

# Klein Intermediate Band Expectations & Grading Guidelines

August 2023,

Dear Parents and Guardians;

Welcome back to school! We are looking forward to a wonderful year! Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us. We feel privileged to work with your family and help bring the gift of learning a musical instrument to our awesome students!

It will be very important for the benefit of all of the students that they understand what the expectations are for Band. We will go over this with the students and we would like for the families to reinforce these expectations at home. Think of this document as the go-to reference point for any questions you may have along the way.

Here is what you can expect from the Band Directors:

- Respectful and kind treatment of your child
- Daily instruction focused on the mastery of individual and group skills
- High expectations for your child's learning, behavior and achievement
- Timely communication regarding up-coming events
- A return email or call within 24-48 hours when you leave a message or email us
- Notification if your child is failing band or if there are any other concerns

These are our expectations of the parent/guardian:

- Provide up-to-date contact information
- Attend performances
- Communicate when you have questions
- Insist and be supportive of your child practicing daily at home
- Verify/sign any paperwork as requested
- Check your child's grades frequently, as in many cases the entire group is depending on everyone passing their classes

Performances, scheduled rehearsals and at-home practice are very important elements of Band. We schedule rehearsals far in advance to help avoid conflicts. Please make every effort to either bring your child to school or arrange transportation with someone else when we have band events. Carpooling is great! Please inform us as soon as possible if you feel it is impossible to get your child to a scheduled band event so that we can help find a solution.

Once again, we are looking forward to a fantastic year of music for our Band students. Thank you for playing a part of our wonderful program. We hope that you will be able to help us with our fund-raisers, as they will play an important role in what we can do as a band.

As always, feel free to contact us if you ever have a question. We are always happy to hear from parents and will help you in any way we can.

Thank you,

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### Basic Student Expectations

1. Give your best effort every day
2. Attend ALL rehearsals and performances
3. Practice at home EVERY day

### The 5 P's of Classroom Behavior

In addition to following all of Klein Intermediate and Klein ISD rules, students are expected to follow the 5 P's of classroom behavior

Punctual	Arrive on time to class every day. Do not miss class unless you are sick!
Prepared	Bring all materials and supplies to class every day. Make sure you are musically prepared for each class.
Productive	Make every effort to complete work, improve and achieve goals in class every day.
Polite	Don't interrupt, discourage or insult anyone, ever. Never play out of turn.
Positive	You can do it! Keep trying no matter what!

### Other things that great members remember

- Cell phones are not allowed in the classroom
  - Clean up after yourself
  - Bring a pencil every day
- Only band members are allowed in the band areas
- Hands to yourself! Touch only the things that belong to you!

### Consequences

If a student chooses not to meet the expectations listed above, students will be given the opportunity to change their behavior (warning). After that, the following consequences will be used:

Time Out	Pack up instrument and complete an alternate assignment	Parents will be contacted
After-School Detention	Teacher/Student or Parent/Teacher/Student conference	Referral to the Principal's office

## Rehearsals & Concerts

This is the good stuff!!!

The rehearsals and concerts are some of the best times we have in Band because we are making music with our friends!

- When we have a concert or rehearsal we need everyone- that means YOU!
- All rehearsals and concerts count for a grade! You get a 100 for having fun making music!
- Showing your respect and appreciation for your classmates' performance is what we call "audience etiquette" and you get a 100 for that too!

### **Grading**

A student's grade in band each grading period is based on the following:

#### **Minor Grades- 40%**

Daily rehearsal techniques/improvement	Supply checks (instrument, reeds, binder, pencil, etc.)	Recording Assignments (record yourself during or outside of class)
Quizzes	Worksheets/written work	Skill checks/pass-offs

#### **Major Grades- 60%**

Concert Performance, Professionalism & Audience Etiquette	Rehearsals (during and after school)	Playing Tests
Before and/or After School Sectionals (Concert & Symphonic Bands)	Practice Sheets	Recording Assignments (record yourself during or outside of class)
Quizzes	Written work/tests	Skill demonstration & improvement

## **Important Things to Know About Grades**

1. Attendance and participation in rehearsals and concerts are **REQUIRED!** Any unexcused absence for these events will result in a “0” in the gradebook and the student’s average will be significantly lowered. In the event of an emergency, a parent must contact the director so a decision can be made about how the student’s grade will be affected.
2. You can re-do a playing test if you did poorly. Sometimes your teacher may require a make-up test, but you can also request to re-play if you don’t like how you did. You must practice before you can re-test. The timeline for re-testing will be set by the teacher for the re-testing, but will be no more than 3 school days after the original test day.
3. Turning work in late (written work, practice sheets, recording assignments) lowers your grade! 10 points per day are taken off for work turned in late.
4. Extra Credit is not offered. However, students will have the opportunity to “level-up” by turning in special projects that can add points/bring up low grades.

### **Field Trips & Eligibility- This is VERY IMPORTANT**

There will be times when we travel to performances, contests, or other fun activities. Students must have a completed “School Trip Permission Form” signed by a parent/guardian to travel with the Band on the bus. Please make sure to complete this form and hand it in by the required date to make sure to be included in these trips. It is very important that accurate contact information is provided. Please let a director know if your phone number changes at any time throughout the year. This is absolutely necessary if there is an emergency.

Students **MUST BE** academically eligible to attend many of the events that we will travel to. A few things you need to know about eligibility are:

- Students must pass **ALL** of their classes with a 70 or above at the end of the grading period to be able to compete/travel with **ANY** organization on campus, including band, sports, choir, orchestra, theater, art, cheerleading, or any other competition. This also includes participation in events at school where admission is charged.
- Eligibility is determined by the grades reported on the most recent report card posted in the grading system, **NOT** the student’s current grade.
- All classes, including elective classes, foreign language classes, and PE are included in eligibility. Students **MUST** achieve passing grades in **ALL** of their classes to remain eligible for competitions/events.
- According to State law, the competitions/events that band students must be academically eligible to take part in for band are:

- Performances at athletic events (pep-rallies, football games)
- District and Region Auditions
- KISD Solo & Ensemble Contest
- Non-UIL Music Festivals/Competitions
- Events that are NOT subject to eligibility (ALL students are ALWAYS eligible to participate)
  - School Performances- Fall, Winter, Pre UIL & Spring Concerts
  - After-school rehearsals/sectionals
  - Beginning Band Solo & Ensemble
  - UIL Concert & Sight Reading Evaluation
- If a student earns a failing grade on their report card in any class and becomes ineligible, they may be able to regain eligibility if they achieve passing grades in ALL of their classes of the official Progress Report (not just the class(es) they failed). The official Progress Report is posted on the grading system at 2 mid-points in between each report card. Teacher-generated Progress Reports do not have any effect on a student's eligibility.
- Only a failing grade on the report card or official grade check (September) can make a student ineligible.

Make sure you are passing every class by staying ON TASK:

O	Organize yourself for maximum achievement. Keep your backpack neat! Keep your digital files in labeled folders!
N	Never get a zero! Make sure to turn in ALL of your work!
T	Tutoring- GO!
A	Ask for help when you don't understand!
S	Study for tests and quizzes. Test grades are 60% of your grade. It pays to do well on tests!
K	Know what your grades are all the time. Check our gradebook, but also check Schoology to see if there is any work you are missing

**Band Uniform-** Band T-shirts will be ordered at the beginning of the year. This will be our uniform for many events throughout the year. It is your responsibility to not lose it. Other uniforms that will be used throughout the year are as followed:

**\*IF A STUDENT IS NOT IN THE APPROPRIATE UNIFORM THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT. Please read the details of each event on our calendar for specific dress information.**

**Beginning Band:**

- Red Band T-shirt
- Nice dress clothes (later in the year)

**Concert & Symphonic Band:**

- Red Band T-shirt
- Jeans or pants with NO tears
- Sneakers/Tennis shoes

Used for: Pep rallies, football games, field trips, Fall Concert

- Formal Concert Black

Used for: Winter Concert, Pre UIL, UIL, Spring Festival Contest, Jazz

**Miscellaneous Band Information**

- Sometimes we reward the students with a cookie, cupcake or other treat after-school for doing something great or as a holiday treat. Make sure you notify us if your child has a food allergy
- We frequently have visitors to our classroom to help, observe or to substitute. We will have guest directors and clinicians that come work with the students throughout the year. We may also have parents that come and help. Our expectation is that any adult is treated respectfully.
- We recommend insuring your instrument if possible. Most home-owners/renter policies can cover the instrument. If you are renting your instrument through the music store you may be able to obtain insurance through the music store.

**What do I do if.....?**

- My instrument needs a repair?
  - If you are renting your instrument from a music store take it to the store you are renting it from. Most normal repairs will be covered through your rental agreement. Make sure to send a note with your child when they come to school so the directors will know why he/she does not have their

instrument. Keep your mouthpiece/reeds in case you can borrow a school instrument while you wait for the repair to be completed.

- If you own your instrument we recommend taking it to one of the local music stores- Music & Arts or H&H music. Look at your contact information sheet for address and phone numbers. Make sure to send a note with your child when they come to school so the directors will know why he/she does not have their instrument.
- I am sick?
  - Make sure to call the Klein Intermediate main office if you are going to be absent from school.
  - If you come to school, be prepared to work! Students cannot be excused from Band for not feeling good.
  - If you cannot play your instrument because of an injury, dental, or orthodontic work, please bring a note from your doctor letting us know how long you need to be excused for. If a student needs to be excused from playing their instrument for medical or health reasons a doctor's note will be necessary for anything longer than 2 days (parent note accepted for up to 2 days).
  - No matter what, make sure to bring your instrument to school every day!

If you have any other questions, just email or call us! We are here to help you in any way we can!

### **Fundraising:**

Parents, please consider allowing your child(ren) to participate in our Fall and Spring fund-raisers. Fund-raisers help us pay for music, clinicians, master classes, transportation, food/drinks for events, learning aides, practice tools, equipment such as chairs and stands and a lot more. Fundraising also helps lessen the cost of band trips. Every dollar counts!

### **NEW THIS YEAR:**

Concert & Symphonic- We will be having after school sectionals regularly throughout the year. Please see the calendar for dates. It is expected that you attend your scheduled rehearsals. If you cannot make the scheduled date after school, you **MUST** sign-up for a before school session at your convenience the same week. This is to not necessarily create more work for students, but help them be more successful with their preparations so we can have an even better year than last!

After School: 4:20-5:25 (Often there is a late bus)

Before School: 8:00-8:30 (Must register on form in Band Hall)

### **Master Class/Lessons:**

Last year we did our best to provide as many instrument specific Master Classes as possible free of charge to students. We plan on doing as much as we can this year, but will need to help subsidize this with student payments. This will also ensure that students create more ownership towards the special instruction they are receiving.

Many private teachers charge an abundance of \$20-\$50 a session, but it is our goal to keep costs as minimal as possible. In the perfect world we would have unlimited funds to cover this, however, the reality is that we need help. Those students who received multiple sessions last year (mostly due to scheduling) advanced at a much greater rate than those who did not. In many schools, it is an expectation to participate in extras like this if you are in the school's top ensemble. We highly encourage it if you are able.

We will be starting out with this formula: (this is subject to change)

- \$5 per session (it may be weekly/bi-weekly/etc.)
- It will be determined by the private teacher
- You will make payments to the session teacher, not Band Director
- The KI Band will cover the remaining fees as the cost will be much more than \$5
- If money is an issue, please communicate with the Directors. We will do our best to help scholarship students if possible.

### **Parent Remind Group:**

Please join this for communication throughout the year.

Text this message: @2324kiban

To 81010



**BAND HANDBOOK SIGNATURE FORM**

Please complete and return by 8/24/2023



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledgement Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have studied the expectations and  
(printed band member name)

grading guidelines for the Klein Intermediate Band and agree to comply with the conditions outlined. The BAND HANDBOOK is located at <https://www.kleinintermediateband.com/band-handbook>

A hard copy is available upon request.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of band member)

I/we, the undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) of the member signed above have read the expectations and grading guidelines, accept them, and intend to abide by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(printed name of parent/guardian)

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(printed name of parent/guardian)

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(signature of parent or guardian)

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(signature of parent or guardian)

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(date)

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(date)



FORMULARIO DE FIRMA DEL MANUAL DE LA BANDA  
Complete y devuelva antes del 8/24/23.

Nombre del estudiante: \_\_\_\_\_ Período de clase: \_\_\_\_\_

Formulario de reconocimiento

Yo, \_\_\_\_\_, he estudiado las expectativas y  
(nombre del miembro de la banda impreso)

pautas de calificación para la banda intermedia de Klein y acepto cumplir con las  
condiciones descritas. El MANUAL DE LA BANDA se encuentra en  
<https://www.kleinintermediateband.com/band-handbook>

Una copia impresa está disponible a pedido.

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(firma del miembro de la banda)

Yo/nosotros, el(los) padre(s) o tutor(es) del miembro firmado arriba hemos leído las  
expectativas y las pautas de calificación, las aceptamos y tenemos la intención de  
cumplirlas.

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(nombre del padre/tutor en letra de imprenta)

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## Parent Volunteer Information

Please provide your contact information so we can provide you updates throughout the year. There may be events/items that we could use help with including the following and more. Fill out the form to be added to our parent list.

All parents volunteering at the school or as a chaperone need to be registered as a volunteer through Klein ISD. \*\*Visit KleinISD.net and click on the button that says "Become a Klein ISD Volunteer" to get started.\*\*

Items we could use help with:

- Help with uniforms before and after concerts/UIL Events/Contests
  - Carpools to/from concerts and other events
  - Distribution of Fundraising Orders
  - Repair of uniform parts/sewing/hemming
  - Chaperones for events, field trips
- Many other instances throughout the year!

Parent/Volunteer #1 Name:

Student Name:

Relationship to Student:

Best contact #:

Email Address:

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Parent/Volunteer #2 Name:

Student Name:

Relationship to Student:

Best contact #:

Email Address:

