

## **Beginner Band**

All students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Roscoe CISD are required to take band. If they already have an instrument, they are welcome to use it. If they do not already have an instrument, we will supply one for them to learn. I do everything I can to get the students on the instrument they prefer. Most of the time we are successful however, I cannot guarantee it. We only have so many of each instrument. They are issued to the high school band first then the 7<sup>th</sup> grade band. We use what is left for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. You may also purchase an instrument if you would like. I will be more than happy to supply you with information about this upon request. It is ok if your child does not know which instrument to play. We will be working on this the first couple of weeks of school.

Each student will be required to purchase their own book. They cost about \$11.00-\$15.00. Percussion students must also supply their own sticks, mallets and mallet bag. This can be very expensive so we will be more than happy to order them for you so we can keep the price around \$100.00.

For wind instruments we encourage you to purchase their own mouthpieces. They run between \$35.00-100.00 depending on which instrument they are learning. If you prefer, we will supply your child with a mouthpiece but these mouthpieces have been used before. We do wash and sanitize them but they are not new. Brass players are also required to have a black rag to

empty the condensation from their instruments during class. We have them here for \$2.00 or they may supply their own.

Band is a graded class. Your students will receive a daily grade as well as assigned playoff grades. They will be allowed time in class to perform the assignments for grades. Each assignment has a deadline to receive a 100. After the deadline they may only receive a grade of 70 as per district policy. They may also perform these assignments before or after school as well as upload to me through Google Classroom.

The students have two performances this year.

Christmas Concert Sunday December 5, 2021---2:30pm

Spring Concert Sunday April 24, 2022---2:30pm

Both are performance grades as set down in our Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) from the Texas Education Agency (TEA)

I know Sunday is church and family day. We schedule these to be between the church services. We keep the Christmas concert 45 minutes or less. We keep the Spring Concert to 1 hour or less. We have 3 bands and the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> elementary music students all perform at these concerts. The reason we are able to accomplish this in 45 minutes is because we use the gym. This requires us to schedule the gym without conflicting with athletics. Also it is less work on most parents to do Sunday than a weeknight after they get off from work.

I'm looking forward to this year and the fun we have in beginner band. If you have questions please contact me. If you do not answer right away please give me some time I may be in class but I will get back to you as soon as I can.

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