

# AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

## BAND

2018-2019

### 6th Grade Band Syllabus

This course is designed to give the student an enriching, comprehensive and relevant instrumental music education. This class provides many performance opportunities for the student in a variety of settings. The daily objective of the course is to foster and promote an appreciation and love for instrumental music as a performer and an active listener.

As a member of the band program, group effort and cooperation are necessary to create a successful program. Band is a skilled effort in which each student is expected to show technical and musical growth throughout this course.

#### **American Leadership Academy Mission Statement**

To provide the best educational experience to as many students as possible in a moral and wholesome environment.

#### **Band American Leadership Academy Mission Statement**

Supporting Intellectual Development through Musical Excellence.

**RAISE Values:** On top of providing a high-quality education, ALA Eagles Band wishes to further develop the contribution our students will make in society through the integration of the RAISE Values into our curriculum. Using the RAISE Values in our lesson plans EVERY DAY will help us create a band culture that will be second to none.

## RESPECT

#### **Classroom Policies**

##### **Please Do:**

- Come to class with a positive attitude.
- Seek out those that need your friendship.
- Come to class prepared with your materials EVERY DAY.
- Make sure that your personal playing space is left clean and that chairs and stands are placed in the correct spot every day before you leave.
- Let Ms. Mathusek know if you have a planned absence.
- Be Exceptional. Always.

##### **Let's Not:**

- Use cell phones, EXCEPT when in use as a tuning device for the first 5 minutes of class. Ms. M does not confiscate phones. She just expects the students to do the right thing!
- Chew gum in Band. Ever. Duh.
- Talk to your neighbor when the director is giving instruction or we are in the middle of rehearsal.
- Eat in the Band Hall. We don't want bugs. We already spit on the floor. Also, eating food and then playing your instrument is a HUGE no-no. It's gross. Just think about it for a minute. Ewwww. Shudder.
- Drink anything other than water in the Band Hall. Sugary drinks not only do bad things to our floors, but it corrodes the insides of your instruments and does terrible things to the pads (if you have them). Don't ever drink anything other than water before playing your instrument!

## ACCOUNTABILITY

### Required Materials (All Students)

- Black 1-inch binder with some page protectors and white lined paper
- Korg TM-50 Combo Tuner Metronome (With Microphone!!)
- Your Instrument
- Mechanical pencil- dedicated to your binder
- Instrument cleaning supplies
- Percussionists need a minimum of a practice pad, general and 5A drumsticks and a METRONOME without microphone

### Required Uniform

- ALA Band Polo. It can be purchased on our website on the Band Store page.
- Grey Dress Pants. It can be purchased on our website on the Band Store page.
- Closed toe, black dress shoes
- Black socks (if worn)
- Black belt

### Class Fees

There is a \$50 Class Fee for the year. (It is broken up into \$25 per semester)

- The cost of the class fee goes toward the purchase of music and communal class instruments and materials.
- There will be at least one class trip this year. Cost of this trip will be disclosed once the details of the trip are announced.

## INTEGRITY

### Attendance

Commitment to 100% attendance is extremely important to the success of the band as a complete ensemble, in addition to the student's individual growth on their instrument. In band, most students play a part that is entirely their own. If the student is absent from a rehearsal, important cues that the other ensemble members rely on will not be heard. Each student is incredibly important.

Attendance is mandatory for all performances. Make up assignments will be issued on an individual basis. Only illness, death in the family, and an immediate family wedding will be accepted as an excuse for being absent from a performance.

### Late Assignment Policy

From time to time, there will be a playing test. The student will be asked to make up that assignment.

### Academic Integrity

The student is expected to practice AT HOME. A rehearsal map will be given at the beginning of each quarter which will detail the assignments week by week.

## SERVICE

The band program WILL provide several service opportunities during the course of the school year!

### Service Through Performance

Students may sign up to perform at either a soup kitchen or a retirement home this year! More to come as those dates are booked.

# EXCELLENCE

## REQUIRED PERFORMANCES

### Concert Band Performances

All concerts begin at 7pm

- Fall Concert: Monday, October 1
- 6th Grade Pep Band Night: October 5 Time TBD (DURING FALL BREAK!!!!)
- Winter Concert: December 13, 14, 15 **Please note that there are THREE performances! The 6th graders MAY ONLY perform on the 15th.**
- Spring Concert: Monday, March 4
- Final Concert: Monday, May 13

6th Grade Band members get into the game on October 5 free of charge. Families will need to pay. The students will be performing in the stands AND perform during the halftime show on October 5.

### How to Contact Ms. Mathusek and How to Keep Informed

Having a consistent and open line of communication with the parents of my students is very important to me. As a parent of a graduated band student, I understand exactly what it means to have a child in a busy band program!

- We have a **WEBSITE** for our band which will always have current information. On it, you will find Calendar Events, Forms to download such as permission slips, practice logs, tax credit donation forms, class descriptions, etc.

Please visit: <http://gnbands.alaschools.org> (No www.)

- **Phone:** The fastest way to reach me is through email and reminder texts
- **Email:** [cmathusek@alaschools.org](mailto:cmathusek@alaschools.org)
- **Reminder Texts:** This is for up to the minute reminders for call times, changes in activities and playing text reminders! PARENTS AND STUDENTS should join. I will also give updates as to where we are and what we are doing on class trips through this app. You really, really, really need to utilize this!
  - Download “Remind 101” App
  - Create a regular text (outside of app) and:
  - Enter this number: 81010
  - Text this message: **@ala6thg**
  - Follow the prompts to complete registration