

HHS Band

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Band is an elective course open to any student who plays a band instrument (woodwind, brass, or percussion), and who has studied for a minimum of one year. Most members begin their study in grade 5, so a minimum music reading ability is essential for a “new” student. After meeting with a student, the director may grant permission to enroll a student who is uncertain if he/she meets the basic prerequisites. Band is a “lab” class with the majority of class time spent studying and rehearsing music of various types, styles, and time periods. Through study of music chosen, the student’s knowledge of music theory, history and reading/performance abilities should grow. Band has several required performances throughout the year, most of which occur outside the school day.

Graduation Standards:

STANDARD 1: DISCIPLINARY LITERACY
STANDARD 2: CREATION, PERFORMANCE, EXPRESSION
STANDARD 3: CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING
STANDARD 4: AESTHETICS AND CRITICISM
STANDARD 5: CONNECTIONS

Unit 1 Pep Band / Popular Music

Summary Students will study, learn about, rehearse, and perform popular music from various decades, as part of school and community performances, such as School Assemblies (October & February), Band-O-Rama (late October / early November), and at selected home basketball & tournament games (December through mid February). This unit is intertwined with the other two, through out the year, but takes place primarily from September through the February school vacation.

Performance Indicators Assessed in Unit Elements of music; including, but not limited to: beauty of sound, balance, expression & nuance, rhythmic accuracy, tempo & meter.

Unit 2 Marching Band / Patriotic Music

Summary Students will study, learn about, rehearse, and perform American patriotic music, as part of community celebrations for our military members. Performances include two parades (Veterans' Day in November, and Memorial Day in May), as well as providing music for the JROTC sponsored “Service Salute” at a home basketball game half-time (late January / early Feb). This unit is intertwined with the other two, through out the year, but takes place primarily in early November , late January, and late May each year.

In addition, to providing music, students must learn to make a “visual” presentation for the two parades. They will work on “marching & maneuvering” skills for the street parades. Additionally, making a quality sound, while marching is a skill to be learned and rehearsed.

Performance Indicators Assessed in Unit Elements of music; including, but not limited to: beauty of sound, balance, expression & nuance, rhythmic accuracy, tempo & meter. Marching and maneuvering skills.

Unit 3 Concert Band / Concert / Art Music

Summary Students will study, learn about, rehearse, and perform a wide variety of concert music from various time periods, and cultures, as part of school and community performances. Styles of music often include marches, overtures, art music (both contemporary and from previous time periods), transcriptions of earlier works for orchestra or chamber music, as well as arrangements of popular music from the world of musicals, operas, and film. Performances typically take place in December (Holiday Concert), early May (Spring Concert), late May (District Band Night), and early June (HHS Graduation). This unit is intertwined with the other two, through out the year, but takes place primarily from November through the end of the school year.

Performance Indicators Assessed in Unit	Elements of music; including, but not limited to: beauty of sound, balance, expression & nuance, rhythmic accuracy, tempo & meter.
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