

Symphonic Band / Honors Ensemble / Jazz Band

Syllabus

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Philosophy

We believe that each student should improve through regular practice. When a student has lost the will to improve, then he or she is holding back productivity of the entire team and community. The students who improve through regular habits of practice and daily progress are the happiest students. Every member of the band should not only know right from wrong but must be able to stand for principles and develop a high sense of purpose toward which he/she is willing to work. Responsibility is the focus behind any level of achievement within this program.

*** Concert Attire:** All band students will have the same uniform for ALL performances. Winter Concert, Spring Concert, LGPE, THS Festival, and Graduation. Black band golf shirt, black slacks, black socks, black shoes, black belt

Supplies needed for this class include:

- Instrument
- Music
- Reeds, valve oil, mutes, mouthpieces, etc.
- Tuner/Metronome
- A three ring binder
- A pencil and highlighter everyday
- Notebook paper

Expectations for Symphonic Band / Honors Ensemble / Jazz Band:

- ◇ Be respectful
- ◇ Have a positive attitude
- ◇ Be on time
- ◇ Give 100% ALWAYS!
- ◇ Follow all rules of the band and the school

Grading Policy for Symphonic Band / Honors Ensemble / Jazz Band

Students will receive grades for the following:

- ♪ Class Participation and Materials (30%) – students are graded daily on participation, materials, and performance. Students are expected to be fully prepared for class every day.
- ♪ Practice Logs (20%) – practice logs must be turned in once a week. 1 hour per week is required for full practice credit. 9 hours for the nine weeks.
- ♪ Tests / Quizzes (10%) – Students will be given playing and written tests periodically. Students are expected to be fully prepared for all assessments.

- 🎵 Performances / Concerts (40%) – all students are required to be at all band performances. Concerts and Festivals are required performances. Refer to the band handbook if you have questions.

Homework Policy for Symphonic Band / Honors Ensemble / Jazz Band

- 🎵 Students are required to practice 1 hour per week – 9 hours per nine week period. Students must turn in 1 hour of practice per week to receive full credit.

Make Up Work Policy for Symphonic Band / Honors Ensemble / Jazz Band

- 😊 If a student is absent due to illness, field trip, ISS, or any other excused absence, they will have 1 week from the day they return to complete any work or tests they have missed. It is the student's responsibility to see the director about missed work. Late work will not be accepted.

Topics that will be covered in Symphonic Band / Honors Ensemble / Jazz Band:

- 😊 Tone Quality
- 😊 Intonation
- 😊 Rhythms
- 😊 Playing as an ensemble
- 😊 Blend and Balance
- 😊 Basic theory
- 😊 Various styles of music
- 😊 Performance etiquette
- 😊 Self discipline and control
- 😊 Responsibility
- 😊 Instrument maintenance
- 😊 How to become a quality musician

** All band members will prepare for and take an audition equivalent to the GMEA district honor band audition. Students who perform exceptionally will be allowed to audition for the District Band.*

** Intermediate Status: Students who are not involved in marching band, football, cheerleading, softball, or cross country in the fall are considered intermediate status. All class requirements pertain to you. Intermediate students will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular band activities, such as spring trip, district band, and UGA Janfest. All concerts are required.*

** All students have been issued a band locker. Students are responsible for keeping up with their belongings and locking their lockers while they are away from the band room. The band staff is NOT responsible for items missing from lockers.*