

THE KINGWOOD MUSIC PROGRAM HANDBOOK

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🎵 Meet The Directors



Mr. White has taught at KTS since 2004. He is responsible for all instrumental groups at Kingwood, including the concert band, jazz band, rock band and pep band (K-PEP). Additionally, Mr. White teaches general music for grades 5-7. Mr. White earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music education from West Chester University. Mr. White is married with 2 children Ethan and Natalie.

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Mrs. Niedziejko has taught at KTS since 2010. She is responsible for all vocal groups at Kingwood including the chorus and the Knightengales. Additionally, Mrs. Niedziejko teaches general music for grades K-4. 'Mrs. N' earned her bachelors degree in music education from West Chester University. Mrs. Niedziejko is married with 4 children Maria, Micheal, Mary Kate and Max.

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🎵 Long Term Program Goals

- To create lifelong consumers and creators of music.
- To create quality individuals through the discipline of music.
- To develop self discipline, and foster a sense of responsibility towards self and group.
- To expose students to the concept of a discipline, a life-long educational pursuit.
- To produce students who are self-starters and problem solvers

🎵 Performing Ensembles

Curricular

- Concert Band - Open to all students in grades 5-8.
- Chorus - Open to all students in grades 5-8.

Extra-Curricular

- The Kingwood Jazz Band - By Invitation
- The Knightengales - By Audition
- The Kingwood Rock Band - By Invitation
- K-PEP - Open to all students in grades 6-8

🎵 Small Group Lessons

Band students receive a once weekly small group lesson. Lesson times rotate weekly, times are posted by the water fountains. Lessons are critical for the development of musical skills needed to participate in the ensembles.

Rehearsal Attendance

Band and chorus members are expected to regularly attend rehearsals. Rehearsal attendance is critical for the success of each band member and the ensemble as a whole. **Students who need to miss a rehearsal shall notify Mr. White/ Mrs. Niedziejko prior to rehearsal.**

Students who attend less than 85% of rehearsals in a marking period may be asked to submit make-up assignments.

5th Grade Band	Mondays @ 12:00-12:50
6th Grade Band	Tuesdays @ 12:10 - 1:00
7th & 8th Grade Band	Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 2:30 - 3:10
5th & 6th Grade Chorus	Wednesdays and Fridays @ 12:10 - 1:00
7th & 8th Grade Chorus	Monday and Wednesdays @ 2:30 - 3:10

Extended Rehearsals (7th & 8th Grade only)

Once or twice a month the 7th and 8th grade band will have an extended rehearsal. Extended rehearsals begin 8th period and conclude at 4:00pm. Parents will be provided with advance notice of extended rehearsals.

Concert Attendance

Concert attendance is mandatory, all known performance dates are posted below. Students may be excused from concerts on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Mr. White and/or Mrs. Niedziejko should your child need to miss a concert. Students with unexcused concert absences are disqualified from attending the Dorney Park Trip.

Middle School Winter Concert (Everyone)	12/18
MIOSM Concert (Band Only)	3/11
Del Val Band and Chorus Festival (Everyone)	3/26
Kingwood Jazz Fest (jazz band only)	4/1
Fine Arts Fest (Everyone)	5/19
Graduation (chorus and select band members)	6/11 (tentative)

Concert Attire

Concert dress is black dress pants, white tops and dress shoes.

Home Practice

Students are not assigned a specific amount of practice time per week. Some students decide that they want to achieve at a high level and devote the necessary time to build advanced musical skills. Often these are the students selected for jazz band, rock band, Knightengales and other honors such as small group performances and solos.

Some students decide to practice enough to pass their assessments and to positively contribute to the overall sound of the band/chorus.

Grading

Kingwood band and chorus students receive a report card grade based on the following criteria. A student's band/chorus grade does not count for or against honor roll, nor does it impact a student's GPA.

Concert Band Grading

Prepared Assignments 25% - Assigned in lessons, prepared at home, performed in lessons.

Home Playing Tests 25% - Assigned and submitted via google classroom. (1 per MP)

Written Assignments 10% - Assigned in lessons, completed at home.

Rehearsal Attendance 20% - To earn an 'A' students are expected to attend 85% of scheduled rehearsals each marking period.

Concert Attendance 20% - Not during 1st marking period, 2nd marking period - winter concert, 3rd marking period - Del Val Music Fest, 4th marking period - Spring Concert

Chorus Grading

Rehearsal Attendance 20% - To earn an 'A' students are expected to attend 85% of scheduled rehearsals each marking period.

Prepared Assignments 15% - Google assignments

Home Singing Tests 40% - Assigned and submitted via google classroom.

Concert Attendance 25% - Not during 1st marking period, 2nd marking period - winter concert, 3rd marking period - Del Val Music Fest, 4th marking period - Spring Concert

Google Classroom

Google classroom is a free online platform that allows teachers to assign work to students and allows students to easily submit video assignments. Students will need to download the google classroom app to their phone or tablet. Use the following codes to join the google classroom. Students who used google class last school year **do not** need to join, they are re-enrolled automatically.

5th Grade Band Code	ic6ia0
6th Grade Band Code	s3jqzs
7th Grade Band Code	uhc1gtp
8th Grade Band Code	3b5l3p

Instrument Storage

Students in grades 6-8 may store their instrument in the band lockers outside Mrs. N's room. Students in 5th grade should bring their instruments to school on rehearsal and lesson days. Most instruments will fit in a standard student locker. All students are encouraged to take their instruments home regularly for home practice.

Instrument Rental

It is recommended that beginning band students rent an instrument from a recommended local retailer. Buying an instrument off the internet is **not** recommended, frequently these instruments are not functional upon delivery, as a result your child will be behind from day one.

Hunterdon Music in Flemington, K&S Music in Berkeley Heights and Music & Arts in Horsham are stocked with all of Kingwood's preferred instruments and supplies. All 3 merchants deliver instruments and supplies to KTS. Additionally, Kingwood maintains a fleet of instruments that students can rent for \$40.00 a school year. **Tuba and Baritone** students rent a school owned instrument. Supplies are limited.

Please contact Mr. White if for any reason you are unable to rent an instrument, he will be able to help.

Care of Sheet Music

Band students are expected to keep all sheet music in their band folder, sheet music will be collected for future use. As such students must take care not to rip or mangle the sheet music. Light pencil marks are permitted.

🎵Supplies

- Binder (KTS provides)
- Band Folder (KTS provides)
- Tuner (KTS provides)
- Pencils and Highlighter (Student provides)
- Binder Pencil Bag (Student provides)
- Essential Elements Book (Student provides)

🎵Extra Curricular Rehearsal Schedule and Attendance Policy

Students enrolled in Kingwood's extra-curricular ensembles are expected to regularly attend rehearsals. Rehearsal attendance is critical for the success of each member and the ensemble as a whole. Please contact Mr. White or Mrs. N if your child is unable to attend rehearsal.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

- **Morning Rehearsals** begin at **7:55am**. It is requested that students be in their seat ready to play @ 8:00am in order to make the best use of our rehearsal time.
- Please make arrangements to pick-up your child promptly at the conclusion of after-school Rehearsals. If you are having an issue with pick-up or will be late please call the main office, music room and/or your child's cell phone. District policy forbids a teacher to leave a child unattended. As such teachers must wait with children until they are picked-up by a parent or guardian.

Sports Policy

Students are welcome to play sports and participate in extracurricular ensembles. Musical groups rehearse only once a week, as such students should be prepared to miss a sports practice when there is a conflict. Students are excused from rehearsal on game days.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	x	Full Jazz Band 7:55am	x	Pep Band 7:55am	x
After School	x	Jazz Trombone Sectional 3:15-4:00pm	Jazz Sax Sectional 3:15-4:00pm Rock Band 4:00-5:00p	Jazz Trumpet Sectional 3:15-4:00pm	Jazz Rhythm Sectionals 3:15-4:00pm

Fundraising

The music program runs a number of fundraisers to offset the cost of trips such as the Dorney Park trip and jazz festivals. Please consider supporting the music programs fundraising endeavors.

- *Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale (Fall and Spring)*
- *Shoprite Gift Cards*
- *Concessions Sales*
- *Amazon Wish List <http://bit.ly/kingwoodmusic>*

Field Trips

Music students go on a number of trips throughout the year. Notification of trips will be provided well in advance. Students who have past-due playing tests will not be permitted to attend music program trips. Parent chaperones are welcome for most trips.

Annual Trips

- *Del Val Band and Chorus Festival Rehearsals*
- *CJMEA Concert Band Festival*
- *Various Jazz Festivals*
- *Music In The Parks (Dorney Park)*

2019-20 HANDBOOK SIGNATURE PAGE

In order to save paper, the Kingwood Music Program Handbook is distributed electronically. You will receive a PDF copy in your inbox, additionally you can find the handbook linked below.

Handbook Link - <https://www.dvrhs.org/Page/7500>

Handbook QR Code - Aim your smartphone's camera at the code.



Parents,

I have read the Kingwood Music Program Handbook and I understand the policies of the Kingwood Music Program including those that deal specifically with grading, attendance, field trips and concert attire.

Parent Signature

Date:

Students,

I have read the Kingwood Music Program Handbook. I understand that participating in band and chorus is a group activity that requires regular rehearsal attendance. I understand the importance of coming to rehearsal prepared both musically and with the necessary materials needed to rehearse (sheet music, instrument, reeds, tuner etc.). I understand that I need to complete my assignments to attend music program field trips. I understand that there is no bench in band and chorus. I understand that everyone plays, everyone sings...and we all succeed together.

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Date:

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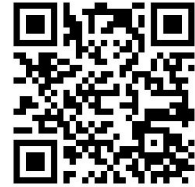
2019-20 BAND AND CHORUS REGISTRATION

Welcome parents and students to the 2019-20 school year. Mrs. Niedziejko and I have a great year of musical activities and concerts planned, we are excited to begin! Rehearsals will begin the week of 9/9.

Please see the handbook for more detailed info about the music program.

To register your new or returning student for band and/or chorus, please fill out the online form linked below.

Aim your smartphone camera at the registration QR Code to register.



or

Use this link

<https://forms.gle/eEY4TDkm3o5TZdYb8>

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Best,

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