

COURSE TITLE: CONCERT BAND

Course Description: Concert Band is a performance course designed to provide students with a better understanding of instrumental performance in a concert band setting. This is achieved through both listening and playing music. The student will acquire the knowledge of practice and performance discipline, musicality, sound concepts (balance, blend, intonation and characteristic tone), breath support and rhythmic integrity.

Course Requirements and Required Materials:

- 1) Knowledge of playing a wind or percussion instrument.
- 2) Various exercises and music literature to be given throughout the year.

Course Objectives: To learn to perform music at a high level of mastery. This requires high standards that will be reached through disciplined practice, sectional rehearsals and daily rehearsals using a practical approach to playing and performing.

COURSE OUTLINE:

First Quarter:

- I. Football Pep Band
 - A. Marching Basics
 - B. Practicum of Music Performance
 - C. Four to six required performances
 - D. Required rehearsals outside of the school day
- II. Concert Band
 - A. Elements of tone production and rhythm
 - B. Balance, blend and pitch matching within the ensemble
 - C. One required performance

Second Quarter:

- I. Concert Band
 - A. Fundamentals of tone production and rhythm
 - B. Balance, blend and pitch matching within the ensemble
 - C. One or two required performances
- II. Basketball Pep Band
 - A. Performances at select home basketball games.

Third Quarter:

I. Concert Band

- A. Elements of tone production and rhythm
- B. Balance, blend and pitch matching within the ensemble
- C. One or two required performances

II. Basketball Pep Band

- A. Performances at select home basketball games.

Fourth Quarter:

I. Concert Band

- A. Fundamentals of tone production and rhythm
- B. Balance, blend and pitch matching within the ensemble
- C. Scales, arpeggios and articulation exercises
- D. Two or three required performances

Teacher Availability:

My daily schedule changes throughout the year. If you need to see me, please call or e-mail to schedule an appointment. I will check my e-mail and voice mail during school hours and get back to you as soon as I can.