

COURSE TITLE: Band

COURSE LENGTH: Full Year

PREREQUISITE: Continuing band membership and/or permission of instructor

GRADE LEVEL: 9 - 12

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Students will learn to play musical instruments in solo and ensemble settings, performing a variety of styles and aligning with national music standards.

MODE OF PRESENTATION: Group rehearsal.

GRADING PROCEDURE: Grades based on preparation, progress, and participation in band.

STUDENT SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE TO BE GAINED:

1. Knowledge of music gained through actual participation.
2. Knowledge of and appreciation for what it takes to perform.
3. Ability to be a discriminating music listener and appreciator of music throughout life.
4. Build the student's level of individual accomplishment on an instrument to as high a level as possible.
5. Provide and explain the musical tools necessary for later improvement with instrumental music.

COURSE TITLE: Chorus

COURSE LENGTH: Full Year

PREREQUISITE: Previous chorus experience and/or desire to improve singing skills.

GRADE LEVEL: 9 - 12

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The mixed chorus membership involves performances at four home concerts, State Large Group Contest, and Commencement. As chorus members, students may also choose to participate in Show Choir and Jazz Choir (by audition), private voice lessons, All-State Chorus (by audition), solo and/or small group preparation for State Contest and/or local performances, OPUS (9th Grade), SWI Honor Choir, Fall Musical or Variety Show.

MODE OF PRESENTATION: Large and small group rehearsals, lessons.

GRADING PROCEDURE: Grades are determined by attendance at rehearsals and performances, attitude and effort, ability, progress (improvement) shown.

STUDENT SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE TO BE GAINED:

1. Students will develop stage presence and confidence through public performance.
2. Students will understand and recognize music of various styles, cultures, and historical periods.

3. Students will learn concert etiquette, and gain an appreciation of the preparation, effort, and ability required to produce quality performances. Students will become knowledgeable consumers of music.
4. Students will develop qualities necessary to the success of any large group: self- discipline, respect and consideration for others, leadership, positive attitude, and high standards of achievement.
5. Students will improve their singing technique and musicianship through practice and performance.