



2023-2024 Northside High School Band Program Syllabus

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Course Registration

Fall: Marching Band Percussion Ensemble
Spring Band Intermediate/Proficient Advanced Percussion Ensemble

Sign up for the Band Remind 101

Text 81010 @2023nhsba (Students) Text 81010 @2023nhsban (Parents)

Marching Band Rehearsals

Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:30pm-5:30pm

Performances

<i>Home Football vs Swasboro</i>	<i>August 27th</i>	<i>Home Football vs White Oak</i>	<i>September 8th</i>
<i>Onslow County Showcase</i>	<i>September 16th</i>	<i>Home Football vs DH Conley</i>	<i>September 22th</i>
<i>West Craven Band Classic</i>	<i>September 30th</i>	<i>Monarch Invitational</i>	<i>October 7th</i>
<i>White Oak Band Classic</i>	<i>October 14th</i>	<i>Home Football vs Havelock</i>	<i>October 20th</i>
<i>Home Football vs Jacksonville</i>	<i>October 27th</i>	<i>Crystal Coast Band Classic</i>	<i>October 28th</i>
<i>Holiday Parade</i>	<i>November 18th</i>	<i>Winter Concert</i>	<i>December 14th</i>
<i>Pre-MPA Concert</i>	<i>March 14th</i>	<i>MPA Concert</i>	<i>March 20th -22nd</i>
<i>Jazz MPA at JH Rose</i>	<i>May 10th</i>	<i>Spring Concert</i>	<i>May 16th</i>

Events

<i>All District Audition</i>	<i>January 13th</i>	<i>Eastern District All District Clinic</i>	<i>February 4th/5th</i>
<i>OCS All County Band</i>	<i>February 23rd – 24th</i>	<i>Rising 9th Grade Band Night</i>	<i>May 5th</i>
<i>Band Banquet</i>	<i>June 1st</i>	<i>Graduation</i>	<i>June 13th</i>

Band Fees:

\$10 Onslow County Schools Fee per semester.

Grading Policy:

The student's grade will be based on Daily Participation Points, Performances, Dress Rehearsals, Tests, and Quizzes

Daily Participation Points :

Student will receive 10 points per day for classroom rehearsals. If student is prepared for class, on time, participates, and follows classroom rules and school policy, the student will receive all 10 points. Each week every student will earn 50 points of participation toward their grade. Failure to be prepared, tardiness, and inappropriate behavior will result in loss of Daily Participation Points.

Performances: All performances are mandatory. The director will provide the students with performance dates with ample time to make adjustments in schedule. Performance attendance will be a heavily graded aspect of the class. Unlike a written test, performances cannot be made up or reproduced.

Dress Rehearsals: Before every concert, the concert band is required to attend dress rehearsals. So attendance is VERY important for this event. These rehearsals will take place in the Band Room or in the Auditorium

Tests and Quizzes: These will be either performance-based or written and will take place during the class period. Students will be given prior notice to prepare before any test or quiz.



CLEAR BAG POLICY: Students will only be permitted to carry backpacks made of clear plastic, vinyl, or similar transparent materials. Backpacks with colored elements, stripes, colored straps, mesh pockets, or leather-reinforced corners are allowed as long as they do not obstruct visibility on school property.

If a student arrives at school with a bookbag that is not in compliance, they will be directed to the main office. The office will have clear bags available for students. Students will transfer their belongings to the clear bag and return to class immediately. The clear bag loaner must be returned or purchased within one week.

Students who violate the clear bag policy frequently will be subject to disciplinary consequences up to and including suspension. Students who refuse to comply with the policy will be suspended.

Only clear bookbags and bags will be allowed into all NHS athletic events. They will be subject to a search prior to entering the event.

CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

Students bring electronic devices to school at his/her own risk. NHS will not replace or be responsible for stolen, lost, or damaged property. Unauthorized use of electronic devices is not permitted by full-time students and those with Late Entry/Early Release.

OCS is committed to providing a safe and productive learning environment for all our students. In recent years, we have seen an increase in the use of cell phones by students during school hours. While cell phones can be a valuable tool for learning, we have found that their use can also be a distraction and a source of conflict.

To address these concerns, and, as part of the ongoing review of the district's policies, in February the Board of Education updated the district's cell phone policy (Policy Code 4318: Use of Wireless Communication Devices). Effective with the start of the 2023-2024 school year, students are permitted to have cell phones and other wireless communication devices on campus, so long as the devices are not activated, used, displayed, or visible during the instructional day or as otherwise directed by school rules or school personnel.

We understand that this change may be inconvenient for some students and parents. However, we believe that it is in the best interest of our students to create a learning environment that is free from distractions.

Any unauthorized use of electronic devices will result in the confiscation of the electronic device by the school administration or staff. Once it has been determined that a student has violated the policy, the electronic device must be surrendered to administration. The first violation of this policy will result in the confiscation of the phone until the end of the school day and parent/guardian notification (notated in PowerSchool). Additional violations of this policy and expectation will result in increases in confiscated days, parent/guardian notification to pick up the confiscated device at the end of the confiscation period, revocation of the privilege to possess devices while at Northside, and/or other disciplinary actions up to out-of-school suspension. If a parent chooses to pick up their child's confiscated phone/device prior to the end of the assigned confiscated days, the student will serve the remainder of confiscated days in out-of-school suspension. If at any time a student refuses the direction of a school administrator to surrender their electronic device, the student will receive out-of-school suspension for up to 10 days.

Students are prohibited from recording other students and OCS staff members without prior approval from school officials and will be subject to disciplinary action. Students will be held accountable for recording video or audio and/or taking pictures. These acts are considered disruptive or unlawful behavior on school grounds or at school related functions.

Any student involved in video recording other students or staff and/or circulating the contents to others through any social media outlet is strictly prohibited and will be subject to disciplinary action.

The office telephone will be available to students only in emergency cases or if the student is sick. A student must have permission from office personnel before using the phone. The phone is for official business, not for personal calls.