

## CONCERT BAND SYLLABUS

Mr. Pendleton

Grade: 10-12

Level 2 or Honors (1.00 credits)

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The DY Concert Band prepares and performs traditional, popular, and symphonic band literature of an intermediate level. Concepts emphasized include intonation, harmonic blend, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, and technical competence. Attitudes emphasized include positive team effort, respect for others and student leadership, acceptance of constructive criticism, and pride of the organization. Rehearsals and concerts are required of all students and will be assessed as part of the term grade.

Students have the option to take Concert Band for Honors level. If you take Concert Band for Honors you will be required to audition for the All-Cape Music Festival first semester, and march in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Dennis Memorial Day Parade, second semester. Honors students are held to a higher level in all aspects of rehearsal and performance. All honors students and their parents are required to fulfill sign an honors contract.

#### Grading Quarter 1

Rehearsal participation/Etiquette:	60%
Music preparation:	30%
Exams & papers:	10%

#### Grading Quarter 2, 3, & 4

Rehearsal participation/Etiquette:	30%
Music preparation:	30%
Exams & papers:	10%
Concerts & performances:	30%

#### ATTENDANCE:

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and are allowed up to eight "unexcused" absences. After the ninth absence your grade will drop a full %30. This *CANNOT* be made up.

#### REHEARSAL PARTICIPATION & ETIQUETTE:

Rehearsal etiquette is basically your classroom behavior. You are to always abide by school rules and the following rules:

- No talking or playing while the teacher is talking.
- No playing or talking after the "cutoff".
- No playing of percussion instruments after I dismiss class.
- No talking or playing while music is being played.
- You are to come to class on time and immediately set up for rehearsal.
- When my arms rise to conduct your instruments are in your mouth ready to play.
- At the end of rehearsal all chairs are put on chair and stands are put on racks.
- No one is to leave the band room until the bell rings.

When you do not abide by these rules the following measures will be taken:

- 1.) Verbal warning
- 2.) Instrument away, F or the day
- 3.) Office referral, detention, and/or phone call home
- 4.) You are sent out of class to the office

#### TESTS/QUIZES/PAPERS:

Throughout the course there may be tests/quizzes, or papers. When papers are assigned they must be turned in on the assigned due date. I accept no late work.

## CLASS PARTICIPATION/PERFORMANCES:

Class participation is essential to a successful rehearsal. Each family of instruments is required to have the following for each rehearsal:

**Woodwinds:** working instrument, reed, music

**Brass:** working instrument, valve oil, music

**Percussion:** Your music and a pair of Vic Firth SD12 Swizzle sticks.

*Sticks can be purchased from Mr. Pendleton for \$20 or from any local music store*

You are required to have your instrument and music for each rehearsal. If you forget your instrument for a rehearsal you will receive an **F** for that day. If you forget your music please look on with your stand partner and get an extra copy after class. In the event you and your stand partner does not have music you will both receive an **F** for that rehearsal.

You are required to attend all performances. It's important at the beginning of any athletic season that you give these concert dates to your coach. A game or practice is not an excused absence! Each performance will require appropriate dress as stated below. If you are not dressed in the appropriate assigned attire will NOT be allowed to perform and will receive an **F** for that performance. The band typically performs in the following performances:

- January 11<sup>th</sup> Formal Concert (back & white)
- March Formal 21<sup>st</sup> Concert (black & white)
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Pops Concert (dress clothes)
- Senior Last Assembly (During school day - school clothes)
- June 9<sup>th</sup> Graduation (dress clothes)

Black & white means the following:

Boys: black dress pants (no jeans!), white button down shirt, tie.

Girls: black skirt/dress pants with a white blouse.

For the Pops concert students may dress in any colors they want.

In the event that you will not be able to make a concert (with my approval) there is the option to make up the absence with an assignment. This is only in the event of a *serious* sickness, or death in the family. The assignment will be determined at that time. Please understand that if you choose to "skip" a performance, the make up assignment will not be an option and you will receive an "F" or that performance. A job, outside of school organization, or athletic event is not an acceptable excuse and counts as a "skip".

## MUSIC PREPARATION:

Music preparation has to do with how well you prepare your music for rehearsal and the performance. Everyone learns at different speeds and I am sensitive to that. To ensure successful music preparation you should practice your instrument at home or after school in one of the practice rooms. I will assess your music preparation throughout the school year when I ask your section to play in rehearsal or after class alone.