## **General Course Information**

Course Name: Beginning Band	
Department: Music	Grade Level(s): 9-12
Duration/Credits: 1 Year/1 Credit	Prerequisites: None
BOE Approval Date: 11/19/19	Course Code: H7300

## **Course Description:**

Beginning Band is for the student who wishes to learn to play an instrument with an aesthetically pleasing sound. No previous experience is necessary. This class addresses the gradual development of technical skills and good care of the band instrument, which eventually leads to the performance of simple band literature. Through the literature presented, the student will develop a basic knowledge of historical band styles.

## **Course Rationale:**

Through a strong instrumental music program, the student will develop an understanding of musical elements in historical, social, and cultural context, and will develop the skills, techniques and music performance for aesthetic appreciation of global daily life. Practice and performance outside of the classroom will encourage a partnership between home, school, and community, and will provide experiences that help the student become academically and ethically responsible. By experiencing success at the beginning band level, the student will develop a positive attitude toward performing a musical instrument and be encouraged to be a lifelong learner of music.

## **Course Objectives:**

- The student will demonstrate basic technical skills of performance alone and in a group using teacher selected band literature. (A+ Speaking and Listening)
- The student will count, perform, notate and improvise basic rhythmic patterns.
- The student will read standard notations and interpret basic symbols and vocabulary that conveys precise musical meanings. (A+ Reading)
- After conducting research, the student will analyze and compare contrasting musical selections with respect to various musical elements. (A+ Research)
- The student will describe their feelings and reactions to a musical selection using proper musical terminology.
- The student will discuss the intended use of the literature being studied in relation to its historical, social, and/or cultural context. (A+Reading)