

# Agnew Beginning Band 2009-2010 Contract

Dear Band Parents and \_\_\_\_\_,  
Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year!! I am looking forward to watching each of the new band members learn how to play and their instrument and make music together. I and the other directors are very dedicated to providing each of its band students with the highest quality music education possible. We seek to instill in each student the concepts of work ethic, time management, appropriate peer group socialization and a love for the artistry of music making. Communication and cooperation between students, parents and directors is the key to our success. I ask that both student and parent or guardian read this contract, keep a copy for your records, fill in the requested information, sign and return the other copy to your student's director by **September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. Please transfer the performance dates listed below to your home calendar. Your child's attendance at their performance is mandatory and your presence and support at each performance is greatly appreciated. Please, do not hesitate to contact me for any reason. Best wishes to you for a rewarding, fun, and musical year.

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## Beginner Band Calendar 2009-2010

Rehearsal for Holiday Concert hall	Tuesday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 3:30-4:30 in the Agnew band
Holiday Concert	Tuesday, December 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm in the Agnew gym
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Solo and Ensemble	Thursday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> times TBA @ Agnew MS
Rehearsal for Festival	Tuesday, May 18 <sup>th</sup> @ 3:30-4:30 in the Agnew Band Hall
MISD Beginner Band Festival	Friday, May 21 <sup>st</sup> , times TBA @ Kimbrough MS
Rehearsal for Spring Concert	Tuesday, May 25 <sup>th</sup> @ 3:30-4:30 in the Agnew Band Hall
Spring Concert	Thursday, May 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm in the Agnew gym

**Concert Attire:** Students will need to wear dressy "Sunday church-type clothes" to all formal concerts. The girls may wear a dress, skirt and blouse, or dressy slacks outfits. The boys should wear slacks with a nice collared shirt with a tie. Jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, and t-shirts are not acceptable. Students will wear their band polo and khaki pants with athletic shoes to any festivals or field trips they may take.

**Daily Supplies:** Students need to have their instrument in good working order, including 3 good reeds or valve oil, binder with notebook paper, method book, and pencil, everyday.

**Grading Policy:**

**Daily Participation**

**45%**

Students receive daily grades based on their participation. This grade is largely dependent on the students bringing all necessary materials to class and actively participating. They will receive one participation grade per week, with 20 points taken off each day they come without their instrument.

**Playing Tests, Written Tests, and Performances**

**35%**

All performances are required. The only acceptable reasons for missing a performance are severe illness, with a note, or extreme family emergency or tragedy. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in a 10 point deduction from the six weeks grade.

**Individual Daily Practice**

**20%**

**Primary Band Rules:**

1. Be in your assigned seat ready to work 3 minutes after the bell.
2. Have your instrument, pencil, band binder and all supplies every day.
3. Keep hands, feet, books, and objects to yourself.
4. No GUM, food or drink in the band hall at any time.
5. Profanity, rude gestures, cruel teasing or put downs are not permitted.
6. Follow directions of any adult working at this school.

**Consequences:**

1. Warning
2. Pulled aside and spoken to and then returned to class.
3. Moved away from the group and given a written assignment to be completed and signed by a parent.
4. Detention and parent contacted.
5. In Team Suspension
6. Office referral

“We have read the AMS Band Contract and understand the guidelines listed.”

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL #: \_\_\_\_\_