



Symphonic Band Syllabus

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Instructor

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Location

Band room

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Description

Students will discover the world of music through hands on work with a concert band instrument. Musical terminology, rhythmic figures and reading skills will be learned to further enhance this experience. Band is a performing group, students are required to participate in all activities and performances.

Expectations and Goals

- a) Students will discover music through hands on work with a musical instrument.
- b) Students will develop musical skills through visual, auditory and kinesthetic learning experiences.
- c) Develop a Christian perspective of band literature.

Requirements and Grading

Attendance at ALL rehearsals & performances

The attendance and grading policy for Band is as follows:

- a) If a student is tardy seven times within a quarter, a phone conference with the parent will be required before the student will be allowed to participate in the ensemble.
- b) If a student has more than three unexcused absences, a phone conference with the parents will also be required before the student will be allowed to participate in the ensemble.
- c) Band is a participation class, therefore, your grade will be based on your participation and your attendance. If you have seven unexcused tardies in one quarter, or three unexcused absences in one quarter, it will drop the students grade by one letter. Missing a concert will drop the student's grade by two letters. Showing up late to call time for a concert will drop your student's grade by a half letter. If arrangements are to be made to miss a concert, they must take place four weeks before the concert. The explanation must have the conductor's approval for a student to keep his/her current grade. A list of all performances for the year will be handed out and/or mailed home.

- d) Attendance includes **the Spring Music Tour**. A payment schedule, fundraising, and a detailed agenda will be given to the parent(s) in a news letter to follow.
- e) Attendance for all concerts is mandatory and is part of the students grade.

4) At rehearsals the student will:

- a) sit or stand in the correct playing position.
- b) have instruments and supplies (i.e., reed, neck straps, mutes, valve oil, etc.)
- c) bring your most cooperative attitude
- d) not bring food and drinks to the rehearsal room
- e) listen to the director when stops are made and cooperate in making any changes requested
- f) try your BEST to ensure that the Symphonic Band becomes all that the director envisions it can be
- g) be on time to practice and performances

If a member fails to meet these expectations, he/she will be subject to dismissal from the Symphonic Band.

Class Policies

Additional Information and Resources

Classroom Etiquette

1. Keep your music and folder neat and orderly so you can find your pieces quickly.
2. Always have all the supplies that you need to participate.
3. Respect the property of other members.
4. Food and drink are not allowed in the music department. (exceptions can be made by the instructor)
5. You will be financially responsible for mistreatment of school property.

Daily Grading Policy

Ten points are available to each student every class period. Points will be deducted for the following;

5 pts	non-participation throughout class period	Grading scale	
2 pts	incorrect behavior	60%	Participation
1 pt	talking when not appropriate	30%	Concert Attendance
1 pt	leaving your seat without permission	10%	Class Assignments
1 pt	when you are not in your assigned seat		
1 pt	if you do not have your folder		
1 pt	if your folder is not put away		

If you lose more than 4 pts in one rehearsal, you will need to see the instructor before entering the next Symphonic Band rehearsal. If there are any changes to this grading policy, they will be handed out to you in writing, and be placed in your folder.