

Beginning Band Syllabus

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Course Overview:

This class is designed to teach foundations of both music theory and performance. Students will develop musical understanding and skills through use of proper terminology, critique, discussion, music theory study, and learning and performing on a band instrument. The final project will include a concert performance.

Course Goal and Objectives:

The goal of this course is for students to gain an understanding of the studies and processes important to improving personal musicianship and group performance, and to learn proper technique and performance skills on their instrument as well as the appropriate, associated music theory. At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Show working knowledge of musical concepts and terms as related to performance on their instrument
- Perform appropriate repertoire with proper technique on a band instrument.
- Feel more comfortable performing in front of a group

Grade Distribution:

Students will be graded in the following areas:

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| • Test/Final Performance | 35% |
| • Quizzes/Classroom Performances | 30% |
| • Classwork/Homework/Preparation | 30% |
| • Bellwork | 5% |

Students will be graded during several class activities on the effort they put in. The entire rehearsal/preparation process will be considered in grading, as it is just as important as the performance itself. Students who apply themselves should be successful in this course.