

Kawananakoa Middle School Band

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the start of a new school year with the Kawananakoa Band. This handbook will serve as a resource for information on basic policies and procedures for students and parents.

CURRICULUM GOALS

Band is a performance medium that teaches students to develop individual and group performance skills to collaboratively bring to life the artistic vision of the composer. Learning takes place primarily in a large-group setting, but students will have opportunities to learn and perform in small groups or individually. Students will learn to perform on a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument.

The band program and its curriculum is a diverse approach to the world of music. Though it is a performance-centered course, students will also study music theory, music history, and learn about how music is related to history, science, math, language, literature, and the other arts.



Why study music?

Music is a key element of our humanity. It tells stories, pushes the boundaries of emotion, and causes us to shift our perspectives on the world. Music making helps us to find our own truth by connecting to the outside world and by looking within.

Performing in an ensemble requires a great degree of personal sacrifice in exchange for great personal growth. That personal growth can transform into a musical gift to those who are looking for beauty in the world.



In the Classroom

BASIC CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- BE ON TIME
- BE RESPONSIBLE
- BE RESPECTFUL
- PAY ATTENTION
- FOLLOW DIRECTIONS
- STAY IN YOUR SEAT
- DO YOUR BEST

GENERAL CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

- Pencil
- Eraser
- Red pen
- Folder Paper
- 1.5" 3-ring binder exclusively for Band with sheet protectors

INSTRUMENTS AND SUPPLIES

The school will provide an instrument for each student to use at no cost. Students are expected to properly care for their instruments and will be held responsible for damage or loss due to neglect or abuse. While it is expected that students practice daily, taking your instrument out of the classroom is a privilege and a liability. Students who do not demonstrate proper instrument care may have that privilege revoked. Students who fail to meet the expectations for instrument care may be subject to school level sanctions.

For sanitary purposes, students must have their own accessories such as mouthpieces, reeds, neck straps, swabs, valve oil, etc. All students must have the proper method books. Students may purchase their own accessories and method books or may purchase them from the Kawanānakoā Band Booster Club at a reduced rate if they have paid their dues to the organization.

ESTIMATED SUPPLY COSTS

Beginning Band - \$20-60

Intermediate Band - \$10-30

Concert Band - \$0-20

Letters regarding supplies and payments will go home at a later date. No payment is due at this time. See Mr. Lum if financial assistance is needed.

Performances

We have several major performances scheduled throughout the school year including regular concerts, a parade, community performances, chamber music performances, and festival events with other schools.

Any performing ensemble is a living, breathing organism that needs all of its parts to perform at a high level for the ensemble to succeed as a whole. The synergy of a successful ensemble is a great example of when the whole product is greater than the simple sum of its parts.

Performances are open to all students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance in class and afterschool rehearsals. Regular, afterschool rehearsals have been scheduled throughout the year to augment classroom instruction in preparation for public performance. Those students who miss one or more rehearsals for unexcused reasons may be excluded from future performances.

Practice makes perfect permanent!
-Anonymous

The Kawanānakoā Band dress code for performances includes:

- Band Aloha Shirt (rented)
- Solid Black Dress Slacks
- Solid Black Shoes
- Long Black Socks (mid-calf length)
- Long hair tied back in a single ponytail with a simple hair tie that matches the hair color.
- Long bangs or sideburns must be pinned or fastened back.

Students who do not adhere to the dress code will not be allowed to perform.

Uniform fitting and ordering will take place during a window of time in August, **this year at the Dennis Uniform store near dole cannery Costco**. Students who cannot attend the fitting must notify Mr. Lum no later than Thursday, August 22th or they may not be able to get fitted for a uniform. **Please bring socks**

Students will also need a band t-shirt for various events and performances, which will be ordered at the uniform fitting.

Major Performances and Other Events

August 9 - Band Orientation, 5:30p.m., Kawanānakoā

August 28 - Uniform Fitting, Time - TBD, Dennis Uniform

November 10 - Rainbow Invitational, 5:30p.m., TC Ching Field (UH) *

November 25 - Liliha-Palama Christmas Parade, ~5:30p.m.

Early December (TBA) - Elementary Performances, During school day (CB Only)

December 9 - Winter Concert, 6:00 p.m., Kawanānakoā

January 14 - 16 - Band Camp @Camp Homelani

February 18 - Music Marathon

March 4 - Spring Concert, Time TBD

TBD - Punchbowl Ensemble Festival, 6 p.m. @ Stevenson

4/18/23- Punchbowl Band Fest. Beg. Band Concert, 6:30 p.m. @ Hawaii Theatre

4/19/23- Punchbowl Band Fest. Adv. Band Concert, 6:30 p.m. @ Hawaii Theatre

5/12/23 - Aloha Concert, Time TBD





How can I support my child at home?

Students need lots of support throughout middle school: socially, emotionally and academically. That support can come in many different ways.

Support your child in band by ensuring that they're practicing effectively on a daily basis. If it sounds better, let them know. If it doesn't sound like they're getting better, let them know. You don't have to be an expert, but you'll know what effective practice sounds like.

Have a designated space for them to practice in. Somewhere that is cool, dry, and free of visual and auditory distractions is best. If practicing at home is difficult, students can practice in the band room before or after school as long as the building is open.

Attend their performances and other events. Stay abreast of communication regarding permission forms and other event details.

Volunteer for events so you can meet other parents, their friends, and see your child grow up at a distance.

Communication

Stay in touch and up to date on event information, deadlines, and other announcements.

CHARMS OFFICE ASSISTANT

All new students and parents will have an account set-up by Mr. Lum. Each student and at least one parent must have completed all fields in their account.

This is the central hub for:

- Email announcements and reminders
- Text Message reminders
- Current calendar
- Permission Form check-in
- Volunteer Sign-up

BAND WEBSITE - www.kawanakoaband.org

EMAIL - kawanakoaband@gmail.com

Mr. Lum is very busy during the school day and cannot always accept/return phone calls. Email responses will be done on a timely basis.

All students must have a working Gmail account for use with Charms Office and Google-Apps.

Grading

Weighted Formula

50% - Preparedness & Playing tests/Participation

40% - Written Assignments & Tests/Quizzes, Goal sheets, and Projects

10% - Instrument care

Policies

- Assignments must be completed on time.
- Students who are absent on the date of a test or due date for an assignment must make-up the test or turn in the assignment immediately upon his/her return.
- For each day an assignment is late, 10% will be deducted from the student's final assignment grade.
- If a student will miss a rehearsal/performance, a parent must notify Mr. Lum with a letter, and/or Request Form, *no later* than 2 days in advance for rehearsals, 1 week for performances.
- Mr. Lum will NOT solicit students to retake tests or turn in missing assignments. This is the student's responsibility.
- Students will earn extra credit for attending Rehearsals, Performances, and certain special events.

All grading is done in Infinite Campus. Login info will be provided by the school. Please allow Mr. Lum a few days after the posted due dates (found on Infinite Campus) to grade and review assignments and playing tests.

Stay Active! Get Involved!

KAWANANAKOA BAND BOOSTER CLUB

The Kawananakoa Band Booster Club is a parent support group that provides volunteer help and financial assistance for the band program. The work of our volunteers allows Mr. Lum to focus on teaching and the students' musical growth. Please sign-up to help out in some of the following ways:

- Event Chaperones
- Fundraising Volunteers
- Transportation of Equipment/Students (Carpool)
- Uniform Distribution/Collection
- Uniform Checks
- Meal Preparation

The Booster Club consistently raises over \$12,000 annually to support the needs of the program. Member families also enjoy various discounts on event fees and consumable supplies. Membership registration forms will be distributed in class. You may also pay online at www.kawanakoband.org



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The Kawananakoa Band Booster Club is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization and does accept tax-deductible donations.

“Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness, gaiety and life to everything; It is the essence of order and lends to all that is good, just, and beautiful.

- Plato