

Beginning Band Building Blocks

The Midwest Clinic

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Blueprints

- Recruiting
- Communication
- Instrument placement
- Counselor student lists/class period schedule
- Supplies



Foundation

- Environment & Expectations
- Seating
- Posture
- Foot Tap
- Music Theory
 - Rhythm
 - Band Brain Builder
 - Master of the Alphabet
 - Musical Staff/Hand Chant
 - Chromatic Keyboard



Framework

- Cases
- Parts of the instrument
- Embouchures - “Face for the future”
- Hand position
- Ready and playing position
- First sounds
- Continued music theory



Floor-Door-Wall-Ceiling

- Playing the instrument
- Steps to learning a line/new piece of music
- Scales & Technique
- Full Band Friday



Home Inspection

- “Inspect what you expect”
- Hear each student every day
- Playing tests
- Chair tests



Open House

- Show and Tell
- Winter Concert
- Percussion Ensemble Concert
- Spring Festival
- Spring Concert
- Solo Contest



The Sell/Closing

- “Next year in band...”
- Social events/section parties
- Auditions for 7th/8th grade bands
- MS Summer Band Camp/Hawaiian Falls trip
- College Summer Band Camps