

6-8 Band Syllabus

Madison Central School District provides students with a great opportunity to develop the skills to express themselves through instrumental music. In the Middle School that begins in 6th grade band and continues through 8th grade. Students will be able to play in a large ensemble but also begin to play in smaller ensembles where they can begin to refine their own skills.

When students come to class they must be prepared. To set yourself up for success students must come to school with the following items, pertaining to their instrument;

Woodwinds: Two (2) boxes of reeds and two (2) sticks of cork grease.

Brass: One (1) Bottle of Valve oil, or Slide oil. Trombones will eventually learn to use another product to use that works better and lasts longer than valve oil.

Percussion: Students must have the Vic Firth EP2 of bag, sticks, and mallets. If you already have most of these you will need to purchase the mallets that you do not have. These may be purchased at The Pawn Shop.

In class students will be assessed in the following ways

Daily Participation: 225 Points per Quarter

The total number of points will be based on the number of days in each quarter times five (5) points per day

Performances: 250 points per performance

All performances are required, only extreme emergencies will be accepted for an absence.

Vocabulary: 100 points

In order to better understand the music and to more efficiently communicate in the music classrooms students need to know, understand, and be able to communicate in musical terms.