



Perry Meridian High School Bands Handbook (condensed version)

2024-2025 School Year

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Classroom Rules and Expectations

1. Students are expected to be in the band area when the bell rings.
2. Each individual is responsible for having all materials for participation in class each day.
3. There is no food or gum allowed at any rehearsal or performance.
4. Be respectful of school owned instruments and equipment.
5. Cell phones will be handled per the Perry Township Schools' policy.
6. You are responsible for seeing that all items that you will need are placed in the proper place. Do NOT assume someone will do this for you.

Grading

Student grades are based on a blend of 2 categories: Practice (30%) & Performance (70%).

Classroom Participation (Practice)

- Tardy: -1/Missing Music: -1/Missing Instrument: -2/Classroom Disruption: -1 to -4

Concert Performances (Performance)

Our classes are "Co-Curricular" which means that events occurring outside the school day are **mandatory** for course requirements and grading.

Daily Practice Accountability (Practice)

- In performance music, every rehearsal is important because each one provides the student with physical contact time with their instrument. An absence for ANY reason means that the student has lost that contact time, and therefore needs to catch up with their classmates. ANY rehearsal absence for ANY reason (sickness, field trip, holiday, etc.) must be made up with 20-40 minutes of outside practice time (verified by a form signed by a parent if the practice happens at home, verified by the Band Directors if it happens at school).

Playing/Written Assessments (Performance)

- Playing exams are given periodically. All playing tests may be retaken ONCE for an improved grade. Exams may either be recorded or live. Students may submit a test on a particular piece until the end of that performance cycle.
- Written assignments will be periodically. Written assignments may be submitted late for full credit within a week of the due date. After a week, it becomes worth 75% of the original points.



2024-2025 PMHS Bands Concert Schedule (Subject to Change)

Fall Band Concert	Wednesday, Sept. 25	PMHS
Veterans Day Convo.	Monday, Nov. 11	PMHS
IJEA All-District Jazz	Sat/Sun Nov. 16-17	Whiteland Comm. HS
IBA All-District Band	Sat Nov. 23-24	Shelbyville HS
Winter Jazz Cafe'	Saturday Dec. 14	PMMS
ExtravaBANDza	Tuesday Dec. 17	PMHS
IBA All-State Auditions	Sunday Jan. 12	Pike HS
ISSMA Solo & Ensemble	Saturday Feb. 8	Franklin Central JH
ISSMA State S&E	Saturday Mar. 1	North Central HS
ISSMA Jazz Festival	Friday Mar. 7	Whiteland Comm. HS
ISSMA Organizational	Saturday Apr. 12	Monrovia HS
ISSMA State Qualifiers	Saturday May 3	Warren Central HS
Spring Jazz Cafe'	Friday May 16	PMHS
Spring Band Concert	Wednesday May 21	PMHS

Required Instrument Materials

Flute: Cleaning Swab

Oboe: Two functioning reeds, cleaning materials

Bassoon: Two functioning reeds, cleaning swab, seat strap

All Clarinets: Three functioning reeds, cleaning swab, cork grease

All Saxophones: Three functioning reeds, neck strap, cleaning materials

Trumpet: Mouthpiece, valve oil, polishing cloth, cup mute, straight mute

French Horn: Mouthpiece, rotor oil, polishing cloth, straight mute

Trombone: Mouthpiece, slide oil, rotor oil (if using an F-attachment), cleaning swab, straight mute, polishing cloth

Euphonium: Mouthpiece, valve oil, polishing cloth

Tuba: Mouthpiece, valve oil, polishing cloth

Percussion: Snare Sticks (IP-LD or similar), Mallets (IP240 or similar), Practice Pad