

# KEYS TO SUCCESS IN A MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

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- I. COAKLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
  - A. Located in Harlingen, Texas
  - B. School population
  - C. Demographic breakdown
  
- II. ADMINISTRATION
  - A. Gaining support
  - B. Scheduling
  - C. Budget
  
- III. RECRUITING 5<sup>th</sup> GRADERS
  - A. 4 elementary schools
  - B. Communication with elementary music teachers
  - C. High School assistance
  - D. Jazz Band
  
- IV. 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE BEGINNER BAND
  - A. 100 – 120 average enrollment
  - B. Homogeneous classes
  - C. High school assistance
  - D. Instruments provided
  - E. Instrument and mouthpiece recommendations
  - F. Curriculum outline
  - G. 2 required performances per year
  - H. Participation in Spring performance festival
  - I. Material to be mastered by end of year (Audition)
  
- V. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAND CLASSES
  - A. Symphonic Band and Concert Band
  - B. Students are placed in the bands based on audition
  - C. Parent meeting first week of school
  - D. Selection of music
  - E. Motivation, loyalty and dedication
  - F. Schedule of events
  - G. Structure of daily rehearsal (1<sup>st</sup> semester)
    1. 5 minutes of warm-up
    2. 10 minutes of pep band music / Holiday music
    3. 10 minutes of sightreading
    4. 20 minutes of Region tryout scales and etudes
  - H. Structure of daily rehearsal (2<sup>nd</sup> semester)
    1. 10 minutes of warm-up
    2. 25 minutes of UIL music / Spring concert music
    3. 10 minutes of sightreading
  - I. Sectionals and private lessons
  - J. All-City tryout
  - K. Rewards for making Region Band
  
- VI. JAZZ BAND