

# Dysart Unified School District #89

## 2023-2024 Band Contract

Band provides more than the skills developed throughout the school year. The purpose of this contract is to make sure that all band parents and students understand the year-long commitment that this course requires. Students who choose to enroll in band are choosing to take band for the entire school year. **They will not be allowed to drop out of band.** The success of a band program is built upon commitment and dedication. It requires cooperation with a conductor and a large team of musicians working together toward a common goal. And of course, it also requires practice at home, occasional after school rehearsals and performances and investment in and proper maintenance of an instrument. Band involves responsibility to the group. Success is most likely if: the student has the desire to learn to play; the parents and students understand what is required for success, and the parents share responsibility for the music education of their child. These key components will lead to an enjoyable experience for all.

### **How do I sign up for band?**

Band is an elective course offered for the entire year. It differs from the other elective courses, in that the course requires a longer time period to build proficiency. Students choosing band as an elective will still get to choose four other elective courses. All students will have the opportunity to take two elective courses a quarter for a total of eight courses over the year. Students who turn in the band agreement form will be placed in band as one of their elective courses for each of the four quarters. An example schedule for the first quarter may look like: Quarter 1 Day A- Band and Quarter 1 Day B- Soccer. Band students will still complete the elective preference sheet and will get placed in four other courses of their choice for the year. In order to sign up for band, attach this form completed with your Elective Preference Sheet. Your student will be placed into the appropriate band course.

### **BAND REQUIREMENTS**

Students will be responsible for purchasing or renting their own instrument as well as necessary cleaning and maintenance supplies. The Band Director will provide students with a list of required supplies. Scholarships are also available for families that qualify. Students will need to purchase the required method book as they will need to mark in it, as well as take it back and forth between school and home with their instrument. Students will be responsible for meeting the requirements of the band uniform/concert attire.

Policies such as attendance, rehearsals and performance, uniforms and required materials will be discussed in further depth at our Band Information and Rental night on Wednesday, May 10th. There will be two meetings offered: 6:00pm and 7:00pm. If you cannot attend the meeting, please let your Band Director know: amy.brewer@dysart.org

**If you have further questions about the band program prior to choosing to sign up for band, you are encouraged to contact Amy Brewer at amy.brewer@dysart.org**

## **Band Participation Contract**

**(Please complete this form and turn in with Elective Student Preference Form)**

Student's Name (Last Name, First Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Current Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Instrument Choice (if undecided, please just write "Undecided"): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ My student will need to rent an instrument.
- \_\_\_\_\_ My student is currently renting an instrument.
- \_\_\_\_\_ My student owns their own instrument.

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**~Please complete this section, if your student has previous experience playing an instrument~**

Name of instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years played \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the following if they pertain to your student's musical experience:

- \_\_\_\_\_ My student has taken private lessons.
- \_\_\_\_\_ My student still takes private lessons.
- \_\_\_\_\_ My student has played in their school band/orchestra.
- \_\_\_\_\_ My student is still playing in their school band/orchestra.

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### **Band Participation Agreement:**

#### **Parent Agreement:**

I have read and understand the information here concerning the year-long commitment to Band and/or orchestra at my school. I agree to comply with this information and hereby give my student permission to participate at his/her school. Students will not be able to withdraw from Band during the course as it is a year-long course.

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(Parent Name Print)

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

#### **Student Agreement:**

I have discussed with my parents and understand the commitment about Band and / or orchestra in my school. I agree to follow the rules and give a 100% effort. I understand that it will take time to learn to play a musical instrument and will try my hardest even when it gets challenging. I wish to sign up for Band.

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(Student Name Print)

(Student Signature)

(Date)