



# Kirtland Middle School Bronco Band



## Expectations:

Band members will observe all procedures set forth by Kirtland Middle School, in addition to the following, as they pertain to the instrumental music setting:

1. Students will come prepared and *on time* to all rehearsals.
2. Students will arrive with **all** necessary items for a successful rehearsal. This includes (but is not limited to) your instrument, mouthpiece, two working reeds, binder, flip folder, and a **pencil**.
3. Gum, food, and drinks are prohibited in the band room. (Water is allowed!)
4. Students will abide by the Kirtland Middle School cell phone policy both during school hours and at after-school rehearsals. Cell phones should not be brought to class. **According to the KMS Handbook...**
  - a. On a first offense, the phone will be turned into the front office and returned to the student at the end of the day.
  - b. On a second offense, the phone will be turned into the front office and will be returned to the student when the parent comes and picks up the phone.
  - c. On a third offense, the phone will be turned into the front office and will be kept until the end of the year.
5. Students will not use or play on equipment that they do not own without the permission from a director. **This includes all school-owned percussion instruments and keyboards.**
6. Students will respect others and the property of others. They will return their equipment to its proper storage area and keep their area clean and neat! This includes percussionists putting all equipment back in the designated areas. Personal instruments must be labeled with a nametag.
7. Students will be prepared to play as an ensemble, as a section, and as an individual on **ALL** music that has been assigned to them.
8. Students will arrive with their best musical attitude and be ready to work!

## Attendance:

Rehearsal attendance is **pivotal** to the success of a band program. If the student has a conflict with an after school rehearsal he/she will need to submit a Band Absence Form (provided in his/her Band Binder and in the bandroom). This form expected to be turned in at least 24 hours before the rehearsal. A written note, e-mail, or remind notification from a parent/guardian will also be accepted. Excused absences are at the discretion of the band director.

In the past many students and parents have found success in carpooling to and from events. Please note that (except for the case of emergencies) “not having a ride” will not be considered a valid excuse. Students should make arrangements with their parents and families prior to an event.



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## **In the case of athletic conflicts...**

- An athletic game will take priority over a band rehearsal (Band Absence Form is still **REQUIRED** to be filled out 24 hours before rehearsal.) You are welcome to submit one form for more than one game!
- A band performance will take priority over an athletic practice.
- In the case of two events of equal priority (i.e. a band rehearsal and an athletic practice **OR** a band performance and an athletic game) attendance will be at the discretion of both Miss Scudders and the coach. Submit the Band Absence Form and Miss Scudders will consult with your coach, and let you know which event you should attend. In most cases you will alternate one day at band and the next day with your team.

Our concerts are a time to show off all of our hard work. It would be a shame to let the entire ensemble down by missing a specific instrument or part. Every part is important to our sound!! If you know that you have another event scheduled during a concert, do your best to submit the Band Absence Form **one week prior** to the concert date. This will give me enough time to change the date if too many students cannot make it. In the case of an emergency (e.g. death in the family, severe illness) provide a form or note as soon you return to school. All concert dates that I have control over are already scheduled and provided at the end of this letter. Please make every effort to clear these dates and let Miss Scudders know of any conflicts **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

As we get close to concert and festival season I may request an additional rehearsal/sectional for various groups (e.g., an after school rehearsal for those invited to district honor band or a sectional for all trumpets). If the event is mandatory, I will provide any information two weeks prior to the date.

Concerts are equivalent to an **EXAM GRADE** in band. Concerts are our culminating projects! ***Make every effort to be in attendance!!***

## **Practicing:**

Students are expected to practice on their own. If you would like to practice in the bandroom before or after school there is a sign-up sheet on Miss Scudders' office door. Please check these hours before you make arrangements to stay after school! Sometimes I have meetings elsewhere and cannot stay to help.

You may also request a one-on-one or small group lesson at any time if you would like extra help! ☺



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## Grades:

- **35% - Preparedness and Participation** → Students will have the opportunity to earn 5 participation points during every rehearsal. Students will lose these points if they do not have all necessary materials, are not engaged in rehearsal, are not putting forth an effort, are tardy, etc.
- **20% - Weekly Roll Call** → Students will perform an individual playing check every week to ensure that they are learning their music and practicing on their own. If you receive a bad grade on a roll call, you may retake it on your own time (before/after school, NOT during class time). If you retake your grade will improve, but you will not change chairs for the week.
- **15% - Written Assignments** → In-class worksheets, concert reviews, binder checks, etc
- **30% - Tests** → Performances, CONCERTS, and the occasional written test

**Extra Credit** - Listening to great instrumentalists makes us better musicians! (And it's always good to support our local bands!) If you attend another instrumental music concert you may turn in a concert program for extra credit.

## Photos:

It is likely that I or others will take photographs of our ensemble at community and school events. **These photographs will be used for educational purposes and to promote student involvement in band.** It is possible that some of these pictures could end up on the Kirtland Bands website <http://kirtlandbands.weebly.com/> or on the Central Consolidated School District website [www.ccsdnm.org](http://www.ccsdnm.org) These photos could also be used on the Kirtland Central Bands Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/KirtlandCentralBands/> or the Kirtland Middle School Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Kirtland-Middle-School-133545407004815/>

**If you have ANY questions or concerns about the upcoming school year please do not hesitate to contact me!**

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(This should remain in your band binder for your reference.)



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## Information Sheet 2017-2018

### Student / Parent Contact Information

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

### Instrument Information

I play \_\_\_\_\_.

Are you using a school owned instrument?      Yes      or      No  
(If yes, you will need to also return the instrument loan agreement form.)

Brand of Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

Comments on instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**All instruments must be labeled with a nametag!**  
**Miss Scrudgers has extras if you need one!**



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**Please read and sign the following statements!**

## **STUDENT STATEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the rules and expectations of the KMS Bronco Band for the 2017-2018 school year, and agree to perform to the best of my ability. I will be responsible for my rehearsals, music, instrument, and overall performance. I understand that my musical progress is contingent on out of school practice time as well as in school rehearsals. I have reviewed the 2017-2018 Band Calendar, and I will abide by all Kirtland Middle School Band attendance policies. I will strive to become the best musician I can be this year, and will take pride in my position as a Kirtland Middle School Bronco Band Student.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **PARENT STATEMENT**

I have read the rules and expectations of the Instrumental Program for the 2017-2018 school year. I understand that my child must practice outside of school and attend rehearsals and concerts as part of his/her grade. I have reviewed the 2017-2018 Band Calendar, and I understand that a “no-show” on a performance will result in my child receiving a zero for that assignment. I understand that my child must submit the Band Absence Form, a written note, or email prior to an event to avoid a “no-show.”

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*DUE BACK TO MISS SCRUDDERS  
BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 18\***

**\*\*\*THIS IS YOUR FIRST WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT IN BAND\*\*\***