

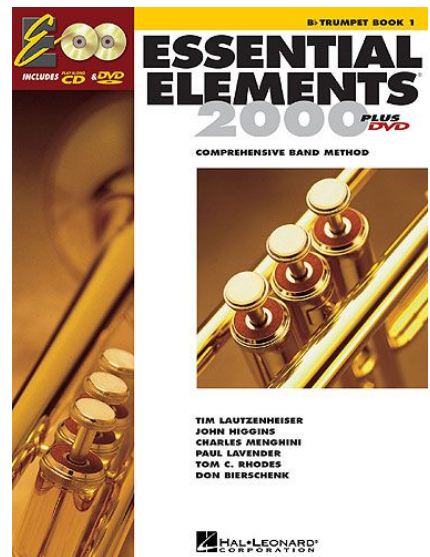
# 5th Grade Band

## Introduction

Welcome to band! I hope you are excited to begin your musical experience on your instrument because I am very excited to have the opportunity to teach you. Band is a subject that is a lot of fun, but it requires a lot of work too. Don't be intimidated though, every great musician has started out where you are today. If you stick with it, put in the work, and remember to have fun, you too can be a great musician!

## Textbook

Just like in any other class, band requires a textbook. Since each instrument is different, each band member will need a different book to use. In band, our textbook is called *Essential Elements*. When you receive your book the first thing you should do is right your name in the front cover so you know which one is yours. Your book will have a CD and DVD. Leave these disks in the book unless Mr. Reeves tells you to take them out. This way if we need to use either of those disks, we know right where they are.



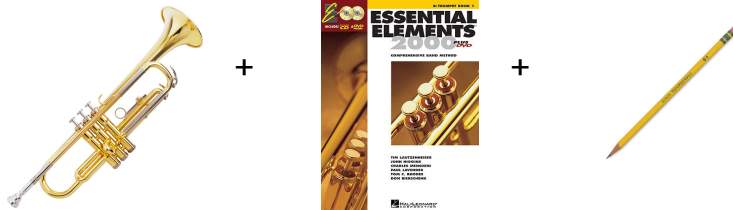
## Instrument Rental Fee

If you play on a school-owned instrument such as a Baritone, French Horn, or Percussion, then you must pay a fee of \$30. This fee goes to repairs for the instruments as well as purchasing new instruments in future years. Please read and have your parent or guardian sign the Rental Contract on the last page of this packet.

# What to Bring to Class

Each day there are a few things you need to bring to band. Please make sure you have these items with you so class can go smoothly and you can get the most out of band that you possibly can.

- Instrument
- Essential Elements Book
- Pencil



## Grading

Most of your grade in band will come from attendance and participation. It is very important for you to come to class everyday and to participate and be prepared. You will get one pass each nine weeks to forget one item that you need for class (instrument, book, pencil). After that, points will be taken from your attendance and participation grade. Small portions of your grade will be from any tests we take and from your practice logs as well. The list below tells you how your grade will be calculated.

- 75% - Attendance & Participation
- 10% - Tests
- 15% - Practice Logs

## Practicing

Band is just like any other class, or even a team, in many ways. First, we have to practice to get better. For example, if you don't practice your free throws in basketball, you won't be a very good shooter. The exact same is true in band. If you don't practice your instrument, you won't become skilled on it. On the next page you will find a Practice Log that you should fill out during the year.

For you to receive full credit for your Practice Logs, you need to practice at least 30 minutes each week. Extra rewards will be given to band members who practice more than that!



# Instrument Rental Contract

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Instrument\_\_\_\_\_

Condition of Instrument:    Poor    Fair    Good    Excellent

Case Includes:    Mouthpiece    Ligature    Slide Grease    Valve Oil  
                         Neck Strap    Cork Grease    Other\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that it is my responsibility to take proper care of my instrument and to return it in comparable condition to how it was given to me. I understand that if damage beyond the normal wear and tear occurs, it is my responsibility to pay for the damages.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_