

Bailey Band Practice Log Directions

To The Parents

Music is a family affair! Your child needs your guidance and encouragement. Here are some specific tips on how the practice record works, and how to create a lasting relationship between your child and his/her instrument.

- Each week, students are required to record what they practiced, so that they can keep track of their accomplishments. Help your child set up a regular time every day to practice. Provide a chair that supports good posture, a music stand, a pencil, a mirror, and Internet access if possible.
- Please sign the log on a weekly basis if your child is completing a paper log. Please check your child's practice weekly entries on www.charmsoffice.com if he/she is entering them online.
- As a parent, don't make judgments about the music quality of your child's practicing. Learning an instrument requires lots of squeaks, scratches, and wrong notes. he/she is entering them online.
- Encourage your child to perform for you each week or for family on special occasions.

To The Students

How much is this record worth in my quarterly grade? 10%

How much should I practice?

It is up to you and your schedule, although a consistent practice schedule is recommended. Twenty minutes a day is great. Some weeks you may have to budget your time differently.

Recommended Practice Times for Middle School

20-25 minutes a day

These are the minimum times. You obviously can do more, however, less time will lower your practice requirement grade. You can earn extra credit – 1 point for each minute over 150 minutes for the week.

What should I practice? A good practice session should begin with buzzes, sirens, and long tones from your warm-ups. Next, practice several different scales, then some etudes and melodies. Spend the most time working on your

concert music.

Practice the most difficult sections in the music by starting slowly and building up the tempo. Always be aware of your tone quality and rhythmic accuracy while practicing. Be sure to check the band web-site for more tips on for your weekly homework. *Parents – we will also write the weekly practice assignment in the agenda at the first band class of the week.*

Buzzes, sirens, long tones - 2-4 Minutes

Scales and arpeggios - 5-10 Minutes

Etudes and melodies - 10-15 Minutes

Pieces and repertoire - 15-20 Minutes

What do I mark in each box?

Record the amount of time you practiced during your practice session and the names of the exercises and pieces.

The paper log MUST be filled out with a non-erasable INK PEN. The minutes must be written in each box - check marks are NOT acceptable. Your first and last name must be on the log as well as your grade level and band period. The minutes must be totaled for the week.

A PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN AND DATE THE LOG and TOTAL THE MINUTES WITH AN INK PEN.

Am I allowed to practice at school?

You can practice at band tutoring. Any extra rehearsals you attend outside of the school day or private lessons may count as practice time.

Where should I keep this practice record?

You should keep this practice record in your folder. Immediately after practicing you should fill in how much time you have practiced and list the pieces you practiced.

When do I turn in this record?

Every first band class of the week in your class's turn-in drawer at the front of the room.

What if I forget to turn in my log on the due dates?

You CANNOT turn in a log before the due dates. Practice logs will ONLY BE ACCEPTED DURING THE SCHOOL WEEK OF WHICH THEY ARE DUE. LATE PRACTICE LOGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR FULL CREDIT PAST THAT TIME unless school is out due to inclement weather or Ms. Petersen is absent unexpectedly or a parent writes a note and staples it to the log indicating that the student was absent and could not turn in the practice log. A MAXIMUM OF 420 MINUTES PER WEEK WILL BE ACCEPTED.