

**COURSE TITLE:** Instrumental Music/Band

◆ **DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:**

Instrumental Music/Band is a non-graded program of study and is offered to all students. The program is divided into weekly homogeneous instrument classes and twice-weekly full band instruction. Students are scheduled for an instrument class lesson each week on a rotating basis. Because the lesson occurs during the same period as a regular education class, the student is excused from the regular education class, and must make up the work in a timely fashion. Band instruction occurs twice per week during each of two homeroom/study periods. Students who participate in chorus attend only one band instruction and spend the second at chorus rehearsal. Students are responsible for attending all classes and instruction unless excused by the instrumental music teacher ahead of time. Students are also responsible for learning all lesson material and band music by individual practice at home. Beginning students are incorporated into the existing classes due to the large number of existing classes. The band performs three holiday concerts during December, two of which are during the school day, and the third in the evening for the general public. The band participates in a transition program with the high school symphonic band during early spring, and finishes that with an evening concert during which it plays along with the symphonic band. The band concludes its performance schedule with three concerts in May, two of which are during the school day, and as a featured segment of the "Night Of Music" concert sponsored by the middle school music department.

◆ **CONTENT**

***REQUIRED TOPICS OF STUDY***

Instrument Technique  
Instrument Care & Maintenance  
Reading Music  
Elements of Music  
Performance Skills  
Musicianship  
Music Appreciation

***SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME***

Entire year  
Beginning of year & as needed  
Entire year  
Entire year  
Entire year  
Entire year  
Entire year

◆ **RESOURCES**

Etude books, Ensemble book, Band literature, Lecture, Posters, Charts, Pictures, Demonstrations, Blackboard examples, Computer program, and Recordings.