

Mulligan Middle School

Central Islip Public School District  
Central Islip, New York

2017 – 2018 School Year

Band Contract

Mr. Hait      Grade 6 Band

Dear Parents and Students,

The main goal of the band is to make music. Participating in band has many life learning experiences, which include: belonging to a group, self-esteem, self-discipline, self-confidence, pride in a job well done, the ability to get along with others, loyalty, respect for others, importance of responsibility, goal setting, and the lifelong aesthetic values of music.

It is the philosophy of the band program to work toward providing a well-rounded balanced program of music education for all interested students who demonstrate the desire and proper attitude to be members of the band. Each student must be willing to share the responsibility of establishing and maintaining high standards of excellence. Furthermore, each student must show respect for authority and cooperation with his/her fellow band members.

Discipline must, of necessity, be strict. It is vital to the success of the band that both the student and parent be willing to accept the ideals, principles and rules of the organization.

We would like to wish each and every student the best of luck on their own musical journey.

### **The rules and expectations of the class are as follows:**

- Arrive to class on time.
- Be prepared for all rehearsals, lessons and performances.
  - Instrument / Supplies
  - Book / Music
  - Pencil
- Focus on what you are doing at all times.
- No food, gum or drinks are permitted in the band room.
- Be respectful to the teacher and your fellow musicians.

### **Concert Requirements**

Students are **REQUIRED** to attend all concerts and performances at the scheduled times, dressed properly, and prepared to play. All concerts (Winter, Spring, and NYSSMA Majors) require a white dress shirt and black pants or skirt with black dress shoes. Please make sure your child is prepared for their performances.

However, if a student is not meeting their academic or performance based requirements, they may be asked *not* to attend a performance due to their failing grades. Please be sure this does not happen to you!

### **Performance Dates – Grade 6 Band**

December 18, 2017 7pm	Winter Concert (At Central Islip High School)
May 4 and 5, 2018	NYSSMA Solo Festival (Only selected students)
May 30, 2018 7pm	Spring Concert (At Central Islip High School)
May 15-16, 2018	NYSSMA Majors (Whole band. Performance will take place on either the 15 <sup>th</sup> or the 16 <sup>th</sup> .)

## Lessons

Students are required to attend all lessons and rehearsals with a positive attitude, a respect for others, and be prepared to work. They must, at all times, display self-control in their words and actions. Failure to demonstrate self-control and respect for others will result in disciplinary action.

Instrumental group lessons are a requirement of all band students. Students must attend their scheduled lessons, and will be excused from their regular class during that time. However, the students are required to make up any work missed in their regular class that day. Students will only miss a particular class once every four to five weeks. If a student is scheduled to have a lesson when an exam or a quiz is being given, he or she will have ample opportunity to make the lesson up during the week. For this reason, or any other missed lessons, students are given the opportunity to make up their missed lesson within **one week, either after school, or during a lunch period or study hall**. If the lesson is not made up, the student will receive a zero.

## Grades

Grades are based on the following criteria:

**40% Attendance** – This requirement is graded the heaviest of all grades. Students will receive a 100 for each lesson attended at the scheduled time. Missed lessons and unprepared rehearsals may be made up within that week and receive at most a 90. Each missed performance will result in a 20 point loss in their grade. Missed performances may be made up with a written report determined by the teacher.

**40% Performance Tests** – The students will have to prepare several performance tests throughout each quarter. They will be informed of what is required during lessons and will take the test in group lessons. Missed tests must be made up even if the student was absent for their lesson within the week.

**15% Quizzes** – Written and/or playing Quizzes may be given each quarter.

**5% Homework** – Occasionally students may be required to complete a homework assignment. The first being to bring back this band contract signed.

## Instruments

If your child plays a common instrument such as the flute, clarinet, trumpet, or trombone, it is time to start thinking about purchasing their own instrument. There are many benefits to owning an instrument.

- In the long run, from this point you will save money from renting every year.
- The instrument will often be of better quality than a rental.
- The student will be a better player having access to their instrument over the summer.

Purchasing can be confusing, so please feel free to contact me for a list of quality music stores or instrument choices. Always purchase from a reputable music store so you know you aren't wasting your money on a low quality instrument that will only last a year.

\*It is the student's responsibility to take good care of their instrument whether if they own or rent.

## **Teacher Contact Information**

I am here for any questions or concerns throughout the year. PLEASE feel free to contact me about anything you have questions about. Email is the best way to contact me, but you may also leave a voicemail at the number below.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hait

Email – [phait@centralislip.k12.ny.us](mailto:phait@centralislip.k12.ny.us)

Phone – 631-348-5041 ext. 4538

Web page – <http://band.mrhait.com>

1. Please write these dates on your calendar. These performances are mandatory:
  - a. December 18, 2017 – Winter Concert at CIHS
  - b. May 30, 2018 – Spring Concert at CIHS
2. Please sign up for Remind (text @mull6band to 81010)
3. Please rip off this page, sign, and return.
4. Please return the Rental Contract with the Rental Fee.

## **Band Contract**

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Student name (print)

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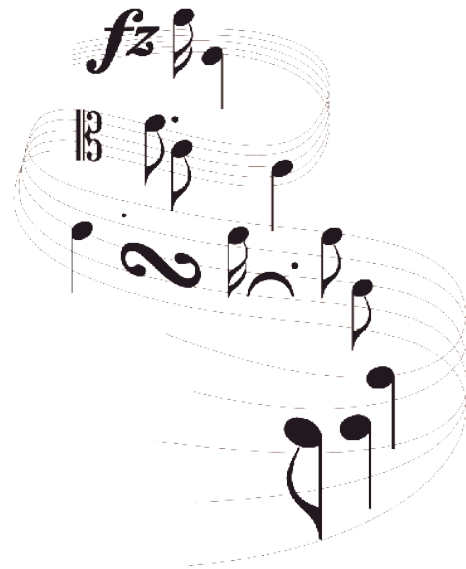
Parent/Guardian name (print)

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Parent/Guardian phone contact number

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Parent/Guardian email address



I have read and understand the Band Contract and the expectations of the students in the Band Program.

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Student signature

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Mr. Hait, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Director

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