

# Desert Sage Band Handbook

## 2021-2022



Fall 2021

Band Family,

Welcome to the Desert Sage Band Program. I am excited to have you as a part of the program this year. Please take some time to read over the band handbook. This will prepare you for your work and responsibilities as a member of the band. If a problem should arise, consult the handbook first. If you still cannot find the answer, please do not hesitate to contact me. Students that take part in the band program at Desert Sage are challenged to grow musically and encouraged to achieve their highest potential. In order for this to occur, students must respect their director, their fellow musicians, their instruments, the music they perform, any guests, and all of the work that each person puts into the band. If you follow the expectations as laid out in this handbook, your reward will be like nothing you have experienced before. You will feel pride, a sense of accomplishment, self-satisfaction, and FUN!!!! I can't wait to work and grow with you. Let's have a fantastic year!

Musically,

Mrs. Ida Bentley

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### **Music Stores to rent instruments, and purchase Accessories:**

"**Milano Music**"= 38 West Main St. Mesa, AZ. 85201

(480)827-1111, [milanomusic.com](http://milanomusic.com)

"**Music & Arts**" = 5350 West Bell Road #132 Glendale, AZ 85308

(602) 504-0206, [musicarts.com](http://musicarts.com)

"**Allegro Music**" = 3510 E. Bell Rd. Phoenix AZ 85032

(602)795-4516, [allegromusicaz.com](http://allegromusicaz.com)

"**Allegro Music**" = 8385 West Deer Valley Road #106 Peoria, AZ 85382

(623) 215-2214, [allegromusicaz.com](http://allegromusicaz.com)

"**Sam Ash Music**" = 4402 West Cactus Road Glendale, AZ 85304

(602) 863-7746, [samashmusic.com](http://samashmusic.com)

### **Financial Need**

No student will be denied the chance to participate in band because of financial need. If you are in need of assistance in purchasing these band materials, please contact me so that I may help!

**Recommended Supply List: Students will still need to rent/purchase an instrument; this is just a supply list for their instruments.**

Flute	Cleaning rod with thin cloth for cleaning inside Soft cloth for polishing outside
Clarinet	3-5 playable reeds in cases (5 <sup>th</sup> grade strength 2.5, 6 <sup>th</sup> grade strength 2.5-3) Rico Royal, or Vandoren are the best. Thin silk swab on a string for cleaning inside of clarinet and Cork grease
Saxophone (all types)	3-5 playable reeds in cases (5 <sup>th</sup> grade strength 2-2.5, 6 <sup>th</sup> grade strength 2.5-3) Rico Royal, or Vandoren are the best. Neckstrap, Cork grease Thin swab on a string for cleaning inside of saxophone and Cork grease
Trumpet/Euphonium/Tuba	Valve oil, or tuning slide grease, soft cloth, and snake for cleaning inside
French Horn	Rotor oil or tuning slide grease, soft cloth, and snake for cleaning inside
Trombone	Slide grease or cream (Trombotine is best) Spray bottle (very small, to be kept in case) Soft cloth for polishing the outside of the instrument
Percussion	Practice Pad (any size) Drum sticks-Vic Firth 7a/5a or comparable brand. (Purchase, please don't rent) A percussion pack with the items below is strongly encouraged so that students have their own materials.



**Method Books**

These books will be used on a daily basis in class, and will be the source of playing test materials. *Please write your first and last name, in marker, on the outside front cover of your book/folder, and your instrument case before bringing it to school.*

- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band: Measures of Success, Book 1 method book specific to your instrument**
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band: Complete/review Measures of Success, Book 1 method book specific to your instrument and sheet music**
- **Accessories for your instrument as listed in the chart above**

## **BAND EXPECTATIONS**

- **Be On Time**
- **Have Your Materials (instrument/supplies/book/music/pencil)**
- **Do Your Best**

## **GRADING POLICY**

All grades are based on the Deer Valley Fine Arts Curriculum. Depending on your grade level your grade will be based on the following:

- Skill checks and preparation, weekly folder check.
- Playing performance tests (Scales, Arpeggios, Thirds, Concert Music, Method book)
- Concert attendance
- Written tests (music vocabulary and theory knowledge)

All grades will be based on a point system depending on the assignment and grade level. If you have a missing assignment and it is not turned in, you will receive a 49% on PowerSchools.

ATTITUDE + EFFORT=SUCCESS

### **At-Home Practice**

At-home practice is essential to developing musical skill. Students should practice at least 15-20 minutes 4 times a week. There will also be one to two-part checks per month in order to provide evidence of musical growth.

### **PARENTAL SUPPORT**

Parents are the vital link between what a student learns in school and what the student applies to everyday life at home. With the support of parents, the band can grow and flourish to a new level of achievement. By supporting and cooperating with Mrs. Bentley and the administration, parents will further help the band program improve. Help contribute to the success of your student by being actively involved in practice and study habits!

### **Band Club**

For 6th grade there will be practice after school on Mondays from 3:30-4:15 pm. so that we can have an extra full band rehearsal. Band Club will start on August 23rd. Students must be picked up on time. If there is a conflict please discuss with Mrs. Bentley. 5th grade students who want extra practice will need to talk to Mrs. Bentley about setting something up. I will always be available to help if asked.

### **Concerts Attendance/Attire**

Our concert attire consists of black pants/or darkest pair of jeans, and our band shirt tucked in. Information on shirts will be given out at a later time. All school dress code rules must be followed as well.

### **Quarter 1 Band Schedule**

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band

PLC Friday Days class time is 1:30

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2:45 to	Full	Brass	Flutes	Percussion	Reeds (WW)
3:00	Band	(trumpets, trombones, baritones)			(clarinet & alto sax.)

### **Quarter 1 Band Schedule**

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band

PLC Friday Days class time is 12:40

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2:00 to	Full	Brass	Flutes	Percussion	Reeds (WW)
2:45	Band	(trumpets, trombones, euphoniums)			(clarinet & alto sax.)

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**Please click below to sign the google document (Band Handbook and the Parent Acknowledgement).**

[Band Contract](#)