternative please discuss this change with Mr. Borrayo prior to purchase)
 3. Instrument Tag- To be labeled with the students first and last name and attached to the stick bag

Classroom Expectations:

- Treat everyone with respect.
- Be on time, and ready to participate at the downbeat.
- No hoods, hats, or cellphones are permitted in the classroom.

- All class materials (including a pencil) must be brought to class every day.
- All students are responsible for locking up their instruments in their respective locker daily.
- Students are responsible for providing all necessary supplies for their instruments.
- Food and drinks are not permitted in the band room with the only exception being water.

Classroom Participation: A weekly participation grade is given to all students and serves as a check for both the students and parent/guardian. To receive full credit students should follow the above listed classroom expectations.

Lesson Participation: All band students are required to attend one group lesson per week. Lesson groups are assigned at the discretion of the teacher and lesson schedules will be distributed to each student in class. Missed lessons will be entered in the grade book as a zero until the student attends a make up lesson or extra help to receive the points back. Lessons should only be missed for labs/exams/presentations. If a student must miss a lesson for any reason this should be communicated to Mr. Borrayo prior to the absence.

Grading Policy:

Percentage of Grade:	Category:
50% +	Assessments
30% +	Assignments
20% +	Participation and Engagement
= 100% 😊	

Important Dates:

Winter Concert- 12/9

Spring Concert- 5/16

Concert Attendance: As per department/district policy concert performances are a mandatory course requirement. Students and parents/guardians are made aware of the dates at the beginning of the school year, the performances are required and graded.

Remind Class Code: 7Edmq89

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