

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2017.**

**STUDENT:**

**I HAVE READ THE HOUGHTON 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAND HANDBOOK. I WILL FOLLOW THE RULES AND REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE EXPECTED OF ME. I WILL ATTEND EACH SCHEDULED EVENT: INCLUDING WORKSHOPS, CONCERTS, AND CLINICS. I WILL DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE BAND BY SHOWING RESPECT TO THE TEACHER, OTHER STUDENTS IN THE BANDROOM, AND IN OTHER CLASS ROOMS.**

**PARENT:**

**I HAVE READ THE HOUGHTON 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND HANDBOOK. I MAY NOT AGREE WITH ALL THE TERMS IN THE HANDBOOK, BUT I WILL DO MY BEST TO HELP MY CHILD FOLLOW THESE RULES AND GUIDELINES. I WILL DO MY BEST TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH MY CHILD'S MUSICAL ADVENTURES BY ATTENDING CONCERTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS. I WILL ENCOURAGE MY CHILD TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH OTHER MUSICAL ENDEAVORS SUCH AS ATTENDING DIFFERENT CONCERTS THROUGHOUT THE AREA.**

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# **THE HOUGHTON 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND**

## Mission Statement

Developed by Kelly Fontaine

The Houghton 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band has a mission to grow musically throughout the year. Learning and understanding daily ideas and concepts will ensure our goal. We are a team. Everyone needs to participate within this team by practicing an instrument on a daily basis, being prepared for class daily and producing enthusiasm. Everyone will treat each other with respect and therefore will be treated with respect. We do not discriminate to any person. Everyone has the opportunity to learn. Everyone will accept this opportunity. We have a commitment to our school and community. We will fulfill this commitment by performing on a regular basis in a public setting. Through these ideas, we hope to develop an appreciation for the ensemble and for ourselves.

## **Goals**

1. We will remember our PENCILS, instruments, and music/book daily.
2. We will show pride and ownership in belonging to the band.
3. We will perform for our community and school.
4. We hope to create a stronger self-confidence within each of us.
5. We will treat each other with respect.
6. We will increase our musical ability throughout the year.
7. We will increase our musical knowledge daily.
8. We will act responsibly in public while representing our school/director.

# Classroom Rules

1. Respect the podium and the director, and respect will be returned.  
~students need to be quiet when the director stands on the podium and seated
2. Food and drink (except water) are not permitted in the band room at any time.
3. Absolutely no Gum!!! Detention with teacher if persists.
4. You are tardy if not in your seat with materials within four minutes of the bell ringing.
5. Supplies must be purchased before/after band or after school.
6. Not having materials will result in a loss of daily points, affecting grade.
7. Instruments must be kept at home for daily practice.
8. Remain in assigned seats until dismissed by teacher.
9. The same rules apply for a substitute teacher.

# Grade Requirements

1. Playing Test (35% of final grade)

These weekly tests will be taken during class time and on the student instrument. These performance tests can be from the music we are presently working on, individual scales, or sight-reading. The student will have at least three school days to practice the approximate material for that exam. The exact exam is never given to the student in advance.

2. Concerts (20% of final grade)

Everyone must attend all concerts. Special consideration for certain circumstances may be discussed.

3. Preparation for class (35% of final grade)

Everyone must be in his or her assigned seat at the final bell.

Everyone must have all materials and will not be excused to get supplies.

Everyone will have their instrument together and be warming up at the bell.

Everyone will bring his or her own music and pencil to each class period.

4. Individual Practice (20% of final grade)

Each student is expected to practice to maintain and exceed his/her own level of ability on a daily basis. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRACTICE IN THE BAND ROOM FOR 30 MIN. BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL ONCE PER MONTH. THIS TIME WILL BE GRADED. EACH SESSION IS DUE IN DIFFERENT MONTHS. FOR EXAMPLE: ONE IS DUE IN SEPTEMBER; ANOTHER NOVEMBER.

# Performances

## Concerts

All concerts must be attended.

## Related Topics

### Instrumental Rental

Rental payments for school-owned instruments such as percussion, tuba, bassoon, oboe, string bass, and French horn will be \$50 per school year.

Rental payments for personally owned instruments purchased through Houghton-Portage Township schools are \$80 in September, January, and April until the purchase price is reimbursed to the school. After one year, any owed rent will have a one-time 20% fee attached. The instrument is yours to keep when payment is made in full.

### Concert Attire

The concert attire is at the discretion of the band director.

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### Concerts

A clinic rotation happens every November. This year will be woodwinds.

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the auditorium. Student arrival is 6:00 PM.

A Middle School Band Clinic will be attended in March: date to be determined.

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6:30 in the auditorium. Student arrival is 6:00 PM