

## **BAND AND PERCUSSION SYLLABUS – FALL 2024**

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**Description:** Band classes are designed for advanced and intermediate level musicians who play wind instruments. Percussion class is designed for advanced and intermediate level musicians who play percussion. Tone, intonation, rhythm, technique, and musicality will be our main areas of focus. During football season, students are part of the Titan Regiment Marching Band. The band also participates in concerts and parades. Students will have the opportunity to audition for District Honor Band and All-State Band. Attendance at band camp, after school rehearsals, and performances is expected. All classes meet in the band room. Students must have prior experience on their instrument to take band.

**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: Marching band music (Aug.-Oct.), Various Method Books (ongoing), scales (ongoing), concert music (Oct.-Dec.), chamber music (ongoing) and music theory (ongoing).

**Expectations:**

1. Respect Everyone and Everything.
2. Always give your best effort.
3. There should be no talking during rehearsal.
4. Have a pencil on your stand EVERY day.
5. Bring your instrument, music, and other materials to class EVERY day.
6. There should be no gum, food, or drinks during class.
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 your materials and ready to work. You will receive a participation grade for every class day. During the semester there will be required events for everyone. Check your calendar of events or the band website for exact times and dates.

**The director must know in advance if you will miss a performance of any kind. The director must also know in advance if you will miss a rehearsal (marching or concert). Only EXCUSED absences will be able to be made up. Emergencies are always the exception. 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.**

**Supplies needed:** Instrument in good playing condition, mouthpiece, 3 good reeds, ligature, valve oil, your folder and music, and a pencil.

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

**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 on time. Please allow enough time to be in class before the bell rings.

### **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)

### **Important Dates: (all subject to change)**

**9/17 – Marching Exhibition**  
**10/5 & 10/19– Marching Contests**  
**12/8 – Christmas Parade**  
**12/3 & 12/10 – Concert Practice**  
**12/12 – Christmas Concert**  
**12/14 – District Band/All State Auditions**

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.*

THIS IS A TEAM EFFORT. WITH EVERYONE'S HARD WORK AND DEDICATION THIS WILL BE AN EXCITING, FUN, AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OUR BAND AND EACH BAND MEMBER.

**An electronic sign off sheet for parents and students will be emailed out.**

### NOHS Exam Exemption Policy

Exam exemptions are a privilege provided the student meets the following criteria:

1. Has a 90 or above average in the course
2. Does not have any out of school suspension (OSS) or in school suspension (ISS)
3. All fines/debts are cleared
4. The teacher has the option not to allow exemption in their course. The teacher may require additional requirements in order to qualify for an exemption.
5. Number of exemptions allowed per grade level will be noted on the exemption form.

### NOHS Attendance Policy

Daily school attendance is critical to the development of any student. Absence from school should be avoided whenever possible. Teachers and school attendance clerks will keep records of students' daily attendance as required by state law. The student information system will be used to record excused absences, unexcused absences, tardies, early checkouts, and suspensions.

### NOHS Tardies and Unexcused Absences

A student is marked tardy if he/she arrives after the start of class. Punctuality is expected. Repeated or excessive unexcused absences or tardies; including failure to report to class, skipping class, leaving school without authorization, or failure to comply with disciplinary sanctions may be referred to the school social worker and/or administrator for appropriate discipline.

1<sup>st</sup> tardy-Warning

2<sup>nd</sup> tardy-Warning

3<sup>rd</sup> tardy-Detention

4<sup>th</sup> tardy-Detention

5<sup>th</sup> tardy-Saturday school

6<sup>th</sup> tardy- Referral to administration