



Band Lesson Information

for Teachers, Students, and Parents

General Information

- Band Lessons are **NOT** Band Rehearsals, and make up 30% of students' quarterly grade in Band.
- Band Lessons are a **requirement of all students** participating in Band.
- Lesson schedules are posted at the beginning of each quarter.
- Students should not miss the same class for a lesson more than once a month.
- **Lessons are the backbone** for forming a strong music program and teaching students how to play their instruments. Parents and Teachers should encourage students to attend lessons regularly.
- Lesson schedules are posted on the band webpage, in the music hallway, and in the band room.

Student Responsibilities

- Each student is responsible for knowing when their assigned lessons are.
- Each student is required to attend a certain number of lessons per marking period based on the number of 6-day cycles in the marking period.
- Students are required to report to their regular class at the beginning of a lesson period to ask their classroom teacher for permission to go to their instrument lesson. Upon receiving permission, they should report immediately to the band room.
- If a student misses a regular class **or** a Band Lesson, the **material MUST be made up** either during a free period (study hall, ½ lunch, etc.) or 10th period – *not* during another class.
- Students missing lessons should make arrangements with Mr. Pray to come in during free periods or 10th period.
- Students should not wait longer than a week to make up a lesson.
- Students are strongly encouraged to take additional **private lessons** outside of school with professional musicians of the same major instrument.
- Students may come to the band room to **practice during any free time** they have as long as there is supervision by a music teacher.

Teachers

- **All Music Lessons count as an excused/known absence.** All teachers should receive a lesson schedule by e-mail at the beginning of every quarter.
- Teachers should consider keeping a current copy of the lesson schedule on their computer's desktop for reference. Lesson schedules will also be posted near the Band Room and on the band webpage.
- Teachers should check the lesson schedule before sending a student to the band room. Any help in checking up on students (to be sure they are not skipping both classes) is greatly appreciated. In the past, students have asked to go to band lessons even though they weren't even signed up for Band, and then skipped both classes.
- Teachers have the right to keep a student in class if there is an exam or the student is not doing well in the class.
- Students may go to the band room to practice during any period as long as they receive teacher permission and there is supervision by a music teacher.
- Most students in the Band program are responsible individuals and will make up any missed work. If there are any problems, please let me know (x 6408, tpray@perucsd.org).
- **Thank you for your patience and cooperation** – the students and myself appreciate it very much.