

## **BAND AND PERCUSSION SYLLABUS – 2010-2011**

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**Description:** Band class is designed for advanced and intermediate-level musicians playing wind instruments. Percussion class is designed for advanced and intermediate-level musicians playing percussion instruments. Tone, intonation, rhythm, technique, and expression are stressed. During football season, both groups are part of the Seahawk Pep Band. The band also participates in concerts and parades. Students will have the opportunity to audition for All-County, All-Region, and All-State Bands along with Solo/Ensemble Festival. Attendance at band camp, after school rehearsals and performances is expected.

**Topics:** During the year 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: pep band music, rhythm sheets, scales, Holiday music, and music theory.

**Expectations:** In order for us to meet our goals, the following rules must be followed:

- Individual practice must take place from everyone.
- There can be no extra talking in class or rehearsals.
- Keep your mouth clean of any and all substances.
- Have a sharpened pencil on your stand EVERY day.
- Take care of your personal business before or after class.
- You must be ready to play 3 minutes after the tardy bell rings.
- You must have all materials and equipment with you at your seat when class begins.
- You must be focused and ready to work at EVERY rehearsal.
- Always use common sense.
- Always conduct yourselves as ladies and gentlemen.
- Have respect for yourself, your instrument, and your classmates.
- Absolutely no texting on cell phones during rehearsal. This is true for after-school rehearsals, as well.

Your participation grade will be made up according to how you follow the above rules. Make arrangements to be in class on time with all of your equipment and ready to work.

During the year there will be required rehearsals and performances for everyone. Check your handbook calendar of events or your monthly schedule for exact times and dates. In addition to pep band, we will have rehearsals and performances for Holiday Concert rehearsals and performances.

**\* I must know at least 1 month in advance if you must miss a performance or FULL concert rehearsal. I must know 1 week in advance if you must miss a pep band rehearsal. Only EXCUSED absences will be able to make up time missed. Emergencies are always the exception.**

Written and playing assignments for the year will include music theory and history worksheets and quizzes and instrument scale and part playing tests.

**Supplies needed:** Instrument in good playing condition at all times; mouthpiece, 2 good reeds, ligature, valve oil, mute, etc.; YOUR folder and music; notebook; PENCIL

### **Grading system:**

After-School Rehearsals... 25%	Parades...5%	Concerts...10%	Tests (playing and written)...10%
Quizzes (scales and terms)...10%	Class Participation...30%	Final...10%	<b>TOTAL...100%</b>

**Making up missed work:** Rehearsals and performances may be made up with credit ONLY if time missed is excused! Students must turn in tape and/or report within 3 days of the time missed.

- Missing a sectional must be made up by playing individually for the director or making a tape of the music covered during that sectional.
- Missing a rehearsal or performance must be made up by playing individually for the director or making a tape of music played during the rehearsal or performance.

**Tardy policy:** Tardys will be dealt with on the school level. Students tardy to class will be referred to the administration. You must have your equipment and be headed toward your seat when the bell rings. Running through the door when the bell rings will result in you being counted tardy.

**Classroom Management Plan:** Student participation grade will be made up of how well each student meets the EXPECTATION LIST above. Students can receive extra-credit for their participation grade throughout the year by such means as numbering-measures grades, and attending outside concerts.

Students not meeting expectations:

- 1<sup>st</sup> violation      Warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> violation      Parent Conference
- 3<sup>rd</sup> violation      Referral to Administration

Severe behavior problems will be referred directly to the administration.

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.**