

McAdams Symphonic Band Syllabus

Dear Band Students and Parents,

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year at McAdams Junior High! We hope that you have had a wonderful summer and are ready for a great year. The band program will teach students music through wind instruments. We will accomplish this through daily instruction, practice, and performance. In addition to musicianship, students will develop teamwork, citizenship, leadership, and responsibility. These skills will help prepare students for success in the Dickinson High School Band and their daily lives.

Band Hall Rules (The Gator Way)

1. When a teacher is speaking, you're not.
2. Only band students are allowed in the band hall. (Be Responsible)
3. Students may practice before/after school – but no loitering. (Be Involved)
4. No food or drink in the band hall. (This includes gum!) (Be Responsible)
5. Treat others and all band hall equipment with respect. (Be Respectful)

Consequences

The Band Department will follow all disciplinary rules and procedures directed by the school district. The McAdams Band program will use "The Gator Way" program to help encourage students to participate correctly and to help the learning process. Please read and familiarize yourself and with the consequences for each step.

- Step one: Verbal warning
- Step two: Verbal warning/Teacher to student conference (documented).
- Step three: Parent contact (documented).
- Step four: Automatic office referral
- Any major offense is an automatic office referral.

Grading Policy

Grades are averaged each nine weeks based on the following criteria:

- **Rehearsal Skills:** Include, but are not limited to: bringing required materials to class, demonstrating proper rehearsal behavior and spot-checks for musical progress and growth.
- **Weekly Objectives:** The student will be assigned a specific assignment(s) each week and will perform the assignment(s) for a director during class time or sectional time or via Flipgrid. The student's grade will be based on the *quality* of the performance.
- **Sectionals:** Sectionals are required for all Symphonic Band members. They will take place during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th 9 weeks.
- **Performances:** Count as major test grades. Criteria will consist of quality of effort within musical performance and exhibition of proper performance etiquette. Band members are expected to participate in every performance.

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