

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Central High School Band

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COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Description:

High School Band exists to: A) help you to develop as a musician and as person, and, B) to serve the school district and to represent the community.

Your enrollment in band includes Marching Band, Concert Band and Pep Band. You are required to participate in all scheduled performances by these groups. You may also have the opportunity to participate in Jazz Band, Solo and Ensemble Contest, Madrigal Brass and such Honor Bands as IMEA District 3 Senior Band, IMEA Jazz Band and SVC All-Conference Band.

Prior experience playing a band instrument or the permission of the instructor is required to enroll in high school band.

Course Objectives:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

By the end of the year, you will have rehearsed and performed music that will have extended and enhanced your individual musical skills. You are expected to strive for improvement in your individual and ensemble playing. We will accomplish this by exploring a variety of styles and levels of music.

Required Class Materials:

You will need an instrument. While it is best if you own your band instrument, the school does have limited quantities of some of the larger and more expensive instruments available for rent during the school year.

Text:

Our text will be the assigned music given to you by the instructor.

Course Outline:

Marching Band (August – November)

Pep Band (November – February)

Concert Band (October – June)

Jazz Band (November – June)

Solo and Ensemble Contest (January - March)

Major Assignments:

Our assignments are our required performances.

Grading:

Grading is based on participation and performance. You will be provided a list of our required performances and their point totals at the beginning of the school year. There will be the opportunity to earn bonus points by participating in non-required performances. Several playing grades will be taken during the school year. Your individual performance will be judged in order to assess your progress and in order to assign you appropriate parts within the ensemble.

Your grade will be based on points you earn during daily rehearsals and at required events.

Each daily rehearsal is worth ten points. You will receive deductions of five points for a tardy, not having your music and for not having your instrument. Behavior problems will result in point deductions depending on the severity of the disruption.

Each Concert (Winter and Spring) and Contest (such as marching competitions and IHSA Organizational) is worth 200 points.

Each Marching Band Home Game performance and any other required parade performance is worth 100 points.

Each Pep Band Performance is worth 30 points.

You will receive performance point deductions for:

Tardy = 15% of the event point total

Uniform violation = 25% of the event point total.

No instrument = 75% of the event point total.

No music = 25% of the event point total

Improper storage of instrument/uniform after the event = 15% of the event

Class Policies & Procedures:

Any unexcused absence from a scheduled performance will result in the lowering of your class grade. Absences may be excused if you are too ill to participate, if there is a family emergency such as a serious illness or death, or if there is an unavoidable family conflict such as a vacation. Some of you are involved in area out of school dance and theater groups. If there are conflicts between our schedule and the outside of school group's schedule, I expect you to be at our performance. We will, however make every reasonable effort to accommodate you.

If your absence is preplanned such as in the case of a family trip, please let me know via a parent note at least three rehearsal days prior to the performance. If the absence is due to illness or emergency, you must give me a parent note explaining the absence. You must give me the note by the next rehearsal day. Failure to provide a parent note following the absence will result in that absence being unexcused.

In almost every case, I will not excuse you for such reasons as: work, babysitting, lessons, or rehearsals with an outside school group. I also do not except "I could not find a ride" or "I forgot".

It is your responsibility to inform your employer or outside of school group as to your CHS Band obligations.

Miscellaneous:

Uniforms

You are responsible for the uniform assigned to you. Any damage or loss is the responsibility of the student.

The Band Uniform consists of:

Uniform Jacket

Uniform Pants

Uniform Hat and Plume (marching band only)

Uniform Shoes

Black Socks

Uniform Gloves (marching band only)

Sash (marching band only)

Your uniform must be properly worn and then stored at every performance. You must wear a t-shirt under your jacket. You may only wear non-bulky items under the uniform pants (no blue jeans). Your hat must be worn with the chin strap in place and with the brim parallel with the ground. If you have long hair, you may put it in a pony tail and then tuck it into the back of the jacket or you may tuck your hair into your hat. Only simple post type earrings may be worn while in uniform. You must have the uniform fully on at performances.

Your uniform pants must be hung up right side out and hung up "with the pleat". The curve of the hanger should be at the back of the jacket. At no time may your uniform be thrown on the floor.

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