



## Beginner Sit-In Concert Information

Thursday, October 13

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Parents of Beginning Band Students,

Your child's first band performance is fast-approaching! We will have our Beginner Sit-In Concert on Thursday, October 13 in the BMS Cafeteria. What is a "sit-in" concert? This is where students sit alongside their parents and families in the Cafeteria rather than on a stage. We want to make their first performance as stress-free as possible!

Students will need to arrive at BMS at 6:15pm and report to the Band Hall. There, they will uncase and assemble their instrument, leave their case in their band locker, and bring their binder to the Cafeteria. Students who play a woodwind instrument will bring their case to the cafeteria and assemble their instrument there. Percussion students will set up and perform in the main Band Hall. All students should be **seated ready to go by 6:25pm**, and the concert will start promptly at 6:30pm.

As for all band performances, here is the grading rubric the directors will use to determine your child's grade for the performance:

- Be Punctual - Students need to be in their seats in the Cafeteria ready to perform by 6:25pm (25%)
- Be Prepared - Students should have all of their supplies and materials, including their music in their binder along with their well-lubricated instrument (25%)
- Be Prepared - When they arrive at school at 6:15pm, students should already have on their band uniform, which is their band shirt tucked into jeans with closed-toed shoes (gentlemen should wear a belt - 25%)
- Be Disciplined - Students should always be on their best behavior and set the example for proper concert etiquette, which includes remaining silent while someone is playing or speaking, remaining seated throughout the performance, and applauding appropriately (25%)

As you can see, students have the potential to do very well for this major performance grade. If students are Punctual, Prepared, Disciplined, and Relentless, they will automatically be Superior. These 5 Guidelines of Success dictate all of our procedures and philosophy of the Belton Middle School Band.

We are very excited for the first performance of the 2022-2023 Beginner's Ensemble! Please invite any and all family members to attend this first concert experience, as all of our performances are admission-free. If you have any questions, please contact your child's director.

Musically,

Mr. Pulley, Mr. Trahan, & Mr. Smith  
Belton Middle School Band Directors