



Turtle River School Division - Administrative Procedure

Section C – Instruction and Programming Band and Practical Arts Programs

The Band program for grades 5 to Senior 4 is an optional course. The instructor will provide each student with a course outline, including course content, goals, objectives, and evaluation procedures. Students are expected to participate in all aspects, as outlined in the course syllabus.

Specific Guidelines:

1. All grades 5 and 6 students will receive music education in some form, such as Band, Orff, instrumental music, or choral music.
2. All students in Turtle River School Division shall the opportunity to enroll in Band at any of the following grade levels: 5, 6, 7, or 8, provided the program is available at the school. They shall have the right to continue in band from year to year following the same procedures as any other subject in the curriculum. Students should be encouraged to opt into the program no later than grade 8. In exceptional cases, students may be allowed to start Band in grade 9. Students transferring from outside the division will be considered based on their interest, commitment, or previous musical experience, and may be permitted to join the Band program after senior 1.
3. At the senior 1 level, Band is taken as a credit course. Students must meet the standards set by the curriculum and course outline to receive credit for the course. If a student has not made satisfactory progress by the end of senior 1, they will be advised/counseled that registering for senior 2 Band may not be the most academically beneficial choice.
4. Evaluation of pupil progress will primarily be based on class participation, theory, and skills learned. Participation in “after school” band activities will not be considered in evaluation for grades 5 to 8. However, for students in senior 1 to senior 4, attendance at practices, participation in extracurricular performances, and or competitions may be required as outlined by the instructor. The instructor, with approval from the principal, will determine these requirements.
5. Out of province or out of country trips will not be considered part of the extracurricular program.
6. The band instructor will submit a course outline to the principal annually. The schedule for extracurricular trips, practices, and performances will be submitted for approval by the specified deadlines.
7. The band instructor will report on student progress in a format prescribed by the principal. Reports will be anecdotal, highlighting the student’s strengths and areas for improvement in the program. A summative letter grade or percentage will also be included for students in grades 5 to senior 4.
8. The band auxiliary exists solely to provide financial support for the school band. All decisions related to the band, other than strategies for raising funds, are the responsibility of the board and its administrators. The board encourages principals and instructors to work closely with the auxiliary.
9. Band instruments are purchased by the Division or rented by the Division.

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Practical Arts Program

The Practical Arts programs at Glenella, McCreary, and Ste. Rose Schools are available to all junior high and senior high students in the Division. At the senior 1 to senior 4 levels, Practical Arts will be offered as an optional course, subject to the availability of teacher time, accommodations, and sufficient student interest.

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