

Middle School Mass Band Alternate Assignment

Please be aware that this alternate assignment has three separate parts, with the points per part labeled appropriately. They represent the three grades that will be put into PowerSchool for all students who attend.

Part 1 – Alternate Assignment to 6 Hours of Mass Band Group Rehearsal – 100 pt

Write a two page research paper on one of the approved topics. The paper must have a works cited page (not to be included in the five page requirement). The paper must be turned in by Monday, May 15th. The paper will lose 5% for each day it is late.

History of Clarinet

History of the Concert Band

Benny Goodman

Artie Shaw

Julian Bliss

The last three are all clarinetists who became famous because of their performance abilities. You may write about their history, and should also watch some videos of their performances (available on YouTube) and comment on their playing style.

Part 2 – Alternate Assignment to Performance in Concert – 100 pt

Take a playing test on the Mass Band Music (Great Lakes Overture, Courage, Lassus Trombone, On the Edge of Tomorrow, Groovee, and Jai Ho). Student will play all the way through all four pieces, and will be graded based on competency. You must schedule this with Mrs. Johnson before school starts or during lunch.