

**Course Title: Percussion**

**Instructor: Chris Poole**

**Phone: 354-5113**    [Email:christopherp@spokaneschools.org](mailto:christopherp@spokaneschools.org)

**Percussion Course Description**

Students will learn and practice basic techniques for snare drum, Marching percussion, and drum set. Percussion techniques and fundamentals will be taught and applied to in class performances. Students will demonstrate understanding through various assessments including, but not limited to, tests and in class performances.

**Course Requirements/Assessments**

Performances in and out of school are required.

Students are expected to do the best they can do.

This class is based upon the daily progress made by each student

Students are expected to work as part of the class as a team

Students are expected to practice at home and come to class prepared.

Students are expected to wear the assigned uniform to all performances

**Grading Policy**

Students will be awarded 5 points per day:

1 point: Being in their chair, with all materials, playing their instrument when the bell rings.

3 points: Having all materials, playing their instrument through the whole class, behaving appropriately.

1 point: Putting all equipment away and sitting in their spot to be dismissed at the end of class.

Each required performance will be approximately 20% of the overall grade. Non-emergency absences must be arranged at least one week prior to a performance. NOT ALL ABSENCES WILL BE CONSIDERED EXCUSED! Parent work, extracurricular activities, other conflicts are not considered excused. In case of emergency a written note, email, or phone call is required before the absence can be excused.

**Materials/Resources**

Students will be provided a polo shirt and black pants to wear at all performances. Students may supply their own all black shoes. All black shoes are available at the school for those that need to borrow them.

Students will be provided a drum pad, sticks, and one set of ear plugs to use in class. Students may use their own sticks and ear plugs if they would like. Students are expected to treat their instruments with respect.

**Acknowledgement**

Please sign and return this form to Mr. Poole. A copy will be returned to you.

We have read The Garry Middle School Percussion Syllabus and understand our responsibilities in earning a positive grade in this class:

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_