

Instrumental Music  
Concert Band/ Symphonic Band/Marching Band  
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### Course Overview

The primary focus of this class will be performance of music for marching and concert band. Students will have exposure to music of varied types including large ensemble music of varied styles as well as small ensemble literature. Focus will also be given on a regular basis to the learning and maintenance of playing fundamentals, i.e. scales, rhythms, rudiments, etc. Though it will not be the primary vehicle of learning in this class, students should expect some written assignments over music theory/history concepts in order to get a well-rounded experience.

### Expectations

1. Homework: Daily practice is encouraged. A student should average at least 75-90 minutes of individual practice time a week. In addition to daily practice assignments, from time to time, homework will be used to re-enforce material covered in class.
2. Make-up work: "Students who are absent for reasons not covered in the provisions as described under 'Excused Absences' are considered 'Unexcused.' Daily class work may be made up for a grade, and the student may make up tests or project assignments. The grade for these missed assignments is to be determined by the director.
3. Tests: If a student makes a D or an F on a test, the student will be allowed to retake the test before or after school that may improve the final grade on the test to a C.
4. Participation: All students are expected to be prepared for each day with all their materials and will be expected to participate fully in rehearsal and other classroom activities. This also includes any scheduled after school rehearsals and performances.
5. Tutoring: Students may make arrangements to meet with a director before or after school to receive help any music and/or assignments they are having trouble with. This opportunity will eliminate the need for extra-credit work.
6. Late work: Students may turn in work late at a reduced point value of 10 points deducted for each day the work is late.

## Course Requirements

- Payment of established band fee
- Instrument
- Accessories (reeds, oil, mutes, etc.)
- Folder w/ music
- Pencil
- Flip folder and lyre
- Marching uniform accessories (shoes/gloves/undergarments must be purchased by student)
- Concert uniform—solid black top/solid black bottoms/black dress shoes

## Grading Policy

There are three basic parts of your grade:

- 1) Rehearsal Readiness is 25%. Factors that would affect this are a lack of cooperation and proper rehearsal etiquette and not having necessary materials in class.
- 2) Smart Music Assignments count 25% of your overall grade. This is an online assessment program for all instrumental students.
- 3) Performances count as 50% of your overall grade. Missing a performance without being excused will greatly impact your grade in a negative manner. Performances also include special events such as guest artist performances, etc. which will be required.