

Course Title:	8th Grade Band Winds
Grade(s):	8

Course Description
This course represents the culmination of the middle school band sequence. Students apply and refine advanced musical skills, including complex rhythms, varied time signatures, expanded ranges, expressive performance techniques, and ensemble leadership. Repertoire grows in difficulty and stylistic diversity, encouraging students to think critically, listen actively, and perform with precision and artistry. This course prepares students for high school band.
Approved Curricular Materials/Textbook(s)
Measures of Success, Book 2 Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician by Scott Rush, Jeff Scott, Emily Wilkinson, Rich Moon, and Kevin Boyle Teaching Rhythm Logically by Darcy Vogt Williams Tuned In by Brian Balmages and Robert Herrings Foundations for Superior Performance by Jeff King and Richard Williams Concert Repertoire Selected by the Director

Unit Title	Unit Description (Include Unit Objectives)	Unit Pacing
Unit 1:	Triple Meter	9 weeks
Unit 2:	Ensemble Skills 1: Balance, Blend, and Timbre	9 weeks
Unit 3:	Sixteenth Note Patterns	5 weeks
Unit 4:	Range Extension and Flexibility	4 weeks
Unit 5:	Ensemble Skills 2: Phrasing and Stylistic Choice	9 weeks