



# University School Band Student Information Card



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last Name You Go By

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names \_\_\_\_\_  
Dad (Last Name Too) Mom (Last Name Too)

Emergency Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Past Musical Experience (Check):  Piano  Hand-bells  Choir

Guitar Lessons  Other \_\_\_\_\_

# U Practice Record for Band Members U

## University School Band Program

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

You are highly encouraged to practice AT LEAST 5-days per week. You may choose which 5 days of the week that you will practice (Make sure to mark out the 2 days of the week that you did not practice). The total amount of practice time per week must equal at least 100 MINUTES. If you choose to practice more than the allotted time, please feel free to most certainly do so!

If your student leaves his/her instrument at school, that day the instrument was left at school will be considered as one (1) of the two (2) days that you student is allowed to not practice. There will be a record of which students leave their instruments at school. Make sure to have your student check the instrument log on a daily basis so that their practice log is correct with the instrument log.

**Directions:**

- (1) Write-in the number of minutes practiced in each category.
- (2) Write-in the total number of minutes practiced for the day.
- (3) Have your parent initial for **EACH DAY** of practice.
- (4) Have your parent sign the bottom at the end of the 1-week period.
- (5) Make sure to fill out the total amount of time at the end of each week.
- (6) Turn-in your **COMPLETED** practice record to Mr. Alegria for a grade on **Wednesday, July 31st, 2019.**

Day	Date	Warm-Ups (5 Minutes)	Book/Scales (15 Minutes)	Total Time (20 Minutes)	Parent/Guardian Initials
Monday	7.22.2019	5 ----- 5	15 ----- 15	20 ----- 20	<b>ZRA</b>
Tuesday	7.23.2019	----- 5	----- 15	----- 20	
Wednesday	7.24.2019	----- 5	----- 15	----- 20	
Thursday	7.25.2019	----- 5	----- 15	----- 20	
Friday	7.26.2019	----- 5	----- 15	----- 20	
Saturday	7.27.2019	----- 5	----- 15	----- 20	
Sunday	7.28.2019	----- 5	----- 15	----- 20	
<b>WEEK TOTAL</b>		----- 25	----- 75	----- 100	

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

## **TIPS FOR DAILY PRACTICE:**

1. Practice in the same place each day. Be sure there are no distractions.
2. Begin with long tones/warm-ups. Concentrate on producing a pleasing sound. Think about your breathing and use a mirror to check your embouchure, hand position, and posture.
3. University School Percussionists must divide their time to be 50% (Minimum 10 Minutes) on Snare Drum and 50% (Minimum 10 Minutes) on Keyboard Percussion. Make sure to split your time evenly (Minimum 20 Minutes).
4. Work out of your method book each day. Try to stay several lines ahead of the class. Work for accuracy and be sure to play every line on the page. Don't forget to keep the beat with a steady foot-tap as you play (Percussionists pulse with slight forearm movement).
5. **IF WE AREN'T ON MUSIC, USE THIS TIME FOR MORE TIME IN THE METHOD BOOK.**
6. Practice your music. Work on the parts you cannot play. Practice them slowly at first and then increase the speed. Work one measure at a time. Once you are able to play a difficult measure three times without mistakes, then you can move on or increase the tempo.
7. Pay careful attention to details: correct notes and fingerings, rhythms, key signatures and accidentals, signs and symbols, dynamics, and articulations.





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## Band Orientation Letter

### Welcome

Welcome to the University Band Program. This letter will provide you with answers to questions that you might have for me. It is very important to know that this experience of music will be different from other music programs that you might have been involved in. The band program at University School will be built on a tradition of hard work, musical excellence, pride, and commitment. By joining the band at University School, you are choosing to associate with some of the finest students in our school community.

### Do I Need My Instrument the First Day?

No, you will not need your instrument for the first day of classes. I will announce during class time as to when we will start bringing our instruments. Beginners will be trying out instruments the first few days of classes.

### Where Can I Store My Instrument During the School Day?

Each student will be assigned a storage space in the band room. Depending on the size of the instrument, your placement in the class will be assigned. Do not store the instrument in any place other than your assigned area. Do not store your instrument in school (hallway) lockers. These lockers are not supervised and are not secured. Leave all valuables at home.

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Together Each Accomplishes More

What Books Will I Need for Band? Where Can I Get Them?

Each student will be given a Band Manual on the first day of school. This booklet will outline the materials needed for band classes. Each year at University School, we will take part in Music Rental Night. This year, it is on July 15th (MONDAY) in the Gym at University School starting at 6:00pm. There will be a letter sent out with this information.

Where Does Band Class Meet? How Often Does Band Class Meet Each Week?

Band classes at University School meet in ROOM: 010 Alexander Hall. Make sure that you are as early as possible for class. Our time is precious and does not need to be wasted. Class starts promptly at the times mentioned below:

Beginning Band (6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) [**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Tuesday-Friday 12:00-12:30 (No Monday)**]  
[**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade M, T, W, F 12:00-12:30 (No Thursday)**]

Intermediate Band (6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) [**Monday-Thursday 8:00-9:00**]

Advanced Band (9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) [**Monday-Friday 9:05-10:00**]

How Often Do I Have to Practice?

Each band student is highly encouraged to practice for twenty (20) minutes each day. Students who complete a practice schedule will a grade of 100/A+. Make sure that they are practicing and not just asking you as parents to sign the practice record without the student engaging in practicing. Like with homework for all other classes, practice helps develop the student's skills. You cannot hide during the band class if you have not practiced; it is noticeable.

Who Can I Contact If I Have Any Questions About the University School Band Program?

Parents should first consult the University School Band Manual that your child will receive the first day of band class. It consists of a wealth of information that should prove to be valuable to all parents. Please read the Band Manual and then store it in a safe place. If the Band Manual fails to answer your question(s), please do not hesitate to call the school. I will be more than happy to help in any way that I can.

I look forward to an exciting year!

Zachary Alegria  
Band Director  
University School

# **U** Parent Agreement Card

- I have read and discussed the contents of the “University School Band Manual” with my child.
- I understand that my child is subject to the policies, procedures, and programs outlined in the “Band Manual”.
- I understand that evening rehearsals and concerts are a part of my child’s band grade and that an unexcused absence from an evening rehearsal and/or concert will result in my child receiving a grade of **D** for the nine weeks in which the concerts and/or rehearsals take place.
- I understand that my child must have a **C** average for the year in band for the year in band to be promoted to the next level of the program. Failure to meet ANY of these criteria will result in my child being removed from the program at the end of the current academic year.

**Student’s Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent’s Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_