

JEFFERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
PERFORMANCE MUSIC
2021-22

Performance Music Student

- I acknowledge & understand the Performance Music guidelines regarding rehearsal attendance, concerts, and dress code.
- I acknowledge & understand the information in the Jefferson Junior High School Performance Music handbook.
- I have taken the music department's music calendar home to my parents/guardian **and have marked the dates on the family calendar.**
- I will do my best to be a contributing member of my Performance Music ensemble.

Student, printed name

Date

Student, signature

Grade in school _____

If you're in Band or Orchestra, what instrument do you play? _____

Parents/Guardian: I am aware of the JJHS music department policies and guidelines, including the performance dates.

Parent/Guardian, printed name

Parent/Guardian, signature

Please return this signed form to your director by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th**

Jefferson Junior High School Performance Music Handbook 2021-22

The Jefferson Music Staff is pleased that you and your child have chosen to be in Performance Music. We are very proud of our Band, Orchestra, and Chorus programs and believe that your child will have an extremely rewarding experience this school year.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN JJHS PERFORMANCE MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS

- Chorus, Band and Orchestra are full-year classes. Students are expected to remain enrolled for the full school year.
- Students and/or parents should address all questions regarding membership or attendance to their respective director.

INSTRUMENT SECURITY

- Jefferson Junior High School provides a storage area for musical instruments. Band and Orchestra members can be issued a JJHS Band/Orchestra lock if requested. **Personal locks are not allowed.**
- While we do supply locks and lockers, the school is not responsible for damaged, lost or stolen instruments. Model, make and serial number of your child's instrument should be registered at home.

PERFORMANCES

Students are required to attend the concerts of their respective ensembles. The annual Solo/Ensemble Festival for Band and Orchestra members is also a required performance. A student is excused from a performance if he/she is ill and is absent from school or has a family emergency. If an anticipated absence is unavoidable, the director must be notified of the absence AT LEAST **30 days** in advance. Other absences are unexcused. ***FAMILY PARTIES, SOCIAL EVENTS AND ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES would not be considered an excused absence.*** An unexcused absence will result in a lower grade.

Please note:

- ***Students must be in attendance for at least five periods on the day of a musical performance event in order to attend.***
- ***Students who are absent from school for more than 4 periods on the day of a concert may not participate in the evening performance.***

BAND

- ***8th Grade Wind Ensemble:*** rehearses three times per week
- ***7th Grade Symphonic Band:*** rehearses three times per week.
- ***6th Grade Concert Band:*** rehearses twice per week.
- All band members have 1 small group lesson per week.

Extra-Curricular Ensembles

- ***Jazz Band:*** (Wednesday mornings before school) Open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade band members. No audition is required.
- ***Jazz Ensemble:*** (Monday mornings before school) Open to all 7th and 8th grade band members by audition.

ORCHESTRA

- **Orchestra:** Open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade string players. Each week, string players attend one small group lesson and two full orchestra rehearsals (beginners join full orchestra during the 3rd trimester).
- **Symphonic Orchestra:** Open to selected 8th grade Wind Ensemble players. Symphonic Orchestra gives students the opportunity to play full orchestra literature with soloistic wind and percussion parts. Meets during the 2nd trimester during supervised study and performs at the March orchestra concert.

Extra-Curricular Ensemble

- **String Fusion:** (Thursday mornings before school) Open to all Orchestra members. No audition is required for membership.

CHORUS

Jefferson has three choirs that are open to all students.

- **Choirs** rehearse two or three times per week. Your schedule will be given to you after the first day of chorus

Extra-Curricular Ensemble

- **Jefferson Singers:** (Tuesday mornings at 7:00 AM) Open to all 7th and 8th grade chorus members by audition. You must be in regular chorus to audition.

CONCERT UNIFORM FOR ALL PERFORMING GROUPS

The concert uniform consists of a music department polo shirt, black pants, black shoes and black socks. Flip-flops are not allowed for music performances. The music department shirt can be purchased through the school. Order forms will be provided.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES:

Mr. Colbert, Chorus, mcolbert@naperville203.org, (630) 420-2957

Mr. Gallagher, Orchestra, pgallagher@naperville203.org, (630) 848-5642

Mrs. Howe, Band, rhowe@naperville203.org, (630) 848-5643

Mr. Werve, Band, cwerve@naperville203.org, (630) 420-6365

Important Information for Band Members

SMALL GROUP LESSON

- All Band members have a small group lesson one period each week.
- Band members come for their small group lesson during one of their classes.
- The small group lesson schedule rotates periods so that band members do not miss the same class more than approximately once a month.
- Band members go to their class, “check in”, and come to the band room for their small group lesson.
- Band members are excused from small group lessons if they have a test, quiz, special speaker, or a class project that can only be completed that day.
- Since students are missing class time to come for a small group lesson, we are flexible. Band lessons can be rescheduled when necessary.

FULL BAND REHEARSALS

6th Grade Concert Band: Monday and Wednesday, 6th Period

7th Grade Symphonic Band: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2nd Period

8th Grade Wind Ensemble: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8th Period

Please note

- Performance music students may have the option of coming to the band room for a homework/lunch period any day of the week.
- **Band members do not lose study hall/homework time on the days they have Band.**

BAND GRADING SYSTEM

The band department uses a point system for trimester grades. Points are given for full band rehearsals, small group lessons, concerts, regular practice, tests/quizzes, and concert performance.

Attendance

- Band members are expected to be at all rehearsals, small group lessons (unless there is a conflict), band concerts, and the Solo/Ensemble Festival.
- Concerts are considered trimester assessments and are an extremely important part of the Performance Music program.
- An unexcused absence from a concert will result in a student’s band grade being lowered by two letters.
- Band members should always bring a note from home to explain an absence from a concert.

Trimester Assessments

- Each trimester, band members will be assessed on scales, musical exercises, and band literature.
- In the 3rd trimester, band members will be assessed on their marching band music for the Memorial Day Parade.

Attitude: Band students who work hard, practice regularly and perform to the best of their ability will always do well in band. The Jefferson Band department puts much emphasis on ***EFFORT and a POSITIVE ATTITUDE!***

