

# Common Course Syllabi for DCSD Intermediate Band

## Sixth Grade Band

Band students in Davenport begin instruction on band instruments in the Fifth Grade. Sixth Grade Band is a continuation of that experience with the goal of developing higher level musical skills as the students gain more experience on their instrument. Students are provided an individual weekly lesson on their instrument, and participate in a group band rehearsal experience. Students will prepare for a solo festival experience as well as several large group performances. Attendance at all performances is a requirement of the course.

Students that participate in Sixth Grade Band must have previous experience on a band instrument before they can participate in the group class experience. If a student without band experience is interested in participating in Sixth grade band they must receive individual instruction and meet the musical expectations of the class before they can be blended into the group experience. Acquiring private lessons outside of school can be beneficial to these students, and can provide them with the intensive training that can help them meet this goal more quickly.

## Seventh and Eighth Grade Band

This course is a more advanced continuation of the Sixth Grade Band experience with the goal of developing even higher level musical skills. Previous successful band participation is expected of students that enroll. The Seventh and Eighth grade band students are provided an individual weekly lesson on their instrument as in the Sixth Grade Band experience, but the group band experience is a daily class. Musical objectives include: a unit of marching band instruction with performances at a marching exhibition and a parade in October; multiple performances in a concert band environment; a Solo Festival experience; and interested students have the opportunity to audition for Honor Bands. Attendance at all performances is a requirement of the course.