



Mabank Junior High Panther Band 2023-2024

Expectations Handout - FALL SEMESTER

Welcome to the Mabank Junior High Panther Band! Our goal is to have a great time while learning how to make music together on our instruments. The purpose of this handout is to explain the guidelines and expectations for the Fall Semester. This sheet, along with the MJH campus rules, will help band students and band parents know what is expected.

Procedures and Band Hall Expectations

Band procedures ensure that the Panther Band will establish and maintain a tradition of excellence and will protect **students, equipment,** and our **facility.**

- No gum, food, or drink in the band hall. (Water bottle is fine)
- Students will always be careful and courteous in their actions.
- Only band and colorguard students are allowed in the band hall.
- Students should not leave their instrument, equipment, or any other personal items unattended.
- Lockers will not be left open and are not for any non-band items.
- Students are expected to take their instruments home **every day (graded).**
- Everyone will assist in keeping all areas neat and clean.

Behavior/Rehearsal Expectations

- **Students will contribute to creating a learning atmosphere.**
- Students should be in their seats, with instruments and materials ready to start rehearsal the second that class begins.
- All required materials are to be brought to class each day.
- Everyone will always speak to others with respect.
- Always try to bring a positive attitude. This means try to come willing to learn and grow, and actively work to create an enjoyable atmosphere **especially when you are upset or are having a bad day.** Band is an amazing experience, and we want you to get the most you can out of it.

Performances

The Mabank JH Panther Bands are performing ensembles and have several events outside of the regular class times. These events are required for all students in the Panther Band program. A calendar of events will be given to your student, and it will also be posted online.

Grades

Grades will be broken into the following categories: Participation, Playing Tests, Performance Attendance, Rehearsal/Sectional Attendance.

Equipment

Your instrument needs to be in good playing condition at all times. This includes having extra reeds, oils, sticks, neck straps, ligatures, swabs, etc.; whatever is necessary for you to rehearse or practice with your instrument.

DAILY SUPPLIES:

- Instrument and all required accessories (mouthpiece, reeds, neck strap, ligature ect.)
- Cleaning/Maintenance kit for your instrument
- 2 Pencils
- 1 Highlighter
- 3 ring Binder w/ Sheet protectors

Uniform/Performance Attire

Depending on the event, students will wear the band shirts and jeans, formal attire, or **Concert Black** clothes. Directors will communicate what to wear for events. It will also be posted on the calendar.

Panther Band Fees/Dues

Our fees per student this year will be \$60.00 (for the year). This fee will cover a show T-shirt, Band Polo shirt, brass supplies, woodwind supplies, and sticks/mallets/drumheads for the percussion students. We are happy to accept payments over time so this fee will be manageable for our families. We would like them paid in full by the end of December.

***Please be aware, directors will handle issues as they arise, on a case by case issue if necessary.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us with the information below!

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By signing this, I certify that I have read and understand the expectations required for the Mabank Junior High Panther Band.

Student Signature

Print Student Name

Parent Signature

Print Parent Name