

Happy Valley Music Department

Introduction

The purpose of the Happy Valley Music Department is to educate students through music. Our time together will not be limited to simply learning about music, we will also learn valuable life skills. The sense of pride we will impart on the students is one that should lead them through life.

Student Expectations

Because the band is a public representation of our school we have to discuss expectations for our students and the pride they should exhibit. This is so we are clear on behaviors during field trips and other activities that the band participates in.

The following general rules apply for all band students:

- All school rules apply to any band activity
- No profanity, no smoking, no drinking, no drugs
- No vandalism of any kind, so school or any other property
- No disrespect towards teachers chaperones, or bus drivers
- No 'public displays of affection' (or private for that matter)
- No inappropriate dress (you will be asked to change)

Grading System

It is my goal as the director for every student to have a successful year and earn an "A" in band class. Music is an academic class and will be graded on the following criteria:

Performances (40%): Attendance is mandatory except in the case of extreme illness or family emergency, in the case of an absence there is an alternate assignment.

Participation (30%): The participation grade covers daily activities, behavior, and materials. Students must also follow all classroom rules and procedures

Practice Logs (30%): Practice logs are turned in every three weeks with each week requiring 100 minutes of practice and a parent signature.

Extra Credit: Extra credit is given to students who participate in fundraising activities, honor band auditions and clinics, or any other extra performance opportunities.

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7th & 8th Grade Band

The 7th & 8th grade band is our most advanced group of musicians at Happy Valley and may travel and have more performances than the 6th grade band. In all cases, prior notification of any extra performance will be given. A uniform and supplies will be chosen by the band director and will be the student's responsibility to purchase (within reason).

6th Grade Band

The 6th grade band is our beginner group offered at Happy Valley. Students should strive to improve their musicianship skills in this class to be prepared for the 7th & 8th grade band. A uniform and supplies will be chosen by the band director and will be the student's responsibility to purchase (within reason).

Pep/Jazz Band

The Pep/Jazz band rehearses during flex time (Fall/Spring) on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Pep/Jazz band will play a wide variety of music which will be performed at various types of events.

Concert Dress

Formal: HVS band polo, black pants (or skirt), black shoes with black sock.

Informal: HVS music t-shirt, pants, shorts or skirts, shoes or sandals

School Owned Instruments

If a student uses a school owned instrument, a \$20 rental fee will be charged. This fee is to help maintain the quality of instruments at Happy Valley. Students using school owned instruments will sign an agreement stating that they are responsible for any negligence inflicted upon the instrument. Normal wear and tear are not an issue.

Communication Information

Email: cmayhew@caldwellschools.com

Phone: 828.754.3496 ext. 344105

Money: Have your student place the payment in the "Grey Box" outside of the band room. Please always send money in an envelope labeled with the student's name. Checks should be made payable to Happy Valley School

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HAPPY VALLEY MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONTRACT

We have read the Happy Valley Music Department contract and we understand the privileges and responsibilities of being a member of the Happy Valley Music Department. We understand that:

1. All students are required to abide by all rules set forth by the Caldwell County Schools, Happy Valley School, the Happy Valley Music Department.
2. Students are expected to accompany the band to all rehearsals, performances, events, activities and functions. If an absence is to occur prior notification is
3. The student is responsible for all equipment: instruments, music, and materials. The student is financially responsible for any loss of or damage to equipment issued. Students may be asked to purchase items such as: uniforms, transportation fees, etc.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

HAPPY VALLEY MUSIC DEPARTMENT INSTRUMENT RENTAL

We understand that rental of a Happy Valley Music Department instrument is a first come first serve process and our inventory is limited. Priority will go to returning members and all responsibility of neglect to the instrument is on the renting party. Normal wear and tear are part of the playing process and are not the fault of the individual. The rental fee is \$20 and covers the entire school year, if there is a financial concern please let me know and we can talk more. Instruments cannot be taken home until this form is returned, and they will return the instrument at the end of the year.

Instrument needed _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____