

# How to Succeed in GMIS Band

1. Get a working band instrument, band lesson book, and 3 ring binder.  
The Essential Elements 2000 is our main text for band.  
A three binder to organize your band ensemble music.
2. Go to your instrumental lessons, prepared.  
It is where the secrets of the technique are learned.
3. Go to band.  
That is where we learn to play together and make music together.
4. Review skills at home, also know as “practice”.  
You need at least one hour a week to get by, BUT if you practice 100+ minutes, you will have a much better chance of success.
5. Perform.  
Go to the concerts and perform for your friends, your family, your band, and yourself.  
There is nothing like playing a concert for an audience.  
5<sup>th</sup> grade has two concerts a school year.  
6<sup>th</sup> grade has three concerts and one ceremony a school year.

If you want to go even farther ...

6. Play in a summer band.  
Don't loose your chops over the break.  
There is the Berks Summer Band Institute that meets on Wednesday PMs.  
Also I am bringing back the GMIS summer band camp.
7. Seek out private lessons with a teacher who specializes on your instrument.  
There is no substitute for one on one instruction!
8. Play for other concerts, recitals, etc.  
Put on a concert for your family. Play at your church, synagogue, or maybe for scouts.