

Course Description

Grade 6 Band

Philosophy Statement: God created the world with innumerable sounds. Since the beginning God has given music to mankind to enrich lives and to enhance man's expression of love to his Creator. The Bible gives several instances when men and women glorify and praise God through singing and the use of instruments. Through the study and performance of music, students can focus their gifts and talents into expression that reflect His beauty. Music is a gift from God.

Course Objective: To prepare for two concerts: the Elementary Christmas concert and the Parade of Bands concert. While preparing for these two concerts, the sixth grade band will educate itself through weekly lessons of learning new rhythms, dynamics, notes, musical terms, enharmonic notes, time signatures, chromatics, and scales. All sixth grade band members have an opportunity to participate in the solo ensemble contest which is hosted by The Des Moines Public Schools in late February. This is on a volunteer basis only.

Textbooks: The Standard of Excellence Book II (The Blue Book)
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Materials:

- Musical instruments
- Lesson books
- Pencils

Time Allotment: 40 minutes per day, two days per week

Course Content:

- Preparation for two concerts at the end of each semester
- Weekly lesson

Areas to be evaluated:

- Lesson attendance
- Total minutes of practice per week
- Rehearsal attendance

Additional Activities:

- Members may choose to participate in MS Jazz Band if their instrumentation is needed
- Students are nominated for an honor band
- Christmas concert
- Parade of Bands concert
- Sole ensemble contest