

# Advanced Bands - Middle School

## Course Description/Goals:

This course is designed for students with a foundation of instrument skills through specific instrument-based class of beginner band. It is a course that builds on the foundational skills learned in beginning band. Students will be placed into one of three skill-based ensembles in middle school. These ensembles will comprise of multiple instruments in an ensemble setting. The course focuses on expanding technical ability, tone quality, sight-reading skills, music theory knowledge, and ensemble performance techniques. Students will perform a variety of repertoire from diverse genres. The course will also emphasize teamwork, responsibility, and perseverance, helping students develop both musical and personal skills.

## Course TEKS/Objectives:

The Texas TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) for Music (grade 6-8) is organized into learning and performance categories, each focusing on a specific area of music. These categories include: Aesthetic Response, Creative Expression, Performance, Music Theory and Analysis, Music Composition, Music Literacy, Music History, and Ensemble skills.

<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch117b.pdf>

## Course Outline:

Semester 1	Semester 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-posture and embouchure</li><li>-technique and scales</li><li>-intermediate sound production</li><li>-dynamic, marking and articulations</li><li>-listening skills</li><li>-ensemble playing of self</li><li>-role understanding within the ensemble</li><li>-instrument maintenance and care</li><li>-performance preparation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-technique and scales</li><li>-advanced notations</li><li>-musicianship</li><li>-advanced analysis of sound</li><li>-listen and respond to ensemble cues</li><li>-collaborate in a performing group</li><li>-music literacy</li><li>-modelling within a group</li><li>-single-part playing within other parts</li><li>-explore diverse musical genres</li></ul>