**Hamburg Area Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Concert Band Guidelines**

**Goals & Objectives**
Individually and collaboratively, students will be able to:

1. Continually improve instrumental performance ability and musical knowledge by participating in full-ensemble experiences, chamber groups, and solo work.
2. Increase musicianship through sight-reading skills and aural comprehension.
3. Experience and develop an understanding of the standard concert band repertoire.
4. Gain an in-depth understanding of community-awareness through music performance and participation.

 **Rehearsals**

* 7th and 8th Grade Concert Band rehearses every Day 2 during the morning FLEX period and Day 6 during the afternoon FLEX period
* Unexcused rehearsals will result in deduction from the student’s grade
(Refer to the Middle School Band Grading Policy.)

**What is expected of you ….**

* *Be Punctual.* In order to make the most of our limited rehearsal time, be in your seat with your music and instrument ready as soon as possible after the bell rings. If you are late multiple times without a pass or miss rehearsals on multiple occasions, it will result in failure of the class and your removal from the group.
* *Know your notes and rhythms.* Rehearsal time is for the group; practice your part at home!
* *Listen.*One of the best ways and most effective ways to learn your music is to listen to recordings of well-known artists and ensembles. (Recordings of concert band music will be posted on the Concert Band Webpage)
* *Bring a positive attitude.* A comfortable learning environment will be one in which all students will be able to effectively participate.

**Playing Tests**

* Playing Tests will be held at the end of every quarter. Dates have been tentatively scheduled as follows:
	+ Quarter 1: Week of October 7, 2019 o Quarter 3: Week of March 9, 2020
	+ Quarter 2: Week of December 9, 2019 o Quarter 4: Week of May 11, 2020

**Performance Schedule**

* (optional) HAMS Night w/ the HS Marching Band: October 4, 2019 – Details TBA
* In -School Winter Preview: December 13, 2019 (during school!)
* Winter Dress Rehearsal: December 16, 2019 (12:30 – 3:00 @ the H.S.)
* ***Winter Concert: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 – H.S. Auditorium @ 7pm*** (Snow Date: Thursday, Dec. 19)
* In-School Spring Preview: May 21, 2020
* Spring Dress Rehearsal: May, 18, 2020 (12:30 – 3:00 @ the H.S.)
* ***Spring Concert: MAY 19, 2020 – H.S. Auditorium @ 7pm***
* *Tentative High Note Festival Date: Friday, May 15, 2020 --- Details TBA*

***\*\*\* Members of performing musical organizations are to be present at all performances*, *except in the case of personal sickness, death in the family, an act of God,* *or extenuating circumstances pre-approved by the Director and/or Principal.***

**Concert Attire**

* Women & Men: Seasonal and colorful top (with sleeves) and black pants, long skirts, and black shoes.

**Concert Band Folders and Lockers**

* All students will be assigned a Concert Band Folder and a Folder Slot.
* If you choose to take your folder home to practice, please remember that *you are financially responsible for any lost copies of music.*
* All students will be assigned a locker for instrument storage
	+ If the student would like a lock, it is preferred that parents provide a lock this year. If the student is incapable of bringing a lock to school, one will be provided upon request.

**HAMS 7th and 8th Grade Band
What you need to know …..**

* **Day 2 – MORNING FLEX PERIOD!
 Day 6 – AFTERNOON FLEX PERIOD!**
* **Lessons with Mrs. Kline**
* **Help us keep the band room clean:**
 Keep your instrument in your locker
 Keep your folder in your folder slot!
* **Be on time!**
* **PRACTICE at home!**
* **LISTEN at home!**
* **What to wear to concerts:**
 Black on bottom, colors on top (no jeans!)

**SIGNING AND SUBMITTING THIS FORM MEANS YOU HAVE READ ALL ITEMS LISTED IN THE HAMBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT BAND PACKET.**

*I have received a copy of the Hamburg Area Middle School School Concert Band Packet. I understand the document and will abide by all terms and conditions.*

Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please return to Mrs. Kline no later than* ***Wednesday, September 4th!***