

# 2020-2021 DUBOSE BANDS SYLLABUS



*Our mission is to foster the growth of independent, life-long musicians with an appreciation for the fine arts; and the development of self-discipline, teamwork, leadership, creativity, and personal accountability through music, which will further the education and experience of every band member.*

The band syllabus is designed to give students and parents an overview of the expectations and policies of the DuBose Band program. The 2020-2021 DuBose Band Handbook provides families with comprehensive information regarding every aspect of the program. This syllabus as well as the band handbook need to be reviewed in detail prior to submitting the 2020-2021 DMS Band Handbook Signature Page through Microsoft Forms.

## **Curriculum Goals**

### ***Students in the DuBose Middle School Band will:***

1. Demonstrate a proper concept of characteristic tone on their given instrument.
2. Demonstrate the ability to perform on their instrument with proper technique, expression, style, and accuracy.
3. Demonstrate individual as well as group performance abilities including but not limited to dynamics, phrasing, melodic shaping, and articulation.
4. Demonstrate a working knowledge of key signatures and the ability to perform the appropriate concert scales from memory.
5. Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of time signatures, rhythms, and other musical notation necessary to perform.
6. Demonstrate a knowledge of basic music terminology and apply to musical performance execution.
7. Demonstrate the ability to understand the structure of a musical composition and be able to create their own music using specific guidelines.
8. Demonstrate the ability to listen to, describe, analyze, and evaluate music and musical performance.
9. Demonstrate the ability to study and examine the role of music in history and culture by comparing instrumental music from different cultures and time periods.
10. Demonstrate the ability to make connections between music and other arts disciplines throughout the world.

## **Student Expectations**

### ***DuBose Middle School Performing Arts***

<b><i>Student Expectations</i></b>	<b><i>Rewards</i></b>	<b><i>Consequences</i></b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Respect Others</li><li>2. Respect Yourself</li><li>3. Respect Property</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Verbal Praise</li><li>2. Positive Parent Phone Call</li><li>3. Positive Student Referral</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Verbal Warning</li><li>2. Lunch Detention/Parent Contact</li><li>3. Discipline Referral</li></ol> <p>*severe discipline problems may necessitate immediate referral to the administration</p>



## **Grading Scale**

### *DD2/DuBose Middle School Grading Scale*

A (90 – 100)  
B (80 – 89)  
C (70 – 79)  
D (60 – 69)  
F (59 & Below)

## **Grading Rubric**

### *DuBose Middle School Performing Arts*

**50% Performance Excellence:** Mastery of required musical passages/pieces individually or in a group setting. Includes the day-to-day demonstration of musical excellence and class engagement as determined by your teacher/director.

**50% Musicianship Development:** Includes non-performance based mastery of music theory, instrument-specific concepts, music history, and/ or composition and arranging

## **Required Materials**

**IT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED THAT YOU GET ALL INSTRUMENT NEEDS THROUGH “MUSIC AND ARTS” IN WEST ASHLEY (975 Savannah Hwy Suite R1, Charleston, SC 29407 – 843. 852.0900). Chris Mixson is our educational representative and can answer any questions that you may have. This retailer has our supply list on hand and is able to provide a special, discounted rate to our band families. All materials and instrument needs can be purchased either in person, via phone or through the Music and Arts online store/portal. Delivery directly to your home is also available.**

1. Working instrument in good playing condition\* (with nametag clearly labeled with ALL emergency contact info)
2. Instrument Specific Materials:
  - a. FLUTE – cleaning rod, swab, soft cloth, pad paper
  - b. OBOE – double silk swab, reed water cup w/ stand clip, pad paper, 5-8 MEDIUM SOFT reeds\*
  - c. BASSOON – double silk swab, reed water cup w/ stand clip, pad paper, 5-8 MEDIUM SOFT reeds\*
  - d. CLARINET – VANDOREN M13 mouthpiece, silk swab, pad paper, strength 2.5 (6<sup>th</sup> grade) , 3 (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade) or 3.5 (8<sup>th</sup> grade) VANDOREN blue box reeds (5-8 boxes per school year) , 2-3 clear or black mouthpiece patch/cushions
  - e. BASS CLARINET - VANDOREN B45 mouthpiece, silk swab, pad paper, strength 2.5 (6<sup>th</sup> grade) , 3 (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade) or 3.5 (8<sup>th</sup> grade) VANDOREN blue box reeds (5-8 boxes per school year), 2-3 clear or black mouthpiece patch/cushions
  - f. SAXOPHONE - SELMER PARIS C\* mouthpiece, RICO padded neckstrap, ROVNER ligature, silk swab, pad paper, strength 2.5 (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade) or 3 (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade) VANDOREN blue box reeds (5-8 boxes per school year), 2-3 clear mouthpiece patch/cushions
  - g. TRUMPET – BACH 5C mouthpiece, mouthpiece brush, BERP for Trumpet, MONSTER OIL valve oil, MONSTER OIL slide grease, cleaning snake
  - h. FRENCH HORN - SCHILKE 29 or HOLTON MDC mouthpiece, mouthpiece brush, BERP for French Horn, cleaning snake, MONSTER OIL slide grease, HETMAN rotor oil
  - i. TROMBONE - BACH 6 ½ AL mouthpiece, mouthpiece brush, BERP for Trombone, YAMAHA slide lubricant, MONSTER OIL slide grease, SMALL spray water bottle
  - j. EUPHONIUM - BACH 6 ½ AL mouthpiece, mouthpiece brush, BERP for Euphonium, MONSTER OIL valve oil, MONSTER OIL slide grease, regular sized black towel or black euphonium pillow



- k. TUBA - HELEBERG 120S mouthpiece, mouthpiece brush, BERP for Tuba, MONSTER OIL valve oil, HETMAN rotor oil, MONSTER OIL slide grease
  - l. PERCUSSION – VIC FIRTH EP1 Pack, Ludwig Xylophone and Practice Pad  
*\*Please see below for DD2 approved instrument brands and consult with the directors before upgrading an instrument (ALL band students) or purchasing custom reeds (Oboe/Bassoon ONLY)*
3. Band Method Book – (\*\*Please get the correct book for your instrument. Percussionists need BOTH the percussion and the mallet books\*\*)
    - a. 6th Grade - *Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician* by Scott Rush (green cover)
    - b. 7th Grade - *Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician* by Scott Rush (gold cover)
    - c. 8th Grade - *Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician* by Scott Rush (gold cover)
  4. **Band Rhythm Book – this book comes from an independent publisher and must be bulk ordered by the DMS band program. This item is NOT available through M&A. Students will pay a \$10 Rhythm Book fee (made out to the DuBose Middle School Band Boosters), which is due by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The physical book will be distributed to the students in person and certain chapters will be used digitally during E-Learning/Virtual.**
  5. Korg TM-60 Metronome/Tuner Combo with CM 200 Contact Microphone
  6. 1" INCH BLACK three-ring binder, with plastic sheet protectors (no bigger than 1" please!)
  7. 3-4 sharpened or mechanical pencils with eraser
  8. Collapsible music stand (\*this item can stay at home for the duration of the school year)

### ***DD2 Approved Instrument Brands\****

1. Flute – Yamaha, Jupiter Capital Edition, Haynes, Azumi
2. Oboe – Fox, Yamaha
3. Bassoon- Fox, Yamaha
4. Clarinet – Yamaha, Jupiter Capital Edition
5. Saxophone –Yamaha, Jupiter Capital Edition, Selmer Paris
6. Trumpet – Yamaha, Jupiter Capital Edition
7. French Horn – Holton, Conn, Yamaha, Giardinelli
8. Trombone – Yamaha, Jupiter Capital Edition, Eastman
9. Percussion Kit – Vic Firth EP1, Ludwig Xylophone & Practice Pad

### **Financial Information**

The DuBose Middle School Band is an organization that operates financially independent from the school and district through the DuBose Band Booster Organization. Therefore, we implement a student fair share system that covers the vast majority of band related purchases. *\*For the 2020-2021 school year, we will NOT be collecting the Fair Share and will instead be working on an "a la carte" system of band fees. Many of the costs of the typical school year for an individual student will not be present this school year.*



6th Grade Band	7th Grade Band	8th Grade Band
Fair Share Amount, \$60 NO FAIR SHARE FOR 20-21	Fair Share Amount, \$75 NO FAIR SHARE FOR 20-21	Fair Share Amount, \$75 NO FAIR SHARE FOR 20-21
<i>Families will be responsible for the following costs independently:</i>	<i>Families will be responsible for the following costs independently:</i>	<i>Families will be responsible for the following costs independently:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required Materials (as noted on the DMS Bands Syllabus/Handbook)</li> <li>• Instrument Rental Cost</li> <li>• DMS Bands Polo</li> <li>• Remaining Concert Attire – black dress pants, black belt, long black socks, black dress shoes</li> <li>• Festival/Audition Registration Fees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required Materials (as noted on the DMS Bands Syllabus/Handbook)</li> <li>• Instrument Rental Cost</li> <li>• DMS Bands Polo</li> <li>• Remaining Concert Attire – black dress pants, black belt, long black socks, black dress shoes</li> <li>• Festival/Audition Registration Fees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required Materials (as noted on the DMS Bands Syllabus/Handbook)</li> <li>• Instrument Rental Cost</li> <li>• DMS Bands Polo</li> <li>• Remaining Concert Attire – black dress pants, black belt, long black socks, black dress shoes</li> <li>• Festival/Audition Registration Fees</li> </ul>

**When the need arises for students to turn in money for any reason, it is requested that the payment be placed in a sealed envelope with the purpose of payment, amount enclosed, and the student's name included. Checks should be made payable to the DuBose Middle School Band Boosters. When completing a check, please include the name and phone number of the student on the payment. Please DO NOT send coins in as a form of payment unless exact change is needed.**

It is the policy of the DuBose Middle School Band to work with any student who desires to play an instrument, but may have financial difficulties doing so. No student will ever be denied the opportunity to play an instrument and participate in the arts due to financial reasons. Please contact Mrs. Smith or Ms. Whisnant if assistance is needed.

### **Attendance Policy**

~~Students are excused from required concert rehearsals for the following reasons: illness, medical/dental appointment, serious family illness, a death in the family, a recognized religious holiday, approved special circumstances, and school sponsored events. Therefore, if the school excuses it, we will excuse it. Please do not schedule medical appointments or family events/trips during required band rehearsals/performances/functions as each band member plays an integral role within the music ensemble and their contribution to the team is essential for the success of the group. A portion of each student's final grade will be determined based on their attendance and performance at all required DuBose Middle School Band performances and scheduled rehearsals as notated on the 2020-2021 Master Calendar.~~

*\*For 2020-2021, the DuBose Bands Master Calendar will not be provided until a later date as the scheduling of many events and concerts are reliant upon the disease level of COVID-19. Our standard attendance policy for outside of school events and concerts will not be implemented until a safe status with COVID-19 occurs and we have more information. Please familiarize yourself with our regular attendance policy so that you will know what to expect in successive years.*