

R. J. Grey JHS Band

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Expectations:

Grey Block Rehearsals: To participate fully and productively in band a student must arrive prepared. Please be sure to bring your well-oiled and maintained instrument to class each rehearsal. Be sure to keep your music in your folder and have it with you in each class. Be sure to **BRING A PENCIL** to each class to mark the music as we rehearse it. This will enable us to work productively together each day!

Practice: Playing a musical instrument is hard work. Though I do not expect students to practice two hours every day, I do expect that they will commit some effort to practice of their instrument. 15-20 minutes every other day, not including set-up or breakdown of instrument, would go a long way in helping a student to learn to play their instrument and music satisfactorily. Doing more than this would be GREAT!

Behavior: We have an opportunity to learn to work together as a team and grow musically together. This requires that each person involved make a commitment to work hard and work cooperatively. Being polite and responsive is key between both peers and teachers. To make this a truly positive experience a good attitude in rehearsal will go a long way to making band fun and productive.

Attendance: Band is a scheduled class and needs to be treated as such. It is not fair to your peers to miss rehearsal because you need to finish a project for another class. So, please make every effort to be at class and to be on time!

Performances: The band's performances are like final exams! We have worked all semester long to attain a strong performance level as a group and need to make our presentation as a group! Please plan ahead and make every effort to attend our performances. If you are absent from a concert, make up work will be assigned.

Events:

RJ Grey Bands Winter Concert: Wed., January 20, 2010, 7:00pm, JHS Auditorium
Snow date: January 21, 2010

RJ Grey Bands Spring Concert: Tue., May 11, 2010, 7:00pm, JHS Auditorium

Memorial Day Parade: Mon. May 31, 2010

Grade 8 Band only: Great East Music Festival, Friday, May 28, 2010 – field trip

School assemblies TBA

Concert Dress:

Used at formal concerts:

Boys: Black Pants, Black Socks, Black Shoes, White Shirt with collar – no tee shirts, Neck Tie. (if black pants are not available – as dark as possible)

Girls: Black Pants or Skirt (knee length minimum), Black Socks w/pants or natural hose w/skirt, Black Shoes, White Shirt with collar – no tee shirts.

Parade Dress: Khaki shorts or pants / white collared shirt / sneakers

Other:

Jr. District: Students interested in auditioning for Jr. District – see Mr. Hickey
Audition information is available at:

www.mmeaeasterndistrict.org/index.htm

Jazz Band: Open to all band members - limits will be placed on rhythm section
(auditions if necessary)

Meets every Tuesday afternoon beginning Tuesday Sept. 29, 2009
between 2:30 - 3:30pm.

Attendance is mandatory each week.

Performances will include winter and spring concerts and possibly
other school and/or community events.

