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[Policy](#)**Band****Specific Guidelines**

1. At the grades 5 & 6 level all students shall receive music in some form; e.g. band, Orff, instrumental or choral.
2. All pupils in Pine Creek S.D. shall have an opportunity to enrol in band in any of grades 6, 7, 8 or 9 provided the program is offered at the school in those grades. They shall have the right to continue in band from year to year on the same basis as any other subject in the curriculum. Students from within the Pine Creek School Division school system should be encouraged to opt in the program no later than grade 8. In exceptional cases, students may be permitted to start the program at grade 9. Students coming from outside the system need to be considered on the basis of their interest, commitment, or past musical experiences, and may be permitted to enter the band program after grade 9. 28 Oct 85
3. Evaluation of pupil progress shall be based primarily on class participation and skills learned. Pupils' participation in "after school" band activities or lack thereof, shall not be a factor in evaluation of progress at the grade 6, 7, 8 levels. At the high school level (grades 9-12), attendance at practices, participation in extra-curricular performances and/or festival competition may be a requirement as outlined. Such decisions shall be at the instructor's discretion subject to the approval by the program principal. 25-40% of the final mark shall be assigned to extra practices and extra curricular performances at the grades 10-12 level.