

Newtown Middle School Band Program

Course Description:

In the Newtown Middle School Band program students will continue to build skills and develop technique with their elementary school band instruments. Students will receive small group instruction during the Learning Lab/Lunch period with their instructor and take part in performances during the school year.

Teacher Expectations:

A student should have an interest, a cooperative attitude and a willingness to be part of a large performing group. Our concerts are an important part of our performance curriculum in which students are required to perform. Band students are expected to attend weekly lessons where playing assessments will take place. Instruments in good working order, music folders, music books, and pencils are expected at every meeting.

Texts Used:

Grade 7- Standard of Excellence-Bk 2 (blue)
Grade 8- Technisizes

Supplementary Materials:

Popular and solo instrumental books are available at local music stores.

Homework Policy:

Students will be expected to maintain consistent and focused practice time.

Frequency:

Six days a week.

Approximate Time per session:

A minimum of twenty minutes per day.

Projects, Research papers etc.:

Students will be required to attend all scheduled rehearsals and performances.

Quizzes and Test Policy:

Playing tests during lessons and quizzes in rehearsal will be expected along with student self-assessment.

How Report Card Grades Are Determined:

Playing Tests and Quizzes—50% Band Participation —25%
Lessons Participation—25%

Challenge Activities:

Private lessons, extra curriculum performance groups (Jazz Band and/or Concert Choir), local area performing groups (i.e. Greater Bridgeport Student Youth Orchestra). Newtown Friends of Music provides free tickets to interested students to attend concert performances.

Teacher Comments:

Please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns in the Music Office at 203-270-6141.

Newtown District Music Mission Statement

"All students will create, perform, respond and connect with understanding to all of the arts, including visual arts, music, theater and dance. Students will develop in-depth skills in at least one art form, appreciate the importance of the arts in expressing human experiences, and be prepared to apply their knowledge and skills throughout their lifetime."