2026-2027
Clark-Pleasant Middle School Band Handbook

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Required dates for 2026-2027

Tuesday December 8, 2026- Winter Concert – 6:30pm at Clark-Pleasant Middle School
Friday March 12, 2027 – ISSMA Contest at Clark-Pleasant Middle School
Tuesday May 18, 2027- Spring Concert- 6:30pm at Clark-Pleasant Middle School
All concerts/contests are required as part of the student's grade (Concert Performance EL).** School excused absences with parental contact are the only type of absence that will be excused with a make-up assignment. ***Unexcused absence from a concert or contest will result in not completing the Concert Performance EL requirement for the student's grade.

Other Important Dates for 2026-2027

INpact Band – August 7-8 (*participating students only)*
Halloween Party –October 28th at CPMS 6:30-7:30pm
IBA All-region Honor Band- Saturday/Sunday November 14-15 2026
(director nomination and selected to participate in All-Region Band- CPMS Hosting the event)
ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest - Saturday January 30, 2027- Time/Location TBA
ISSMA Jazz Contest- Friday March 5, 2027 *(participating students only)*

Concert Attire

Concert Black (Black Dress pants or Black skirt/black dress, Black dress shirt, black socks and black dress shoes). ***Please no prints, solid black only*** (school dress code guidelines apply)

Grading Policy

Students will be evaluated on written and performance assessments aligning with our Essential Learnings for band. You can find a copy of our EL Scales on cpmsband.com. Students are ENCOURAGED to do re-do/re-takes for each assessment until skills are mastered. Performance Assessments must be mastered by the corresponding concert dates.

Essential Learnings in Band

Performance: Note Accuracy – 10%
Performance: Musicianship- 10%
Written: Notes/Rhythm Reading- 10%
Written: Terminology- 10%
Written: Content Literacy- 5%
Performance: Rhythmic Accuracy- 10%
Performance: Tone Quality- 10%
Performance: Key Signature/Scales- 10%
Performance: Concert Performance- 25%

Materials Needed for Class

All students must have their instrument, ***music in a binder*****,** Chromebook, and a pencil for class every day.

All brass players must have valve oil and slide grease.
All Woodwinds must have at least 4 working reeds for every class.
(We encourage you to purchase a box of Vandoren 3 reeds from Paige's music)

Please contact **Paige's Music** or **Musician's Repair** if you are in need of supplies or have instrument issues. ***Paige's Music:*** 1-800-382-1099 or ***Musician's Repair*****:** 317-635-6274

Band Opportunities

ISSMA Concert Band Contest: Each year the students perform at the ISSMA Concert Band Contest for 3 judges. The students are evaluated on many different categories and receive a Gold, Silver, Bronze or Participation rating. ***This is a required after school/evening performance on either a Friday night or Saturday morning.***

Solo and Ensemble: Students are ***encouraged*** but not required to participate in Solo and Ensemble contest. Students learn a solo (by themselves) or an ensemble (with several other students of like instruments) to perform for a judge at another school on Saturday January 30, 2027 and will receive helpful feedback and a medal for their performance. Transportation of students and instruments is not provided.

Private Lessons: Private lessons instruction is available. It generally ranges from $25-$30 for a half hour weekly lesson. Please contact a director if you are interested (aellinger@cpcsc.k12.in.us)

IBA All-Region Honor Band: All Region Honor Band is a group of students from the area nominated by their band directors and selected by a committee. It is a high honor to perform in this group. Many students that participate in private lessons or Solo and Ensemble are selected.

Jazz Band (and Pep Band): Jazz band is an extra-curricular band. More information will be coming soon about a schedule and participation in the Jazz band. It is highly encouraged to participate!

Band Council: CPMS Band students can apply to be a part of the CPMS Band Council. These students will receive basic leadership training, help advocate for our band program within the school and community, plus assist with our beginning band instrument try-on nights.

Prop Team: Any 8th grader interested in traveling to football games and contests with the WCHS Marching Band to help with Props can sign-up for Prop Team in the fall.

Would you like to donate supplies to the CPMS Band for this school year? Please check out our Amazon Wish List by scanning the QR code! Thank you in advance for your support!