

Lyons Creek Beginning Band Syllabus

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Course Description:

Students in the beginning band learn and apply basic music terminology, music notation, and music performance skills on a wind or percussion instrument. This includes melody, harmony, rhythm, style, and form, as well as pitch, articulation, dynamic expression, phrasing, and counting. Individual benchmarks for Florida Standards can be found through CPalms.org under Grade 6 Music.

Students complete the Standard of Excellence Band Method Book One as well as sheet music assigned for concert performances. These can be purchased with play-along CD's if the student chooses. There are two required performances that are counted as semester finals. Students unable to perform are given an alternative research/writing assignment related to music. Students who excel can progress faster than others if they choose and can request supplemental music for additional challenges. Students are highly encouraged to seek private instruction to strengthen and broaden their experience.

Band participation and performing is a cooperative effort. Therefore, 15% of a student's grade is a cooperation grade. 70% is based on scores from exercises performed in the band book. Each mistake is worth 5 points and is deducted from a possible 100 score. The remaining 15% is derived from writing assignments, such as work sheets, context reading assignments, written tests, and assignments given by a substitute.

Students are leased a school instrument using the Broward County Rental agreement and payment for the year (\$20) is done on line through lyonscreekmiddle.com. Students learn to properly assemble, play and care for the instrument. They are assigned a locker to safely store the instrument while at school and are responsible for its care at all times. Students may take the instruments home for practice purposes, however bus riders have some limitations. Students can drop the instrument off in their lockers before school and come at 4:00 at the end of the day to take it home.

Behavior expectations are outlined in the band packet sent home at the beginning of the year. Other aspects of the band program are highlighted in the packet as well and many questions regarding band are answered there.

Lyons Creek has an active Band Parent volunteer group.

Please email the director at the address above for any further concerns.