

DEPOALI MIDDLE SCHOOL - SIXTH GRADE BAND

2016-2017 HANDBOOK

Dear Band Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Band Students,

I am looking forward to introducing your child to band music. During this class we will learn 1) proper playing position, 2) breath support, 3) embouchure, 4) note names/fingerings/pitches, 5) basic rhythms, 6) instrument care and cleaning, and most importantly, how to put all of the six elements together to make music. In addition, we will be doing some basic music theory to help understand how to communicate in the language of music. Encourage your child to play for you often. They will appreciate your interest and you will notice their progress! **On a separate note, please make sure your contact information is up to date in Infinite Campus and that you set your message settings to allow teacher messages as this is the way I send out group emails with updates/info (instructions for this can be found at the lower right hand side of the band website homepage - in red writing). Also, please complete and return the back of this packet.** Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Barthel (Mr. B)
852-6700 (Depoali MS Office)
dbarthel@washoeschools.net (best way of contacting me)



Band Website: www.depoaliband.weebly.com

Grading Procedures

*6th grade band grades will be determined using the assessment areas below.

ASSESSMENTS (33% of overall grade)

We will have several playing tests during the course of the year to check the progress of each student. You will always be given ample notification and will only be tested on concepts that have been covered in class. If you are practicing regularly, you will not have a problem with the playing tests. We will also have several written tests during the year.

PRACTICE (22% of overall grade)

Home practice is a critical element of playing an instrument. Students will complete weekly practice goals and then submit electronically (via the band website under the 'Practice Logs' tab). 30 completed goals are considered a 100% and students may complete up to 42 goals for extra credit. Students should set aside about 120 minutes/week for practice and are encouraged to divide this time up evenly throughout the week.

(See sample practice log on the band webpage under 'Useful Band Documents' tab)



PARTICIPATION (30% of overall grade)

Your participation is graded according to your preparedness and active participation in class. You may receive up to 20 points per class session. To be considered prepared for band; you need to bring the following items to every band class:

- ✓ **Instrument: 10 points**
- ✓ **Book: Sound Innovations, Book 1: 3 points**
- ✓ **Planner: 1 point**
- ✓ **Instrument accessories (reeds, oil, etc.): 1 point**
- ✓ **Pencil: 1 point**

Participation points will also be subtracted if you are off task or disrupting the class.



CONCERT ATTENDANCE (15% of overall grade)

We will have several concerts during the year. **Your attendance at these events is mandatory and a major part of your grade.** If you must miss a concert, please submit a signed parent note with a valid excuse to your band teacher either: two weeks before the concert for pre-arranged absences or within one week after the concert for unexpected absences (*sickness, family emergencies, etc.*). An alternate assignment will be given for excused absences. If you can avoid scheduling elective surgeries/procedures before concerts (*especially dental*), please do! See the band calendar on the band webpage so you can ensure your attendance at all concerts this year.

CITIZENSHIP (Weekly grades will be given for Behavior and Work Ethic)

My rules for citizenship are really basic manners that I hope you have acquired before this class:

- ✓ **Be respectful to teacher and fellow classmates**
- ✓ **Do not talk or play out of turn**
- ✓ **Enter and leave classroom quietly and orderly**
- ✓ **Employ all the elements of STRIKE!! (our school positive behavior system)**

DISCIPLINE PLAN

I will follow the discipline plan that is described in your student planner.



Supplies Needed - 6th Grade Band



Every student is responsible for providing the following supplies for sixth grade band class by August 22nd, 2016:

- 1) **Instrument** - Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trumpet or Trombone
- 2) **Band book: Sound Innovations - Book 1** (make sure to get the book that matches your instrument)
- 3) **Portable Music Stand** (for practice at home)
- 4) **Pencil** (keep a pencil in your instrument case, we will use them daily!)
- 5) **Accessories** for individual instrument:

Flute

- Cleaning rod (normally included with instrument)
- Swab for rod (any rectangular piece of cotton is fine)
- Polishing cloth

Clarinet/Saxophone

- Reeds (1 box, Rico brand- size 2.5)
- Cleaning Swab
- Cork Grease
- Neck Strap (*sax only*)
- Polishing cloth (*sax only*)

Trumpet/Baritone

- Valve Oil
- Slide Grease
- Polishing Cloth

Trombone

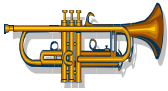
- The items below are not needed for P-Bones, only metal trombones
- Slide Cream/Oil
- Mini Water Spray Bottle
- Polishing Cloth

**For students needing to rent an instrument from the school, please submit the School Rental Application in this packet ASAP. Please refer to the 'Band Instrument Rental/Purchase Procedures' section below for more info about obtaining instruments.*

Band Uniform

We will wear our uniform at all concerts. The 6th grade uniform includes:

- Your band t-shirt (*included in band fee, will be given out prior to first concert*)
- Nice blue jeans (*nice = not ripped up or dirty*)



Band Instrument Rental/Purchase Procedures 2016-2017

For Beginning Band Students

Rental/Purchase Options:

- **Rent-to-own from a local music store (or online).** Prices: \$30-45/month for flute, clarinet, trumpet and trombone. Saxes and larger instrument are around \$50-80/month. (*Some pricing can be found on the band website*)
- **Purchase from a local music store or online** (*do not recommend this option for beginners*). If you are going to purchase, Mr. Barthel is happy to give input about instrument quality and price.
- **Rent instrument from the school** for \$50 for the school year (*Limited inventory- reserved first for those on the Free & Reduced Lunch list per district policy.*). There will not be any school alto saxes available to 6th graders.

Rental Procedures:

- **Music Stores:** Families review prices from different stores (*some store rental rates and info can be found on the Depoali Band webpage, info below*) and then go in to rent/buy.
- **School instruments:** Parents who are in need of a school instrument submit a School Rental Application (next page). The list of those in need is then given to our Principal to check Free & Reduced Lunch eligibility. If the student qualifies and an instrument is available, Mr. Barthel will then send home a rental contract. Students will not receive school instruments unless Mr. Barthel has received contract and payment. Qualifying students still pay the \$50 rental fee.
 - *If you don't need a school instrument, but would like to use one if Mr. Barthel has any left over after those in need have checked theirs out, please complete the form below as well.*

Depoali 6th Grade Band - Required Events Calendar

Thursday 9/22/16	5:30PM (<i>call time 5:15PM</i>)	Fall Concert & BBQ Fundraiser	Depoali Gym
Friday 12/09/16	1:15PM (<i>school day concert</i>)	Winter Concert (<i>school day</i>)	Depoali Gym
Friday 2/17/17	11:45-2:00pm	6th Grade Music Reward Day!	Depoali
Wednesday 2/22/17	7:00PM (<i>All-6:30 student arrival</i>)	Zone Concert	Damonte Ranch Gym
Thursday 5/25/17	1:15PM (<i>school day concert</i>)	Spring Concert (<i>school day</i>)	Depoali Gym

ONLINE STUDENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - CHARMS

The Depoali Music Department uses a web-based program called Charms to track financial records, events and several other items. You will be able to view any financial transactions with the music department (fees paid or owed). Our music websites are the primary location for music information. Please log in and make sure to enter any email addresses you would like used for communication for the year. The band web address is: www.depoaliband.weebly.com

How to access parent/student information in

CHARMS

- Log on to www.charmsoffice.com, hover over the “ENTER” link at upper right and then click the “PARENT/STUDENT/MEMBERS” drop down link.
- Enter our School Code: *DepoaliMusic*
- This will bring up a page that prompts you to enter the ‘Student Area Password’. The password for the student area is your child’s **STUDENT ID NUMBER**.
- You should now be in your student account. You may now create your own, unique password by clicking on the “keyhole” (***Change Password***) button. You should also enter your email address by clicking the ‘Update Info’ button (a blue person). Please do not add any other information at this time.
- Feel free to browse the other apps in your account as we may be using several of these throughout the school year.
- Get the Charms App for your smartphone! Go to your App Store, search ‘Charms’ and select the Charms App for Parent/Student (free download).

Depoali Middle School Music Department
School Instrument Rental Application (*Optional*)

>***Only complete if school instrument is needed. This does not guarantee that you will receive an instrument.*** This lets Mr. Barthel know that you would like an instrument from the school. Please understand that the school has limited instruments available.

>***Those needing a school instrument should detach & return forms by Friday, August 12th***

Student Name: _____

Instrument: _____

Band Class Period: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent email: _____

Please check one:

_____ I need to rent an instrument from the school for \$50. I understand that high-demand instruments will go to those on the Free & Reduced Lunch list first and there may not be enough instruments to cover all requests. **Please return this page by Friday, August 12th to be considered.**

_____ Please contact me if school instruments are available after those on the Free & Reduced Lunch list have been taken care of.

Depoali 6th Grade Band Fee Payment, Shirt Order and Supply Order Form

(Please return with payment by Friday 8/19/16)

Student Name _____

Instrument _____

Band Period _____

Required fee for all students:

\$15 Band Fees (Includes band t-shirt)..... \$15

If you would like to purchase your supplies through the school (optional), please indicate this below:

_____ Flute supply pack (includes: book, polishing cloth and swab) \$14
 _____ Clarinet supply pack (includes: book, swab, grease, and 1 box of reeds)..... \$25
 _____ Sax supply pack (includes: book, swab, grease, and 1 box of reeds)..... \$30
 _____ Trumpet supply pack (includes: book, valve oil, polishing cloth and slide grease)..... \$16
 _____ Trombone supply pack (includes: book)..... \$8
 _____ Baritone supply pack (includes: book, valve oil, polishing cloth and slide grease)..... \$16
 _____ Music Stand (Folding portable stand)..... \$12

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT OWED

**Other fees may arise throughout the year such as costs for fieldtrips or other extra activities. Prior notice will be given for any activities that require extra fees and most of these are optional. Please see Mr. B for information about financial assistance.
 Fundraising: You may pay for your fees (excluding supplies) gradually through our fundraisers. See the band fundraising webpage to see how they work!

\$ _____ Payment Included (due by Friday 8/19/16):

_____ Cash _____ Check (Check # _____) *To: Depoali Middle School Band.

_____ I would like to pay part of the fees gradually through band fundraisers (This excludes any supplies ordered – all supplies ordered must be paid in full. Band fees may be made in payments and through fundraisers with the total balance due by Winter Break. Students may not sign up for the Band Spring Trip or extra events until fees are paid in full.)

Please indicate shirt size:

(All are adult sizes)

_____ Extra Small _____ Large
 _____ Small _____ XL
 _____ Medium _____ XXL

Sign up for the band text message reminder service. It doesn't come through as a group text and will be used sparingly! To join start a text message to this number: 81010 and enter the following code in the message body: @kdms6th

Depoali MS 6th Grade Band



Class Contract

Due by Friday, August 19th



We have read the welcome letter, grading procedures, discipline policy and supply list and agree to abide by the policies set forth in the band handbook. We understand the commitment necessary to participate in band and will provide the instrument and other supplies by Monday, August 22nd. Also, the parent/guardian listed below hereby gives consent and approval for the student named below to participate in all trips and functions of the Depoali middle School Band Program for the 2016-2017 school year.

Student Name (Printed) _____

Circle Class: 5A(Flute) 5B(Trumpet) 6A(Clar/Sax) 6B(Trombone/Baritone)

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____