Hayfield Senior High Band Handbook

2025-2026

Senior High Band Students and Parents,

Hello and welcome to Band! I'm very excited that each of you has chosen to be a part of this ensemble and to have the opportunity to direct this wonderful group of students.

This handbook's purpose is to outline this year's schedule, expectations, grading policies, and more. Please familiarize yourself with the handbook as it is a great place to refer to throughout the year and has a great deal of information. **After reading the handbook, please sign the bottom of this page and hand-in during class time.** The handbook is also available on my classroom website.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone, email, or just stop in the band room.

I'm very excited to see (and hear 😊) you all in the band room!!

Sincerely,

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Class Description

SENOIR HIGH BAND (1 Credit, Full Year) Grades 9-12 Elective

This class meets five times a week. Individual or small group lessons are offered to each student each week during the school year. Three concerts, pep band, marching band, large group contest, optional solo and small ensemble contest participation, and other performances may be required throughout the school year. Students interested in participating in Senior High Band must have successfully completed consecutive previous years of band instruction or the equivalent or at the discretion of the instructor.

JAZZ BAND (.5 Credit, Full Year) Grades 9-12

Jazz Band open to all 9-12th grade band students. It is an optional, extra-curricular ensemble that meets on Mondays and Wednesdays before school from 7:15-7:50am. Jazz will begin at the end of September and meet through the end of the year.

Objectives

- Students will develop a musical experience that enhances students' overall educational experiences.
- Students will perform a variety of music at formal and informal performances.
- Students will grow as musicians through collaboration and creativity.
- Students will understand the connection between music, its purpose, and cultural and historical contexts.
- Students will demonstrate proper technique (including proper breath techniques and tone) in rehearsals, lessons and performances.
- Students will demonstrate proper band technique (including balance, blend, and intonation) in rehearsals, lessons and performances.
- Students will learn to read music, including note names, rhythms, key and time signatures.
- Students will analyze, interrupt, and evaluate musical works and performances.
- HAVE A FUN BAND EXPERIENCE!!!

Expectations

- **Participate** to the best of your ability *every single day*
- Treat others and classroom items with **respect**
- Display a **positive attitude**.
- **Be prepared. Be in your assigned seat when the bell rings with your instrument, music and a pencil**
- **Be on time** during class and concerts with appropriate materials needed.
- At the end of class, **clean up** your surrounding area.
- **Get rid of gum and food** when entering the room. Water bottles are allowed.
- **NO Cellphones.** Cellphones will be placed in cellphone holder prior to the first bell.

Materials

1. Instrument 2. Band folder & music (provided by the school) 3. Concert attire
   **Items such as reeds, valve oil, cleaning swabs, etc can be purchased through the school. Items will be charged on JMC.

Attendance

See student/parent handbook for attendance policies. Attendance is required for class time and concerts.

Grading

Grading for this class will follow the HHS grading system. See the student handbook for grading policies.
Summative & Formative accounts for 100% of final semester grade
Summative (75%)

- Concerts & Pep Bands
- Concert Evaluation Assignments
- Playing and Scales Assessments

Formative (25%)

- Daily rehearsal technique (DRT)
- Personal DRT sheets
- Lessons

Course Content

Band units are based upon our performances each quarter. See calendar for performance dates.
1. Instrumental Playing Technique
2. Music Theory – rhythms, note reading, key signatures, scales, vocabulary, etc.
3. Sight Reading
4. Music History
5. Cooperative/Ensemble Learning
6. Performance Etiquette

Concerts

I'm excited for our opportunities to perform this year! Please note that all performances are subject to change.

Performances are a major part of your summative assessment grade. **All performances bolded in the schedule below are graded and require attendance.** Concert expectations and grading rubric will be given and explained before each concert.

Pep Band

Pep band performances are a wonderful way for the band to be a part of building school spirit, showcasing your talent, and uniting our community. These performances are a unique opportunity for the band to contribute to our school and community. The band will perform at various sporting events throughout the fall and winter sports seasons. Attending the pep band events is required for all senior high band students and part of students' grades. The band will perform at any post-season games a team makes it to. See the "Performance" section for the full schedule.

Absences

Excused absences: Excused absences include personal illness, family emergencies, and unavoidable family trips. If an excused absence does occur, an email or phone call must be provided to Mrs. Lynch by a parent/guardian. An email or a phone call must occur within 24 hours of the concert. Excused absences may be made up by individual performance of your part of the concert music. **Remember work or lack of transportation are NOT considered an excused absence. Make sure to plan.**

Unexcused absences: An unexcused absence is absences not covered under excused. Unexcused absences will result in a "0" for the concert grade.

Concert Dress

Band attire will be all black this year. All clothes should be DRESS clothes. dress pants, skirts, dresses, polos, button ups are all appropriate options. Black dress shoes and socks are also needed.

**If you do not have and are unable to get any of the dress clothing items required, notify Mrs. Lynch at least 2 weeks before the first performance.

Music Awards

There are many opportunities for students to pursue and receive special music awards throughout the year.

Band Letter-To earn a band letter, students must

1. Be a member of the Senior Band for the full academic year.
2. Meet the guidelines for the band curriculum (Earning an A- or higher for academic grade in all four quarters).
3. Perform the National Anthem at a school or other approved event.
4. Do at least one of the following
    a. Perform at small group contest and receive a superior or excellent rating
    b. Participate in the Gopher Conference Honor Band or other Band Festival
    c. Other approved performances or participation by Mrs. Lynch

Jazz Band- To earn a Jazz Band Letter, students must

1. Be a member of Jazz Band for the full academic year.
2. Perform the national anthem at a school event.

3. Do one of the following
    a. Perform at small group contest and receive a superior or excellent rating
    b. Participation in an Honor Band or Band Festival
    c. Other approved performances or participation approved by Mrs. Lynch

MSHSL Small Group Contest Metals and Certificates

Students that participate in small group contest and receive an excellent or superior rating will be rewarded with a certificate and/or metal.

Band awards

Most Improved Player: students vote for the band member they feel improved the most over the course of the school year.

Most Valuable Player: students vote for the band member they feel demonstrated outstanding leadership, dedication, and musical excellence throughout the year.

Rookie of the Year: Awarded to a freshman or first year instrumentalist who has made a significant contribution to the band.

Band Officers

Band officers and section leaders are student leadership opportunities in band. These roles will give students the opportunity to play a leading role in their band's success.

Band President- Supervises all officer activities and helps with organizing special projects when needed.

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Band Secretary- Handles official communications and assists with attendance.

Section Leaders- Assist section with learning their parts, address any musical or rehearsal concerns that the section has. Selected by Mrs. Lynch.

Librarian-Prepares new music for distribution and helps distribute and collect music and repair music as needed.

Stage Manager- Assists with recruitment and coordinating volunteers for stage set-up and tear-down for events.

Media Team- Group of 3 or 4 that take photographs of band activities and assist with publicity for band events.

Hayfield High School Band Calendar

Pep Band

Date	Time	Event	Place
September 23rd	**7:15 pm**	**Volleyball Pep Band**	**HHS East Gym**
October 2nd	**1:30 pm**	**Volleyball Pep Band**	**HHS East Gym**
October 3rd	**7:00 pm**	**Football Pep Band**	**HHS Football Field**
October 15th	**7:00 pm**	**Football Pep Band**	**HHS Football Field**
December 11th	**7:15 pm**	**Boys Basketball Pep Band**	**HHS East Gym**
December 19th	**6:00 & 7:30 pm**	**Boys/Girls Basketball Pep Band**	**HHS East Gym**
January 5th	**7:15 pm**	**Girls Basketball Pep Band**	**HHS East Gym**
January 15th	**7:15 pm**	**Girls Basketball Pep Band**	**HHS East Gym**
January 20th	**5:45 & 7:15 pm**	**Girls/Boys Basketball Pep Band**	**HHS East Gym**
January 29th	**7:15 pm**	**Girls Basketball Pep Band**	**HHS East Gym**
February 10th	**7:15 pm**	**Boys Basketball Pep Band**	**HHS East Gym**
February 16th	**7:15 pm**	**Boys Basketball Pep Band**	**HHS East Gym**
April 23rd	**4:30 pm**	**Baseball Pep Band**	**HHS Baseball Field**

Post Season Dates: Football: 10/21, 10/25, 10/31 Volleyball: 10/23, 10/28, 10/30, 11/1
Boys Basketball: 2/19, 2/23 or 2/24, 2/28, 3/5 Girls Basketball: 2/26, 3/2 or 3/3, 3/7, 3/12

Concerts

Date	Time	Event	Place
September 29th	**2:00 pm**	**Homecoming Coronation/Pep Fest**	**HHS West Gym**
October 2nd	**1:00 pm**	**Homecoming Parade**	**HHS**
November 1st-2nd	All Day	Meistersinger Band Festival	Waverly, IA
November 11th	**9:00 am**	**Veteran's Day Program**	**HHS West Gym**
December 8th	**7:00 pm**	**December Concert**	**HHS West Gym**
January 31st	1:30 pm	Gopher Conference Honor Choir	NRHEG HS
March 11th	**All Day**	**Large Group Contest**	**Southland HS**
April 13th	All Day	Small Group Contest	LeRoy-Ostrander HS
May 2nd	6:00 pm	Jazz Band & Viking Singers Show	HHS West Gym
May 4th	**6:00 pm**	**Spring Concert**	**HHS West Gym**
May 22nd	**7:00 pm**	**Graduation**	**HHS West Gym**

Bolded events are required for all Senior High Band members. Section sports events will be added as they occur.

*The band handbook is subject to change. All changes will be noted in class and sent to parents via email.

I have read the 2025-2026 Hayfield Senior High Band Handbook and understand the class and grading expectations.

Student Name_____

Student signature _____ Date _____
Parent signature _____ Date_____