

Concert Band Syllabus – Spring 2026

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Course Description:

This course provides opportunities for students in grades 9 through 12 to develop their musical potential and aesthetic understanding through performance of a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument. The goal of the class is to give students the fundamental skills needed that will allow them to be able to explore and create in the musical world. This also allows them to continue their development in the Claiborne High School Marching and Symphonic Bands

Band Commitment:

You will need to make time for band to happen outside of school, whether that is practice time at home or an after school rehearsal that we have scheduled. It is also a financial commitment. Interested students will not be turned away due to financial hardships, however, you will need to either rent, borrow, or purchase an instrument for the class as well as supplies to keep the instrument maintained.

Expectations:

It is an expectation that to be in band, you must have an instrument that is in playing condition. It is expected that you will bring your instrument everyday there is band class. While band is a class, playing an instrument is a privilege. If you are purposefully damaging either your own instrument or the school's, your privilege will be revoked. Procedures about dropping off your instrument at the beginning of the day and retrieving it will be gone over during class. You are responsible for your own instrument!

Music:

Each member of the Claiborne Band will be issued appropriate music, which is necessary for scheduled performances. Music is the property of the CHS music department and students are responsible for each piece assigned to them, until it is returned. If a student misplaces/forgets their music, they may obtain a replacement copy at a cost of 50 cents per page or \$12 for the method book.

Expectations:

Your conduct matters. Your reputation matters. Your actions matter. You are expected to represent yourself well. You are expected to represent the band program well. While a member of this program, you must exhibit all our valued characteristics.

Respect, represent, and stewardship:

There will always be people that you disagree with or cannot stand to be around; this is life. Learn to hold yourself accountable and learn ways to appreciate others' differences. When you join the band, everything you do will reflect on the reputation of the band. Take care of all materials given to you. Many of our supplies are limited.

Attendance:

Your attendance during class and at performances has a direct effect on your grade. Band is a participation/performance based course. **Attendance is mandatory at all rehearsals and performances unless otherwise noted.** Communication with the director is crucial when an absence is known. The best method of communication would be via email, remind app, or through phone contact, via the number above. If the student is absent from school due to illness or emergency, a doctor's note/excuse should be presented upon the student's return to school.

Excused Absences Include:

- Extreme personal illness *with* proper documentation
- Family Health emergencies verified by a family member other than the student
- Approved Academic conflicts
- Extra-Curricular School conflicts approved by the directors *in advance*.

Note: Even if the directors are informed about the conflict with ample time, it does not guarantee that the absence will be approved.

Grading:

Grades will be based on Participation/Attendance Points, Performances, and Tests

Participation/Attendance Points: **Students will receive a grade for all in class and after school activities.** If the student is prepared, on time, participates, and follows classroom rules and school policy, the student will receive all possible credit. Failure to be prepared, tardiness, and inappropriate behavior will result in loss of points. If the student is absent from any scheduled rehearsal (unless approved by the director, as stated above) he/she will receive a "0" (zero) for that day's rehearsal.

Performances: **All performances are mandatory.** The director has provided the students with a schedule which contains performance dates for this semester. Performance attendance will be a heavily graded aspect of the class. Unlike a written test, performances cannot be made up or reproduced. Additionally, the band is a group activity where students must rehearse and perform in a collaborative fashion: One band, one sound.

Tests: 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.

Tennessee Uniform Grading Scale

90% - 100% = A

80% - 89% = B

70% - 79% = C

60% - 69% = D

59% and Below = F

Performance Attire:

Gentlemen:

Black Pants

Black Dress Shirt/Sport Shirt (no t-shirts/polos)

Black Socks

Dress Shoes (no sneakers/tennis shoes or sandals)

Ladies:

Black Pants

Black Shirt/Blouse

Or

Black Knee Length Dress

Dress Shoes (no sneakers/tennis shoes or flip flops)

Black Socks (if wearing pants)

Performance Guidelines:

- Be early for report times.
- Come prepared physically and mentally
This means leaving peer conflicts/drama outside the band setting
- Have equipment and/or materials ready to go before report time.

Required Materials:

- Instrument
- Supplies (extra reeds, valve oil, cork grease, slide oil, etc.)
- Music Folder and/or flip folder and lyre
- Pencil

Google Classroom:

In addition to class work, students will be expected to log into Google Classroom periodically throughout the semester. In the event that school is closed, class may continue in this virtual format.

Band and Social Media:

The Claiborne High School Band program recognizes and supports the students' rights to freedom of speech, expression, and affiliation. In this context, it is imperative to understand that being a member of our program is a privilege. What you say, do, and post can affect your membership status in the band program. As a student of Claiborne County Schools and as a member of the Claiborne Band program, you represent yourself and your community with pride and respect. Below are the following guidelines to the band program's social media policy.

- ***Derogatory statements and remarks.*** *Derogatory statements or remarks against any persons, associations, beliefs, cultures, or anything similar will not be tolerated.*
- ***Photos.*** *Incriminating photos, videos, or statements depicting violence, hazing, any form of harassment, nudity, inappropriate gestures, underage drinking, possession or use of illegal drugs, and any other inappropriate behaviors will not be tolerated.*
- ***Credible threats.*** *Any and all threats, credible or otherwise, against any person or association will be reported to school authorities and will not be tolerated.*

What you post matters. You have the right to freedom of speech, expression, and affiliation. What you post on the internet reflects who you are. Future employers and colleges *will* look through your social media. Though you may delete a post or photo from your account, these things can easily be retrieved. **Once out on the internet, what you do, say, or show can never be fully removed... even on Snapchat or similar apps.**

Teacher/Student/Parent Communication:

When communicating with the teacher, please use the email or phone number listed above or the Remind platform. Should you need to meet with the teacher, contact them to set up an appointment. Office hours are Monday - Friday 10:15am to 11:30am. If you need a time outside these hours, please email or call to make special arrangements. Email, voice mail, and Remind are checked between the hours of 8:00AM - 3:00PM, Monday through Friday. Any communication made after 3:00PM will be received the next day. Every effort will be made to respond to communication within 24 hours, however, there may be times when this is not possible. Communication made after 3:00PM on Friday or on the weekends, will receive a response the next school day.

Confirmation

I understand and agree to abide by the Claiborne High School Concert Band Syllabus for the Spring 2026 semester. I understand that I am responsible for attending all scheduled rehearsals and performances and that the rehearsals and performances will be included as part of my total grade.

Student's Printed Name

Student's Signature

Date

My student has read and agrees to abide by the Claiborne High School Concert Band Syllabus for the Spring 2026 semester. I understand that my student is responsible for attending all scheduled rehearsals and performances and that the rehearsals and performances will be included as part of their total grade.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date