

Band Handbook

2024–25



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Hello band families!

My name is Mr. Kylar Kinyon, Band Director at the River Ridge School District and I am so excited to welcome you to the band program this year!

This is your band handbook for the year! Here, you will be able to find all of my policies and expectations in the band!

Bandies, I am so excited to work with you this school year! We have a lot of fun things lined up for us and I can't wait to experience those with you!

Families, there are several opportunities to get involved with the band program so please watch for newsletters which will be sent home with your students!

At the end of this handbook is a copy of a verification form for you and your student to sign and return to school with your student. The rest of this handbook is yours to keep and reference throughout the year!

Again, I am so excited for this school year and all that we have planned!

Musically yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kylar Kinyon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. Kylar Kinyon

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Expectations

- ◆ Students will respect ALL band members, ALL materials, ALL property, and **themselves**.
- ◆ Students will come to rehearsal prepared to make music with others. This includes having all materials and a good attitude.
- ◆ Participate to the best of your ability. If you are unable to participate, talk with Mr. Kinyon **BEFORE** class begins!
- ◆ Enjoy making music with your peers!
- ◆ HAVE FUN!

Materials

- ◆ Instrument
- ◆ Music/Drill
- ◆ Pencil
- ◆ Instrument care materials

Participation

- ◆ Participation in this class is required for all members. In this class, you will receive a grade at the end of each week based on your participation in class. This could be how prepared you are, how engaged you are, and if you have a positive attitude.

Performances

- ◆ Since this is a performance-based class, all performances are required for students. Each performance will be worth 50 points towards the student's final grade. If there is a conflict with one of the performances, this needs to be communicated to Mr. Kinyon **2 WEEKS** before!

Absences

- ◆ Life happens sometimes. These things **MUST** be communicated with Mr. Kinyon!
- ◆ If a student must miss a performance of any kind, that student will be asked to record themselves playing a portion of the concert repertoire and turn in as a playing assessment. Selections will be chosen by Mr. Kinyon.
- ◆ Excused absences: medical, pre-planned vacations, family emergencies, etc.
- ◆ Unexcused Absences: work, visiting with friends, etc.

Performance Attire

- ◆ Students must wear dress clothes. No jeans, t-shirts, or sweats. These must also be respectful to others and follow school dress code.

Cell Phones

- ◆ There will be no use of cellphones during class unless otherwise directed by Mr. Kinyon

Solo & Ensemble

- ◆ Students have the opportunity to perform a solo piece and/or an ensemble piece at the regional and possible state solo and ensemble competition. This is specifically outside of classroom preparation. If you wish to have extra help, please talk with Mr. Kinyon to work out a time to meet with him!

Lesson Attendance

- ◆ Students are required to attend weekly lessons during their assigned times. Each lesson is 15 minutes once a week.

Grading

- ◆ Participation: 10 pts/week
- ◆ Lesson Attendance: 5pts/lesson
- ◆ Assignments: 5 pts each
- ◆ Playing Assessments: 15 pts (5 note accuracy, 5 rhythm accuracy, 5 articulation accuracy)
- ◆ Performances: 50 pts

2024-2025 Music Calendar

****All dates listed may be subject to change. This information will be shared through various methods of communication!****

September 13: Home game v. Potosi/Cassville (*HS ONLY*)

September 20: Homecoming game (*HS ONLY*)

October 1: MS/HS Honors Choir

October 4: Home game v. Iowa-Grant (*HS ONLY*)

October 18: Home game v. Pecatonica/Argyle (*HS ONLY*)

November 7: MS Honors Band (Shullsburg)

December 13: ES/MS Winter Concert

December 17: HS Winter Concert

February 17: HS Honors Band (@ River Ridge)

March 6: MS/HS Pops Concert

March 22: HS/MS Solo & Ensemble (Potosi)

April 30: MS/HS Spring Concert

April 26: State Solo & Ensemble (UW-Platteville)

May 7: Large Group Festival (Wauzeka)

Parent Verification Form

Please return this form to Mr. Kinyon no later than **Friday, September 13th!**

Students Name: _____ Grade _____

I _____ verify that I have read and understand the 2024-2025 band handbook with my student. I accept and understand the rules and expectations as they have been laid out in this handbook.

Parent signature: _____

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Student Signature: _____