

**WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL BAND SYLLABUS
2020-2021**

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I. Course Description: Concert band is for students who have already been introduced to band music through middle school band or have taken private lessons on a band instrument. Students will continue to master their instrument as they study and perform both pep-band music and concert music. Basic music theory will be reviewed and new theory concepts introduced. Additionally, the music history will be covered throughout the course.

The Band Handbook covers all the information you need to know about your responsibilities as a band member. Please read carefully. This syllabus outlines grades and classroom rules.

II. Grading: Grading will be according to total points possible. A list of known assignments and benchmarks for the first semester are attached. Graded items will include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **Daily Participation and Academic Responsibility:** Students will earn 10 points per week for their active and constructive participation in the rehearsal time. In order to receive all 10 points the student must:
 - a. Be on time with their music folder, instrument, and pencil.
 - b. Students must be seated and ready to play three minutes after the bell.
 - c. Be attentive and cooperative during the rehearsal process. This means always being engaged in and participating in ALL aspects of the rehearsal process.
 - d. Never use cell phones or other distracting electronic devices.

2. **Performances:** All performances are mandatory and graded unless noted otherwise. Students must be at the performance site in uniform with the required equipment and music at the stated call time in order to receive full credit. Unexcused absences from a performance will result in a failing grade for that performance. The music teacher must be notified **2 weeks in advance, by a parent, in writing** if there is a situation that prevents you from being at a scheduled performance; however, whether or not the situation is excusable is left up to the discretion of the high school music teacher. Typically, death and severe illness are the **ONLY** excused absences. Documentation of a funeral and/or a doctor's note will be required to excuse the student from performances. Other potential absences must be brought to the attention of the high school music teacher within the first two weeks of the school year. If you are excused, you will be given an alternate assignment. **Please note**, a student's job commitments are not excused. Part of being a music student and an adult is learning time management and personal responsibility. Many students are able to work and participate in band. Please give a copy of your band schedule to your employer.

3. **Assignments:** Students will be given various assignments pertaining to the music lesson at hand. A typical lesson includes music theory, preparing sight reading assignments, preparing assigned music parts, etc.

4. **Tests:** Students will be tested on music theory concepts, sight reading skills, and assigned music.

5. **Music Service:** All band students are required to do 4 hours of music service 1st semester and 4 hours of service 2nd semester. This includes service opportunities such as bring baked goods to the football games and other events, volunteering at fundraisers, assisting Mrs. Ciardelli with music tasks after school or during lunch, etc. Superseding the music service requirement may result in extra credit. ☺

III. Formal Uniform: You are responsible for having the following items as part of your band uniform:

1. Black dress pants/skirt – skirts must be at or below the knee and pants must be full length
 - Please note that the school will provide any student with black tux pants for your concert attire if requested.
2. Black shirt/blouse – no low cut tops or spaghetti straps
3. Black dress shoes & socks/nylons - no flips flops or stiletto heels
4. Marching Band Uniforms: please see band handbook

IV. Benchmarks: You must pass **ALL** benchmarks for this class. They are mandatory!

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| 1. Pep Band: | All home football games |
| 2. Winter Concert: | December, TBA, 2020 |
| 3. Spring Concert: | May, TBA , 2021 |
| 4. Music in the Parks Festival: | May, TBA, 2021 (all day event) |
| 5. Playing Exams: | Various dates throughout the year |
| 6. Parades: | Various dates throughout the year, see handboo |

V. Class Rules:

1. Practice... Practice... Practice... and when you think you have figured it out, practice some more! You need to practice your instrument to better yourself as a musician and as an ensemble.
2. Be early or on time.
3. No food or drink in the music room.
4. Do not use cellphones in class unless prompted to do so.
5. Be attentive.
6. Take care of all equipment.
7. WHS rules as found in the handbook always apply and are enforced.
(Tardy policy, dress code, bathroom, etc.)

I have read and understand the band syllabus and can commit to all the scheduled performances.

Print Student Name

Print Parent/ Guardian Name

Sign Student Name

Sign Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/ Guardian's email:

Parent/ Guardian's phone: (_____) - _____ - _____

Please remember, whether you can help with Winters Music Boosters or not, as a parent or guardian, you are still a member of our wonderful organization and we would love to see you and have your input at all of our meetings! ☺

Winters Music Boosters Website: <http://www.wintersmusicboosters.org/>

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