

Port Isabel Junior High “Fighting” Tarpon Applied Music Class 2018 – 2019 School Year

Teachers: Ms. Diana Peña – Saxophone & Junior High Head Band Director
Mrs. Giselle Cavazos – Flute & Symphonic Band
Mr. Edgar Park – Clarinet & Concert Band
Mr. Scott Hartsfield- Percussion & P.I.I.S.D. Director of Bands
Mr. Ben Keltner – Low Brass
Mr. Donny de la Rosa – High Brass

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Course Description: Students will learn and proficiently execute the following fundamentals:

- I. All 7 diatonic scales
- II. Chromatic Scale
- III. 2 – 3 All Region Etudes

Materials: Students will need the following materials:

- I. Instruments
- II. One inch 3-ring binder (provided by band department)
- III. Pencil
- IV. Accessories (such as reeds, oil, slide cream, slide grease, cleaning cloth, swab, drum sticks)
- V. Combination Lock
- VI. Band t-shirt
- VII. Solid white pants and solid white shoes (these will be used as part of the band uniform and will be required to be worn at all performances and competitions)

Performances: Students will perform at the following:

- I. There is always the possibility of extra performances associated with being in this class period. You will be notified prior to the performance of specific dates and times.

Please be aware that other performances may arise throughout the course of the year. We will inform the students of these performances as we find out and let them know the proper times and dates. Letters will be sent home and will also be uploaded to our social media accounts.

Grading Policy: Each student’s grade will be determined by the following:

- I. Class Participation
 - a. Has all materials and instrument in working condition
 - b. Prepared to participate in each class
 - c. Student Daily progress
- II. Music Pass Offs
 - a. Each grading period, students will be required to pass off nine exercises selected by their specialist or band director. Failure to do so, may result in removal from their ensemble until requirements are fulfilled.
 - b. Students will be required to pass off any concert or UIL Contest music to their specialist or band director to be able to perform.
- III. Practice – Homework
 - a. Instrument is taken home every day
 - b. Daily individual practice
- IV. Performances:

All performances are mandatory and will be integrated into the grading system. A student will not be excused from missing a performance unless extenuating circumstances beyond normal control arise, i.e. major illness, death in the family, etc. In these cases, proper documentation is required and must be presented to the band directors upon the return of the student.