



# Ronald Reagan MS



## Band Handbook

*Welcome to RRMS Band!*

### Course Description

Through participation in band, students will obtain knowledge, skills and understanding to demonstrate mastery of musical technique and concepts as performers, composers, and consumers of the art form. Students will understand music through the context of culture, music history and music theory. RRMS musicians will be risk takers, creative problem solvers and creators of music. Students will gain an understanding of music reading, instrument assembly and maintenance, correct playing position and sound tone production. Music students are required to perform with their ensembles throughout the course of the year, participate positively, and to be a part of a rigorous learning experience in the performing arts.

### Course Objectives

**All Band students will:**

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the instrument being studied to include; identification of parts, proper care and maintenance of the instrument, and proper playing position.
2. Identify and define musical terms, symbols and notation from materials being studied to include; reading/writing notes, identify/perform correct fingerings and positions, identify rhythm/counting and define musical vocabulary.
3. Consistently produce tones that are clear, free of tension, sustained, and unwavering in pitch.
4. Demonstrate musical phrasing in materials being studied as appropriate for technique level.
5. Demonstrate ensemble skills: blend instrumental timbres, match dynamic levels, respond to basic conducting gestures, and maintain a steady tempo.
6. Provide answers to instructor's questions regarding individual and group performance and written material.

# Class Schedule

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Period 1	8:31-9:21	Planning		
Period 2-3	9:24-10:50	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Symphonic	Concert
Period 4	11:19-12:00	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Percussion	Woodwinds
Period 5	12:02-12:43	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Beginning	Brass
Period 6	1:27- 2:09	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade		
Period 7	2:11-2:55	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade		

Please email Mr. Prinzivalli to schedule extra help before or after school:  
Prinzivs@pwcs.edu

## Grading Policy

The Reagan Music Department utilizes standards-based grading practices. This means that all grades given are based on department Power Standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning. Types of assessments used include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Concerts:** All concerts are mandatory. PWCS regulation 643.04-1 states, *“Members of performing musical organizations are to be present at all public performances except when excused by the music teacher and/or principal. An unexcused absence from such a performance may lower the achievement grade which the student normally would have received not more than one letter grade for the marking period and, in no case, fail the student for the year.”*
- 2. Absences** are only considered excused if they align with the excused absence guidelines referenced in the Code of Behavior. If clarification regarding this policy is required, please contact the Music Department Chair or specific instructor as soon as possible.
  - i.** Any student who has an excused conflict with any performance or after school rehearsal must notify the director at least one week in advance of the date with a signed note/email from a parent.
  - ii.** Any student who misses a performance must present a written excuse to the director within two school days of the students return to school. Please understand that a note does not automatically excuse a student from a

concert. Make-up assignments allowed for absences must be completed and submitted within 2 days.

- iii. All ‘after-school’ rehearsals will be scheduled on an activity bus day and split between clubs or athletic practices. These are required rehearsals and students will receive a grade. Students who have an excused absence must complete the assignment within two days of returning to school.
  - iv. Students are required to stay for the entire concert.
  - v. Please email Mr. Prinzivalli with any questions or concerns.
3. **Performance-based assessments:** Students will be asked to perform (alone or in groups) excerpts from the music literature to demonstrate mastery. These assessments may be announced or unannounced, at the teacher’s discretion. Performance assessments may also be conducted and submitted electronically using video software (i.e. Flip Grid).
  4. All make-ups/re-take assignments must be completed one week before the end of each marking period, at the latest.
  5. **Missing/Not-Handed-In (NHI) Assignments:** a score of “NHI” will be given for assignments and assessments that are not completed, not turned in, missed due to absence or forgotten instrument. *Three NHI’s at the end of a quarter will result in an Unsatisfactory (U) rating in the “Effort” grade for the quarter.*

## **Concert Dress Code**

1. **Reagan Music Department Uniform Shirt**  
(Information will be sent home about how to purchase the shirt)
2. **Black Dress pants**  
(Docker style is preferred. Not recommended: joggers, jeans, leggings, tears/rips)
3. **Solid black, flat dress shoes** no open toes or flip flops
4. **Black socks**

# Important Dates

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Friday, September 13, 2019	8th Grade Band Night @ BHS		Battlefield
Friday, September 27, 2019	8th Grade Band Night @ PHS		Patriot
Monday, December 2, 2019	8th Grade Band and Orchestra Winter Concert	7PM	Reagan
Monday, December 9, 2019	7th Grade Band and Orchestra Winter Concert	7PM	Reagan
Saturday, December 14, 2019	District Band Auditions		TBD
Monday, December 16, 2019	6th Grade Band and Orchestra Winter Concert	7PM	Reagan
Friday, December 20, 2019	In-School Performance Assemblies	TBD	Reagan
Friday, January 31, 2020	District Band Event (31-1)		Hylton
Tuesday, February 11, 2020	All County Band Auditions		Saunders
Wednesday, February 12, 2020	All County Lottery		Saunders
Wednesday, February 19, 2020	8th Grade Band Pre-Assessment Concert	7PM	Battlefield
Thursday, March 5, 2020	Band Assessment (5-7)		WSHS
Friday, March 27, 2020	All County Band (27-28)		Stonewall
TBD	Band Solo and Ensemble		TBD
Wednesday, May 6, 2020	6th Grade Band and Orchestra Spring Concert	7PM	Reagan
TBD	7th Grade Band and Orchestra Spring Concert	7PM	Reagan
Wednesday, May 20, 2020	8th Grade Band and Orchestra Spring Concert	7PM	Reagan

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