



Chair Challenges

Members of the band sit in their concert chairs or standing positions by an order that is based on who played the best on a certain day. We all have our good days and our bad ones, however, with consistent practicing and director guided learning, everyone can improve their musicianship.

- ♪ 6th grade band students will have a chair test at the beginning of the school year.
- ♪ A Chair Test is where everyone has to perform the same piece of music and is graded on his or her performance.
- ♪ 5th Grade Band will not have their first chair test until just before the Christmas Concert.
- ♪ After the first Chair Test, we will begin our Chair Challenges.
- ♪ No one has to participate in a chair challenge. If someone seeks to challenge you, you may decline the challenge; however, you must swap chair positions.
- ♪ Challenges will be held at the director's discretion. If the class is progressing ahead of schedule, more challenges may be held at the director's discretion.

Here is how our challenge system works:

1. Students may only move up or down one chair per challenge session. You may only challenge the person just ahead of you on the list (the chair next to you).
2. The challenger picks the music from the director's announced list. It is not the end of the world if you lose a challenge or two. This is usually a fun thing and keeps students practicing!
3. The director's decision is final. Any disruptions or rules broken during a challenge by anyone in the band room will result in a lost chair position. **FOLLOW THE BAND ROOM PROCEDURES AND RULES!**

Band students are not allowed to drop band over losing a challenge; this is school board policy. Band is not a club. Band is a class just like math or reading. The band director will always assist anyone asking for extra help.

It is often the case where the student(s) in last chair or near the bottom of the section will improve and move up the list, sometimes even going to 1st chair! Perfect practice makes for perfect performance!

