

IBand / Concert Band / Symphonic Band 2019-2020

Band Room

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Required Materials

Instrument

Accessories (reeds, mutes, mallet bag)

Any type of Metronome – usually small works best

Music

Pencil

Open Mind - Work Ethic

Grades

Participation in a musical ensemble is a privilege and a responsibility. Preparing music and learning skills for public performance is an exciting opportunity. To do our best as a band there is individual responsibility and group responsibility that will be needed daily in class so that our goals of skill mastery, public performance, and personal appreciation may be achieved. The total points earned for performances, rehearsals, sectionals, and tests determine academic grades. Points will be earned for each activity in Band. Points will be totaled, and students will be graded according to the following scale:

A 90%+, B 80% - 89%, C 70% - 79%, D 60% - 69%, F 59% or less

The assignments below translate into the following graded areas (% of total grade)

Assignments for areas #1- #4 below include but are not limited to:

In Class and Outside of Class Music Playing Tests/Quiz	Post Concert Quizzes
Sight-Reading Factory & Sight-Reading Exams	Memorization Tests (MB)
Solo Night Performance	Ensemble Night Rehearsals / Performance
Required Information/Forms	Rehearsal Behavior

1. **Playing - Ensemble** (15%): Ensemble / Section Blend and Intonation, Balance and Texture, and Vertical Alignment and Pulse
2. **Playing - Literacy** (20%): Rhythm and Note Performance, Music Theory, and Score / Part reading
3. **Playing - Musicality** (20%): Style, Expression, and Historical Performance Practice
4. **Playing - Sound** (20%): Physical Elements, Pitch Awareness, & Instrument Care and Maintenance

Assignments for area #5 below include but are not limited to:

Daily Attendance

Sectional Attendance

Evening Attendance

Concert Attendance
Ensemble Night Attendance

Pep Band Attendance

Solo Night Attendance

5. **Attendance** - Rehearsal & Performance Skills (20%):

Performer, Audience, and Rehearsal Responsibilities. Performer response to conducting and individuality accountability and role.

Assignments for the area #6 below include but are not limited to:

Concert Program Attendance
Listening Critiques

Rehearsal/Concert/Semester Critiques

Video Assignments

6. **Consume, Listen, & Reflect** (5%): Lifelong Music Involvement, Music Evaluation, and Aesthetic Experience

PERFORMANCES, REHEARSALS, AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance at all scheduled programs, concerts, evening rehearsals, and sectionals are mandatory. If a student has an excused absence due to a death in the family or illness, s/he will be exempt from the event. If a student misses a performance or rehearsal for any other reason, the director must be **notified a week in advance and in writing (email is acceptable)** and a judgment will be made whether full or partial credit may be given, and whether make-up privileges may be permitted. An alternative written assignment may be used to make-up an absence, but music is unique in that rehearsal and performance situations cannot be recreated.

Students are expected to be in the Band Room when the bell rings and in their seats ready to tune or out the door moving to the field in two minutes after the bell sounds.

Unexcused absences to class will result in no make-up privileges for that day and a 45 minute detention after school.

Calendar – Dates at a Glance

Bold Type = performance with grade impact

Regular Type = important date for some students...maybe not everyone...no grade impact

July

Marching Band 4th of July Parade

August

Marching Band Camp & Summer Rehearsals

Monday, August 26 at 7:30pm - Curtainraiser Concert

September

Friday, Sept. 20 at 9am-ish - 8th Grade Bands & Marching Band

October

TBD Fall Band Chair Placement Auditions & MidTerm Exam

Tuesday, Oct. 1 - ILMEA Auditions @ Addison Trail HS

Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7:30pm - Fall Band Concert in Aud

Thursday, Oct. 10 – Fall Choir Concert @ FMUC

Thursday, Oct. 17 – District StringFest @ West – Biester Gym

November

Thursday, October 31 through November 2 - Musical performances

Jazz Band Auditions

Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7:00pm - Band Ensemble Concert

December

TBD Winter Band Chair Placement Auditions & Semester Exams

Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00pm & 8:00pm - Winter Music Festival

Friday, December 13 at 6:30pm – Green Pep Band at Boys BB Game

January

Friday, January 10 @ 5pm White Pep Band w/8th Graders at Girls BB Game

Saturday, January 18 at 6:30pm – Green Pep Band at Girls BB Game

Saturday, January 25 at 4:30pm - Pack the Place Doubleheader Basketball Game

February

Friday, February 7 at 6:30pm – White Pep Band at Boys BB Game

Wednesday, February 12 at 7:30pm - Winter Band & Jazz Band Concert in Aud

Monday, February 24 at 5:00pm - Band Solo Concert

March

Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30pm - Orchestra & Choir Concert @ South

Tuesday, March 17 at 7:30pm - D87 Honors Band Concert @ South

April

Monday, April 20- Honors Music Recital Video Submission

Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30pm - Spring Band in Aud

Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30pm Spring Choir Concert @FUMC

Thursday, April 30 at 7:30pm - Jazz Band & Spring Orchestra Concert in Aud

May

Monday, May 11 at 7:00pm - Honors Music Recital @ FCCGE

Monday, May 18 at 7:00pm - Music Department Awards Night

Thursday, May 21 at 6pm – Graduation (Symphonic and Concert Bands only)

June

Summer Marching Band Rehearsals