

# SYLLABUS 2009-2010

## For all performance and non performance classes: Symphonic Band, Honors Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band and Intermediate Band

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1. Rules – All rules are covered in the Band Handbook. I will keep on record the “statement of understanding” that you and your parents signed. Handbooks were given to all performance band students during the summer. Intermediate band students will receive theirs during class. The Band Handbook can be downloaded from the Bulldog Brigade website. [www.bulldogbrigade.org](http://www.bulldogbrigade.org)
2. Attendance Policy – Stated in the Band Handbook and student hand book.
  - a. During marching practice, only excused absences can be made up.
  - b. Make up will consist of practice time completed each day before school or Wednesday afternoons. Specific make up times are stated in the Band Handbook.
  - c. Tardiness to class and after school practice will result in a loss of BR points. Please refer to the BR point policy for clarification. All band students were given the BR point policy during Band Camp. Intermediate band will be given the policy during class.
3. Goals – To educate students in the areas of music theory, appreciation and performance while incorporating self discipline, self motivation, teamwork and self appreciation.
4. Grading – The grading policy is stated in the Band Handbook. During class students will be graded on group and individual performance ability.
  - a. A class participation grade will be given daily and playing tests will be given weekly. Group performances will count as the final test grade and/ or exam grade.
  - b. **One hour of individual practice is due each week.** A practice record will be kept on display in the band room. Practices not turned in by Friday can not be made up unless it falls under the excused caption of the Band Handbook.

Performance/ assesment –	40%
Practice -	20%
Individual playing test/ written test –	20%
Class Participation/ materials -	20%

5. Performances – All performance dates are listed in the Band Handbook. Jazz Band will receive a winter/ spring calendar of performances by January. **Intermediate band members are not allowed to participate in extra curricular performances or trips.** Intermediate band members may only perform in local concerts and festivals. (Please refer to the band handbook for details)

6. Written work – We will write one perfect paper in this class. We will complete this task by April.
7. Materials – You must have all needed materials at all times. This includes instruments ( including reeds, oils, mouthpieces, drum sticks, etc.), music given out in class, pencils, notebooks, instrument cleaning kits, and all other materials that are distributed by the teachers.
8. District Band – All Symphonic Band, Honors Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble members will prepare for and take the GMEA District 10 audition for the District 10 Honor Band. The band program will pay for the initial audition fee. If you wish to participate at the All – State level, you must do so at your own expense
9. BR Points – Please refer to your copy that has already been distributed. This policy and all forms can be downloaded from the Band Website. [www.bulldogbrigade.org](http://www.bulldogbrigade.org)

Thank you,

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Director of Band

