



## Beginning Band

In beginning band, students will be taught the basics of reading music as well as how to play their chosen instrument to a level where they would have the option of participating in bands in the future. Students will not be required to join band.

- Reading music: students will learn to read either treble or bass clef.
- Playing an instrument: students will learn to use the necessary air and fingerings/hand positions to play their instrument of choice.
- Joining band: this will be an option for each student. If a student chooses to join band, he or she will be able to keep the same class period (7<sup>th</sup> hour) and play with 30 other students each day.

Grades: grades will be based on daily effort and weekly goals.

- Students will be expected to use their time playing or studying their instrument and music from the beginning to the end of the period.
- Students will work with instructors each day for private instruction and each week to set an overall goal to achieve. Goals will be based on each individual student's abilities and pace of progress.
- Students will be given 10 points per day for daily effort.
- Students will be given 25 points per week for achieving weekly goals.
- Final exam material will be summary of all weekly goals for a total of 1/5 of the student's overall grade.