



# Enfield Middle S.T.E.A.M. Academy



## Band Syllabus

2024 - 2025

Dear Parents and Students,  
Welcome to the Enfield Middle S.T.E.A.M. Academy. I am looking forward to working with you and feel assured that we are going to have a fun and musically productive school year.

Band is a performance course that requires preparation, dedication, self-discipline, and teamwork. Throughout the year, students will be rehearsing and performing through different types of music. Also, each student will be expected to learn about the many aspects of their instrument and about performing as an ensemble.

### **CONCERTS**

There will be scheduled concerts and performances that will take place this school year.

Fall Performance	October
Winter Concert	December
Spring Concert	May

Absence from a scheduled performance affects the quality of the entire ensemble and the student's grade.

### **Supplies for Band:**

Students are expected to have supplies and equipment daily and ready at all times. In order to reach our goals and expectations, students are required to attend each class prepared with the appropriate following items:

**Instrument** with the student's name on the case,  
**Method Book**

**6th Grade students**--- Essential Elements Book 1

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students** Essential Elements Book 2

All other music will be from the EMSA band music library. Percussionists should purchase the book that has the drum and mallet parts. Members of this section will learn to play drums and bells. The Combined Percussion book costs more because it contains BOTH parts.

**3 ring binder or folder**

**10 Sheet Protectors**

**Paper and pencil**

Accessories that are related to the care and/ or playing of the instrument.

**Flute:** Soft Cloth

**Clarinet / Saxophone:** Three #2 ½ or #3 reeds that are in good condition, cork grease, and cleaning swab. Reed should be replaced as they are broken.

**Trumpet/ Baritone / Tuba:** Valve Oil, tuning slide grease (or use Vaseline), soft cloth

**Percussion:** Snare drumsticks size 2B and hard rubber mallets.

**Remember to put your name on your sticks.**

I will check for all the necessary items throughout the school year. Failure to attend class with these items will result in a loss of points from your daily participation grade.

### **GRADING**

<b>20%</b>	Daily Participation
<b>20%</b>	Homework/Practice Logs
<b>60%</b>	Performance/ Playing Tests

IN CASE OF ABSENCE, ALL MISSED ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE MADE UP IN ORDER TO AVOID A ZERO. IT IS THE STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO SCHEDULE A MAKE-UP TIME WITH ME. YOU ARE EXPECTED TO PLAY INSTRUMENT DURING EVERY CLASS SESSION. EMERGENCIES WILL BE HANDLED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. IF YOUR INSTRUMENT IS IN THE SHOP, YOU MUST BRING A SIGNED NOTE FROM HOME TO AVOID A ZERO. IF YOU FORGET YOUR INSTRUMENT, YOU WILL LOSE MOST OF YOUR PARTICIPATION POINTS FOR THE DAY.

### **INSTRUMENT POLICY/ School owned Instruments**

Instruments may be brought to the band room each morning and picked up in the afternoon. Each person will be assigned a specific spot. Only band members are allowed in the band room. Because instrument cases look similar, you must have a name tag attached to your case. No student is to handle or play another student's instrument. **If you are playing a school owned instrument both the musician and parent will be required to sign a School Usage form and pay the school rental fee, which would be turned in before the first ten school days to stay in the band class. A returning students seeking to perform on the same instrument from the prior school, you do not have to pay the fee.** Only School owned instruments damaged through normal use and wear are repaired at no cost to the student.

### **Instrument Storage Areas**

Storage areas are available for instruments to be kept overnight and during the day, if necessary. These areas are secured whenever I am not present. Storage is provided as a convenience only. Many students have access to these areas before and after class. ENFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL CAN ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY OR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE TO AN INSTRUMENT.

### **Home Practice/Practice Logs**

Band meets every day for 75 minutes depending on your grade level. It is very important to establish a daily practice routine in order to progress properly. Students are expected to practice for 30 minutes a day. A Practice Log will be handed out and will be checked throughout the week.

### **Bandroom Rules and Expectations**

Students are expected to be in their seats with their instruments, pencils, music, and any other required materials by 5 minutes after the regular class start time.

Students will only talk in rehearsal when given permission by the director.

Students will always act safely in the band room. Running and horseplay are not allowed at any time in the band room.

Students will leave food and drink (particularly gum/candy/sodas) out of the band room at all times.

Students will only handle their own instruments and materials (this includes percussion equipment).

Students are expected to treat instruments, music, and other music equipment with great care.

Band members are expected to participate in **all performances**.

### **Consequences**

Violation of the Class Expectations could result in:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Verbal Warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Parent contact
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Parent Conference
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense: Office Referral

### **PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION**

I \_\_\_\_\_ have gone over the information with my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ and support the efforts the Director of Bands.  
 Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_