



CMS Band Handbook

2022-2023

*Enrollment in Carson Middle School Bands is conditional upon agreement to this document in its entirety.

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Welcome!

Congratulations on being a part of the Carson Middle School Band Program! We are so excited to have you and your family with us this year! Band is a wonderful opportunity to challenge yourself, make lifelong friends (Mrs. V is still friends with people she met in Middle School Band!), and develop all parts of the brain. Band kids score higher on standardized tests and have greater social and emotional intelligence after only one year. Imagine what you can accomplish by the end of Middle School, or even the end of High School!

Required Materials

Students will receive daily points toward their citizenship grade by being ready for class with the following materials:

- Instrument
- Music Folder (provided by Mrs. V)
- Method Book
 - We will use the Standard of Excellence series. Please check carsonmiddlemusic.com/band to find out which book your class will use.
- Pencil
- ChromeBook and Charger
- Instrument Accessories
 - These are specific to each instrument and are listed on our website: carsonmiddlemusic.com/band
 - Accessories can be purchased from local music businesses or from CMS Bands

Instrument Rentals

Carson Middle School has a limited number of school-owned instruments that can be rented to students for \$75.00 per school year. This rental fee covers the cost of repairing normal wear and tear as well as a professional chemical wash over the summer. Families wishing to rent a school instrument will need to fill out a rental agreement and return it to the director before receiving the instrument.

Priority is given to students who qualify for free-and-reduced meal plans through the district. After these students, priority is on a first-come-first-served basis. If the school cannot rent an instrument to every student, there are outside businesses able to provide rental instruments for a monthly fee. Often these businesses offer a rent-to-own program for families interested in purchasing a quality instrument. Please see the [Local Music Businesses](#) page for more information.

Students may also bring instruments they own or may purchase an instrument from a reputable source. It is always a good idea to check with your band director or private lessons teacher before purchasing an instrument. There are many brands that are not designed to last more than 6 months. Once these break, they will be impossible to repair. Quality instruments may become damaged with normal wear and tear, but are able to be repaired year after year.

Band Fee

Participation in CMS Bands costs **\$35.00** for the school year. This fee pays for SmartMusic enrollment, the required concert shirt, as well as entrance fees to events such as the Nevada Day Parade, Sparks Hometowne Christmas Parade, NZNMEA Band Festival, NZNMEA Honor Band, and other events.

Grading Policies

Our Band classes at CMS are participating in a pilot grading program this year. Students will receive a grade of 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4 for assignments, however all official grade reports will show the standard A, B, C, D, F grades. Please note that a 4 will be extremely hard to achieve! Students who are doing well in class should expect a 3. Please reach out to Mrs. V if you have any questions about this new grading system.

- **Creating - 20%**
 - Students will Imagine, Plan and Make, Evaluate and Refine, and Present music they have composed.
- **Performing - 40%**
 - Students will Select, Analyze, Interpret, Rehearse, Evaluate and Refine, and Present music used in class.
- **Responding - 20%**
 - Students will Select, Analyze, Interpret, and Evaluate music for its unique components.
- **Connecting - 20%**
 - Students will Connect their personal experiences and a variety of subject knowledge to music being studied in class.
- **Citizenship**
 - Students will respond to a “readiness check” each day in class. In order to be ready, a student will have the following in class each day:
 - Instrument
 - Music Folder
 - Pencil
 - Instrument Accessories
 - ChromeBook and Charger

4	Students are prepared with all materials and assist students who are not prepared.
3	Students are prepared with all materials.
2	Students are missing 1 or 2 of their required materials.
1	Students are missing more than 2 of their required materials.
0	Students arrive to class with none of their required materials.

Late Work Policy

Students are responsible for turning their work in on time. This is an important life-skill that students will use in the professional world as well as in the classroom. Late assignments will be accepted within the same concert cycle (typically each quarter). Assignments turned in after a concert (excluding alternate concert assignments) **will not be accepted.**

At-Home Practice Requirements

Students are expected to practice at home every day. No specific amount of time is required, but **students should expect to practice a minimum of 10 to 15 minutes each day.** If practicing at home is impossible, students can ask for a practice pass to come into the Band Room before or after school or during lunch. Students are responsible for acquiring this practice pass.

Technology Requirements

Smart Music

Students are expected to use [Smart Music](#) primarily as a practice tool, but also to submit assignments either by recording their playing or composing musical examples. Students will be taught how to navigate the program and how to be successful in their recordings. Recordings will be done outside of class and will require a quiet location for the student to record. Any questions or concerns will need to be addressed with the Band Director.

Phone Use

Students must keep their cell phones OFF and in their backpacks for the duration of the school day. However, there are plenty of helpful apps that can be downloaded and used during at-home practice.

Recommended Music Apps:

- Tuner
 - Tonal Energy (\$3.99)
 - Bandmate (highly recommended)**
 - Pano Tuner
- Metronome
 - Soundbrenner
 - Metronome Plus
 - Smart Metronome

Behavior Expectations

Being a member of the Carson Middle School Band Program is a privilege. Students in this program travel a great deal and represent our school every day. It is important that Band Members display exemplary behavior at all times.

CMS Band Members will:

Be Respectful
Be Responsible

Be Kind
Have Integrity

Students who do not meet behavior expectations will experience the following:

1st Offense: Verbal Warning, Reteach Behavior

2nd Offense: Student will complete Written Behavior Expectation Assignment

3rd Offense: Contact family of student, and complete written Behavior Expectation Assignment

4th Offense: Referral to the Office

Students who have received referrals to the office **will not be allowed to travel** and will need to complete alternate assignments. Students who continue in this pattern will lose the privilege of being a member of the Carson Middle School Band Program.

Performances

There will be multiple evening performances throughout the school year. At least one performance each quarter will be required and will count as 40% of the student's overall grade. Please see the Calendar of Events for more information.

Missing a Performance

Performances are mandatory and will count as 40% of a student's grade. However, students with the following circumstances will be excused from attending a concert:

1. Illness
 - a. Student did not attend school that day and is excused by the office
2. Family Emergency
 - a. Requires a signed note from a parent within a week of the performance
3. Pre-arranged Absence
 - a. Student must provide **2 weeks notice** so their part can be learned and performed by another student

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Alternate Assignment

Students who have missed a performance for one of the reasons listed above may complete an alternate assignment for full credit. It is the responsibility of the student to ask for this alternate assignment. Students will have one week to complete the assignment.

Concert Attire

Students are required to wear their band shirt, black pants, black socks, and black shoes for all concerts unless otherwise stated. This gives the group a uniform and professional look which stems from industry standards. Students will order their t-shirt during the first month of school.

Marching Band Attire

The Carson Middle School Marching Band will provide jackets to members of the marching band. Students are responsible for the care and maintenance of these jackets. These jackets are the property of Carson Middle School and are to be returned in good and clean condition.

Travel

In order to travel with the Bands, students must be **passing ALL of their classes** and have **no referrals** to the office. Students who do not meet these requirements **WILL NOT** be allowed to travel.

Travel Opportunities:

- Nevada Day Parade
- Sparks Hometowne Christmas Parade
- Jazz in the Schools
- Band-o-Rama
- Festival(s)
- Honor Band
- All-State Band
- Disneyland (Advanced Band Only)

Local Music Businesses

Business	Contact Information	Services
Absolute Music	Website: https://absolutemusiconline.com/ Email: absolutemusic@sbcglobal.net Address: 8175 S Virginia St #600, Reno, NV 89511, USA Phone: 775-852-2637	Instrument Rentals, Accessories, Method Books, Repairs
Blue Note B's Horn Shop	Website: https://bnbinstruments.com/ Email: bnbinstruments@gmail.com Address: 1525 Oddie Blvd, Sparks NV 89431 Phone: 775-453-9219	Instrument Rentals, Accessories, Method Books, Repairs
Carpenter's Music World	Website: https://carpentersmusic.com/ Address: 1090 Kietzke Lane Reno, NV, 89502 Phone: (775) 852-7618	Instrument Rentals, Repairs
Play Your Own Music	Address: 112 E John St, Carson City, NV 89706 Phone: (775) 885-7529	Accessories, Method Books
Silver and Brass	Address: 710 N Curry St, Carson City, NV 89703 Phone: (775) 691-9737	Brass Accessories, Brass Instrument Repairs

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Private Lessons Teachers

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Director Contact Information

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Director of Bands
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Signature Page

I have read the 2022-2023 Band Handbook in its entirety and agree to abide by all expectations as written. I will refer to this handbook throughout the school year to answer questions as they arise and will reach out to the Band Director if I have questions that are not explicitly answered by this handbook. I understand that failure to adhere to these expectations may result in the removal of a student from the Band Program at Carson Middle School.

Student Name (Print):

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Name (Print):

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

This form is due on _____.