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Band Office

Syllabus
Wind Ensemble
Symphonic Band
Varsity Marching Band

Hours available to assist students:

7:30 – 7:55 by appointment

3:15 Daily

If unable to find us, contact Bev Welu in the Band Office.

Course Description: This course is for all students in grades 10-12 who play a band instrument and have an interest in symphonic band and marching band literature. Emphasis will be on advanced instrumental technique and ensemble rehearsal skills, music literacy, music history, and performance practice. The best in modern wind band literature, as well as standard classics, will serve as the repertoire. Students will also have the opportunity to audition for Orchestra winds and percussion and a vast array of other small ensembles, including Jazz Band, Chamber Winds, Brass Choir, Woodwind Choir, Percussion Ensemble, and others. This course will also include performances outside of the normal school day.

Materials Required

Instrument, music, drill and nail bag during marching season, and pencil. Music will be provided by the instructors during the course of the year.

Course Requirements

- Daily work on Instrumental Technique and Rehearsal Etiquette
- Assignments and Quizzes in Music Theory
- Assignments related to repertoire being rehearsed
- Attendance/ participation at all performances

Overall Units of Study:

- Concert Repertoire
- Instrumental Technique
- Music Theory – Scales and Rudiments, Rhythms and Counting, Reading and Understanding Music Notation, Listening to and Analyzing Music in Performance and Recording, History and Culture of Music, and Interdisciplinary Studies in Music

Grading Policy

District Grading Scale (1=93-100%, 2=85-92%, 3=77-84%, 4=69-76%, 5=68% and lower)

Your final semester grade will be an average of all grades taken in the following areas:

- Musical Development (points based on individual assignments)
- Performance Participation (100 points per performance)
- Daily Participation/Rehearsal Etiquette (5 points possible per day)

Students can retake playing assessments to improve grade.

Performance Absence Policy – please see Band Handbook

Tardies/Truancies Policy

- School rules apply to tardies/truancies (see student handbook)
- Two points deducted from daily participation points for each tardy
- Beginning with 3rd tardy each half-year, students will receive a 30-minute detention for each tardy
- Students forfeit all five participation points if truant.

Classroom Rules/Guidelines – please see Band Handbook