

Bobcat Kung-Fu

When studying the martial arts, individuals must progress through certain skills. The same is true of musicians on their instruments. Achieving higher levels of skill leads to mastery on the instrument and a feeling of accomplishment and success. New martial arts students first gain their white belt, but they understand that this is only the beginning of their work toward mastery. We challenge all Buffet Magnet MS band students to achieve the discipline of learning skills to become more accomplished musicians. The goal is for band students to continually strive to learn new skills on their instruments and become Black Belt Kung Fu Masters.

Level Requirements



Play scales with arpeggios (notes of a chord played one note at a time). All scales can be found in your *Sound Innovations* book or on the Buffett Kung-Fu webpage.



Student Name: _____

Instrument: _____

White Belt

- Bb Concert Scale: *Sound Innovations*, Book 1, pg. 43, #188.
~ memorized ~ Quarter Note = 90+
- Memorize the order of sharps and flats
~ # = F C G D A E B ~ b = B E A D G C F

Red Belt

- Recognize intervals (see handout) and complete quiz
- Bb Concert Scale – memorized – quarter note = 120+
- F Concert Scale: *Sound Innovations*, Book 1, pg. 43, #184.
~ memorized ~ Quarter Note = 90+

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Yellow Belt

- Chromatic Scale (see yellow sheet or in your *Ensemble Development* book)
- Bb and F Concert Scales – memorized – quarter note = 120+
- Ab Concert Scale: *Sound Innovations*, Book 1, pg. 44, #196.
~ memorized ~ Quarter Note = 90+

Blue Belt

- Chromatic Scale (see yellow sheet or in your *Ensemble Development* book)
~ memorized ~ 2 octaves
- F, Bb, Eb, Ab, C, G, D and A Concert Scales: *Sound Innovations*, Book 2, pgs. 40-42.
~ memorized ~ quarter note = 120+
- d, g, and c concert minor scales (natural & harmonic minor): *Sound Innovations*, Book 2, pg. 40-42. ~ Quarter Note = 90+
- Complete the quiz on half steps/whole steps and creating relative minor scales.

Green Belt

- 8th Grade All-State Chromatic Scale (see Mr. Myre for this music)
- F, Bb, Eb, Ab, C, G, D, A and E Concert Scales: *Sound Innovations*, Book 2, pgs. 40-42.
~ memorized ~ quarter note = 120+
- d, g, c, f, a, e, f# and c# concert minor scales (natural and harmonic minor): *Sound Innovations*, Book 2, pg. 40-42. ~ Quarter Note = 90+

Black Belt (Kung Fu Master)

- All 15 Major & minor scales
~ memorized ~ quarter note = 120+
- 8th Grade All-State Chromatic Scale (see Mr. Myre for this music)
~ memorized

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Circle of Fifths

