

## **Falfurrias Junior High Band Syllabus**

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### **Course Overview**

The Falfurrias Junior High Band is designed to develop students' musical skills through ensemble performance, individual practice, and music theory. Students will focus on:

- Tone Production: Developing a characteristic sound on their instrument.
- Rhythm: Understanding and performing rhythms accurately.
- Articulation: Learning proper tonguing, slurring, and phrasing techniques.

### **Objectives**

By the end of the school year, students will:

- Demonstrate improved tone quality and breath control.
- Accurately perform rhythms in various time signatures.
- Apply correct articulation techniques in ensemble and solo settings.
- Read and interpret music notation fluently.
- Perform in concerts and other school events with confidence and musicality.

### **Materials Needed**

- Instrument in good working condition
- Band binder with sheet music and handouts
- Pencil (no pens during rehearsal)
- Metronome and tuner (recommended for home practice)

### **Class Expectations**

- Be on time and prepared for rehearsal.
- Respect the director, peers, and instruments.
- Participate actively and positively.
- Practice regularly outside of class.

### **Grading Breakdown**

- Daily Participation – 40%
- Playing Tests & Quizzes – 30%
- Concert Attendance & Performance – 20%
- Written Assignments & Theory Work – 10%

### **Performances**

Students are expected to participate in all scheduled performances. Dates will be announced in advance and posted in the band room and online.

## Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out:

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