

CONCERT BAND.....	Gr. 6/7/8
WIND ENSEMBLE.....	Gr. 6/7/8
PREMIERE BAND.....	Gr. 6

(NOTE: Concert Band is only open to 7th/8th grade band members in the fall)

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The Concert Band is open to all six, seventh, and eighth grade students who have studied a concert band instrument for at least one year. All students must achieve required skill levels to perform in the ensemble. Students will be tested for seating placement and advanced status. Students interested in Wind Ensemble or Jazz Band will be required to audition for placement within the group. Advanced 6th – 8th grade band members will be invited to audition for “South Jersey Junior High Band”, perform in the annual Recital Night (March), and perform at the Atlantic County Teen Arts Festival (May).

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Concert Band class meets daily for 3 of the 4 marking periods of the school year.

Grading is based upon the following: Class Participation through Individual and Ensemble Performance, Theory Book work, Worksheets and Question Answer Sessions in Classes. Knowledge and Performance of all scales / rudiments required for class. Rhythm Reading and Note Reading performances. Tone Quality, Articulation, Preparation, and Sight Reading

Band performances and activities, in the past, have included: Winter Concert; Spring Concert; Davies Showcase; Elementary schools’ assemblies; co-sponsor the annual Sock op; Davies Graduation Ceremony; 2006 Multicultural Day Concerts and Community Event / Atlantic County Criminal Court House, Mays Landing; NJ Music Educators’ Concert Band Festival at Rowan University; annual Star Spangled Banner performance at the Atlantic City Surf Game, school and community dedication ceremonies. In May 2005, the Concert Band received an award with Excellent Ratings at the Rowan NJMEA Concert Band Festival and at Music in the Parks, Jackson, NJ. On April 16, 2009, the Davies Band members performed with DALLAS BRASS, in concert, at the Hess Complex.

Lesson and Rehearsal Schedules are emailed to all members/parents, and may be found through the school’s web site: www.hamiltonschools.org. Search for Related Arts: Andrew Seigel and / or Donna Berchtold.

Students will receive instrumental lessons on a “Rotating Basis”. Students will miss one class every five (5) weeks in order to attend a lesson.

Note: Band members may audition and participate in the Wm. Davies School Choral Program.

Instrumentalists interested in being involved in the Wind Ensemble or Jazz Band, (spring semesters only) must first be a member in good standing with the Concert Band.

Attire for the Band and Choir:

Black Pants and Black Shoes. No fashion statements please. Black Dockers or Wal-Mart Brand cotton twill pants are perfect...belted loops and black belts. No Lo-Rise pants ! NO TIGHT/STRETCH PANTS.

Shoes – Boys: Black Loafers or Black Tie Shoes (No Sneakers)

Girls: Black Pumps, 1 ½-inch heel – no higher: no clogs, no thick platform shoes. (We need to dress appropriately for performing ; this pertains to shoe height and uniform dress). SAFETY is important. Inappropriate footwear can cause tripping, twisting and injury of ankles. (Shopping ideas? Payless Shoes – great prices)

Red Davies Performing Arts Shirt is Mandatory for Band/Choir; Percussion Ensemble wears their Black Davies shirt.

Holiday Concerts – Long sleeve white blouses, long sleeve white shirts. No sheer blouses – girls may need camisoles. REMEMBER, the students will be elevated and in bright lighting while performing. Lights tend to show the audience many things that should not be seen. Therefore, our music ensembles always dress decently so as not to cause any embarrassment.