

BAND SYLLABUS– SPRING 2023

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Description: Band classes are designed for advanced and intermediate-level wind and percussion instruments. Tone, intonation, rhythm, technique, and musicality will be our main areas of focus. Attendance at after school rehearsals and performances is expected as these are an extension of this class. Please check the calendar carefully and refer to the attendance policy in the band handbook. All classes meet in the band room. Students must have prior experience on their instrument to take band; we do not offer a beginning band class.

Topics: During the semester we will cover the following topics: tone production, intonation, technique, rhythm, balance, blend, expression, theory, and history. We will use the following methods to cover the topics: Method Books/Fundamental exercises (ongoing), scales (ongoing), LGPE Music (Jan.-March), and spring concert music (March-May)

Expectations:

1. There should be no talking in class or rehearsals.
2. Have a sharpened pencil EVERY day.
3. Bring your music to class EVERY day.
4. There should be no gum, food, or drinks during class.
5. You must be ready to play 5 minutes after the tardy bell rings.
6. You must have all materials and equipment with you at your seat when class begins.
7. You must be focused and ready to work at EVERY rehearsal.
8. Cell phones should not be out or in use during rehearsals.

- **Please see the band handbook for a more detailed description on policies and procedures for the band program.**

Your participation grade will be made up according to how you meet the above expectations. Plan to be in class on time with all of your equipment and ready to work. You will receive a participation grade for every class day.

During the year there will be required events for everyone. Check your calendar of events or the band website for exact times and dates. All events and performances can be subject to change.

Supplies needed: Instrument in good playing condition at all times; mouthpiece, 3 good reeds, ligature, valve oil, mutes, etc.; YOUR folder and music; PENCIL. Make sure to keep your folder in the cabinet.

Grading system: Performances/Assessments-50% Participation/Daily-40% Final-10%

Attendance

- You must let the director know in advance if you are to miss an after-school rehearsal. Excused absences are personal illness or other extenuating circumstances.
- Emergencies are always the exception.
- If a makeup is not possible and the absence is excused, the student may be counted as exempt from that grade.
- **The director must know in advance if you will miss a performance of any kind. Only EXCUSED absences will be able to be made up. If a student is sick, the director should be notified by a parent the day of or the day after the absence. Please see the handbook for more information on the attendance policy. ALL performances are a grade.**

Tardy policy: Tardies will be dealt with on the school level. You must be in the band room when the bell rings in order to be considered on time.

Discipline Plan

1. Verbal Warning
2. Student/teacher conference
3. Phone call to parent(s)
4. Teacher Detention
5. Parent Conference
6. Referral to counselor (academic/personal issues)
7. Referral to an administrator (discipline)

In extreme situations (fight, profanity towards a teacher, alcohol, drugs, etc.), students will be referred immediately to an administrator. *Student participation in the band program could be jeopardized by continuing to fail to meet the desired expectations.*

Important Dates. Please check the band calendar at www.nohsband.com

After school LGPE practices in February

Pre LGPE Concert @ NOHS: TBA

March 7-9: LGPE @ Clarke Central

After school spring concert practices in April

April 27th-Spring Concert

May 13th -Band Banquet

**THIS IS A TEAM EFFORT. WITH EVERYONE'S HARD WORK AND DEDICATION THIS WILL BE AN EXCITING, FUN, AND SUCCESSFUL SEMESTER FOR OUR BAND AND EACH BAND MEMBER.
PAIN IS TEMPORARY, PRIDE IS EVERLASTING!**

An electronic sign off sheet for parents and students will be emailed out. This must be returned and will be counted as a grade.