

A stylized illustration of two musicians. On the left, a drummer in a blue suit and sunglasses is seated, playing a drum set with a cymbal. On the right, a trumpeter in a green suit is standing and playing a trumpet. The background is a light blue with a wavy, textured pattern. The text 'Apalachee High School Band 101' is overlaid in the center in a blue, serif font.

**Apalachee High School
Band 101**

Important Information

- Teacher
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What is it about?

- Family
- Team Work
- Great Musical Experiences for All
- You...(see index card)

What can I do with the band?

1. Band Classes
 - Concert Band
 - Symphonic Band
 - Wind Ensemble
2. Marching Band
3. Basketball Pep Band (To Be Determined)
4. Jazz Band (after school during second term)
5. Chamber Ensembles (during class)

What do I need?

- Instrument in good working order
- A 1 inch binder with pockets, pencils or pens, paper, handouts, pencils, paper, and band music
 - Page protector would be a great addition
- **ALL who play a reed instrument must provide your own reeds...the band program will not provide reeds anymore**

The Six “Be’s” of the Apalachee Band Program

1. Be Prepared
2. Be Quiet
3. Be Attentive
4. Be Respectful (What does this look like)
5. Be Accountable (Musically Mature)
6. Be Nice...It's Easier!

Objectives

- To develop a greater appreciation for music.
- To develop INDIVIDUAL performance growth specific to each instrument, with special attention to improving tone quality, articulation, intonation, phrasing, and other techniques.
- To develop ENSEMBLE performance awareness of musical ideas such as balance, blend, intonation, melody, and harmony.
- To develop **discipline, responsibility, and teamwork.** These concepts will help to enrich our lives.

Assessment (Grading)

- Formative Assessments – 45%
 - Scale Quizzes, Music Quizzes, Rhythm Quizzes, Listening Assignments
- Summative Assessments - 35%
 - Major Tests, Concerts, etc.
- Final Examination – 20%

Discipline

- Discipline
 - n. Training to act in accordance with the rules.
- All policies Apalachee High School and Barrow County Schools will be *strictly* enforced!
- Note...
 - Discipline is not anything we do to you...it's what you bring to rehearsal.

Expectations

- Students will be on time for class. Please be in your seats ready for warm-up within in **three** minutes of the tardy bell.
- There are shelves in the band room to store your instruments, use them! Please leave book bags, instrument cases and other items not used during rehearsal outside the rehearsal setting.

Expectations

- The director and school are not responsible for lost or stolen articles. Please be cautious!
- The band room is not your locker...do not leave extraneous materials in this room.
- Absolutely **no food or drinks** in the band room at any time. This includes gum and/or candy.
- The director's office and satellite rooms are off limits unless granted permission to enter. Please knock before entering the director's office.

Expectations

- Play only your instrument or the instrument checked out to you; never play anyone else's instrument, including percussion instruments and guard equipment.

COVID 19 Procedures

- Students must take all belongings at the conclusion of each class.
- We will observe six feet social distancing while in band class. Students **MUST** wear masks when not performing.
- Students will remain in the same seat for the duration of the semester.
- Due to the large class sizes, this means we will rehearse in shifts.

COVID-19 Procedures

- At the end of each rehearsal shift, we will disinfect chairs and stand prior to the transition.
- Have a your own refillable water bottle for hydration throughout class.
- Students are permitted to use the restroom one at a time. We ask that you wash hands thoroughly and use hand sanitizer before entering and exiting the band room.

COVID-19 Procedures

- For contract tracing purposes, each student will be asked to sign-out and back in whenever they exit the room.
- If possible, all instruments must go home with the student at the conclusion of the school day or marching band practice.
- On marching band practice days, come to school dressed for practice.

Final Thoughts

- Have Fun!
 - We have high expectations for the members of our band family...this is a tough activity; however, you will enjoy this and WILL have a great time, we promise.
- WELCOME TO THE APALACHEE BAND FAMILY! GET READY FOR THE BEST EXPERIENCE OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL CAREER!