



Parent & Caregiver Special Areas Curriculum Guide

Band (Fifth - Eighth Grade)



Band Overview

Summary

At Saint Monica School, students can participate in band from fifth to eighth grade. Our curriculum covers a range of disciplines, including technique, terminology, and live performance. We recognize that each student's musical capabilities may differ, so we encourage students to strive for improvement in their instrument-playing skills. All lessons align with the Indiana Department of Education [Ensemble Music](#) Standards. Our physical education curriculum is centered around four pillars:

1. Connect
2. Listen & Respond
3. Perform
4. Create

Standards (5th - 8th Grade)

Eleven overarching standards are covered in Band.

Ensemble Music

- Connect
 - Standard 1: Connect with a varied repertoire of music by exploring the relationship between music and personal experience.
 - Standard 2: Connect with a varied repertoire of music by exploring the relations between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts.
 - Standard 3: Connect with a varied repertoire of music by exploring the relationship between music, history, and culture.
- Listen and Respond
 - Standard 4: Listen and respond to a varied repertoire of music by audiating music.
 - Standard 5: Listen and respond to a varied repertoire of music by describing, interpreting, analyzing, and evaluating music, and its elemental components.
 - Standard 6: Listen and respond to a varied repertoire of music by interpreting and expressing music through movement
- Perform

- Standard 7: Perform a varied repertoire of music by singing, alone and with others, from rote memory and written notation
- Standard 8: Perform a varied repertoire of music by playing instruments, alone and with others, from rote memory, and written notation
- Create
 - Standard 9: Create a varied repertoire of music by improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments.
 - Standard 10: Create a varied repertoire of music by representing audiated music.
 - Standard 11: Create a varied repertoire of music by composing and arranging music with both traditional and nontraditional notation.

Expectations

SMS Band students are expected to practice their instruments to master the songs they learn in class. This is the homework for the class. Students learn and are expected to demonstrate taking care of their instruments. Students should be setting measurable goals for themselves to achieve regarding their growth.

Performances

SMS Band students will have performances a few times during the school year. 5th-8th grade perform at the Christmas and Spring concerts, and the 7th and 8th grade participate in the West Deanery Band Festival each year in the Spring.