

2024/2025 CLASS SYLLABUS: 6th GRADE BANDS

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Welcome CMS Band Members:

We are excited to have you in the Cashmere Middle School Band program! We are going to be having a great time making music together and learning all about music and instruments. It's going to be a great year!

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers

Google Classroom Codes

6th Grade Band (4th Period): upukuh6

6th Grade Band (5th Period): kk44x4t

Events

Performances are very important for all band members to participate in. These dates and details are subject to change. Please mark these dates in your calendar. Notify the directors ASAP if a student cannot attend a performance.

Wednesday, September 4 @ 4:30-6:30pm- Chinook Music Instrument Rental Night (Optional)

Tuesday, December 10 @ 7:00pm – Winter Concert (Cashmere High School Gym)

Tuesday, March 11 @ 6:00pm- Pre-Festival Concert (Cashmere High School Gym)

Wednesday, March 12: Time TBD – Middle School Band Festival (Cashmere HS Gym)

Tuesday, June 3 @ 6:00pm – 6th Grade Band and Choir Spring Concert

Required Band Supplies

1. Instrument
2. Accent on Achievement Book 1 (for specific instrument)
3. ½ Inch Binder
4. Concert Attire (see below)
5. Pencils
6. Page Protectors
7. Instrument Cleaning Kit

Acquiring an Instrument

*We HIGHLY recommend that students find a quality instrument.

Please do not buy cheap instruments on Amazon, Walmart, etc. as they cannot be repaired.

1. Renting an instrument from Chinook Music (not borrowing from school)

Chinook Music Instrument Rental Night

-September 4th, 4:30-6:30pm

-Cashmere Middle School Music Room, hosted by Chinook Music

-Rent and purchase: instruments, accessories, band books (Rental Cost: \$25-\$35 per month)

2. Visit or call a local music store

Chinook Music

199 Eastmont Avenue

East Wenatchee, WA 98802

(509)886-8800

www.chinookmusic.com

Avalon Music

532 North Wenatchee Avenue

Wenatchee, WA 98801

(509)663-7300

www.avalonmusic.net

3. Borrow or purchase an instrument from someone you know

4. Search online for an instrument: Facebook marketplace, Craigslist, online music stores, ebay, etc.

5. School owned instruments may also be rented (\$25 fee for year). We do our best to provide these to students who need this service.

Concert Attire – Must be worn to each performance (please plan ahead)

Music students will be provided a Cashmere Music polo shirt to use for our performances. Students are responsible to return these at the end of the year or they will be charged a **\$25 replacement fee**. Contact Mr. Chalmers if you need help obtaining concert attire.

- Black Shoes, Black Socks, Black Dress Pants/Skirt (As nice as possible)

Instrument Care

Please make sure your band equipment is clearly marked with your name. Clean your instrument monthly, and use the appropriate care products. Clean mouthpieces regularly.

- Flute: Cleaning swab and/or rod, cleaning cloth
- Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophones: Cleaning swab, cork grease, and at least 2 extra reeds (size 2.5)
- Trumpet, F Horn: Valve oil, slide grease, cleaning snake, cleaning cloth
- Euphonium, Tuba: Valve oil
- Trombone: Slide *cream*, tuning slide grease, spray bottle cleaning cloth
- Percussionists: 2B drum sticks, yarn wrapped marimba mallets and a stick bag. Label everything!

Classroom Rules

- Listen and follow directions
- Raise hand to talk or to get off your seat
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Respect the teacher, classmates and yourself
- All rules outlined in the middle school student handbook apply to band class.

Assessment/Reporting

Students will be assessed on their skills within the following four standards:

1. **Individual Musicianship:**

The following skills fall under this standard. Various assessments and assignments will be used throughout the year to determine your skills in this area.

- Sight reading – How well can you read and perform music you have seen for the first time?
- Technique – How well do you know your scales and rhythms? Which instrument-specific skills are you gradually showing improvement in?
- Musicality – How well do you use dynamics, articulations, and phrasing in your playing? How well do you blend and balance with your section and the entire band?
- Musical Knowledge – How well do you understand form and structure in the music we are playing? Do you know the musical terms that are indicated in your music?

2. **Ensemble Musicianship** *The following skills fall under this standard:*

- Concerts and Performances – We perform throughout the year in formal concerts, school assemblies, and in-class recitals.
- Execution of Performance music – How well do you know the music that we are performing as a group or small ensemble?

3. **Daily Work** *The following skills fall under this standard:*

- In-class assignments – We have various assignments that need to be completed and returned so you can receive feedback on your learning.

4. **Classroom Behaviors** *The following skills fall under this standard:*

- Participation, Effort, and Preparedness – Students will be checked daily to make sure they have their instrument, music and necessary accessories.
- Correspondence and communication – Students will have permission forms, concert reminders, and other forms of communication that must return to school with a parent signature.

Standards Proficiency Reporting Scale

04/DIS	Distinguished – exceeds grade level standard
03/PRO	Proficient – meets grade level standard
02/APP	Approaching – needs assistance to meet grade level standard
01/BEG	Beginning – work is below grade level standard
NE	No Evidence

CMS 6th Grade 2024/2025 Band Member Agreement

(To be returned for a correspondence and communication grade)

Please read the 6th Grade Band Syllabus and return this form to the band office within the first two weeks of school.

My parent/guardian and I have read the 6th Grade Band Syllabus, including the rules and regulations set forth, and I will do my best to comply with them. I will act as a responsible, committed band member while representing our school and community. I understand that changes may be made to these policies by the director, but only after due notice and without negative consequences. **Before signing, make sure you check the concert dates, concert attire, and transfer them to your personal home calendar.** Students should also make a note in their school planner about concert dates. These dates may change, but advance notification will be given.

Band Member Name (please print): _____

Band Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

What is your preferred method of communication?

Email: _____ Phone call: _____ Text message: _____ SchoolStatus (Classtag): _____

Please inform us of any conflicts with the dates of our events:

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Reason for conflict(s): _____

Are there any holidays that your family does not celebrate? _____

Polo Shirt Size :

_____ Youth Large	_____ Adult Small	_____ XL
_____ Youth X-Large	_____ Adult Medium	_____ 2XL
_____ Adult XS	_____ Adult Large	_____ 3XL