

## **Band and Orchestra**

### **Course Outline**

**Planning Time: A-day 12:15-12:45**

**B-day 7:17-8:37**

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## **I. COURSE GOALS:**

1. The student will develop an understanding of music reading fundamentals as it applies to the student's performing instrument.
2. The student will develop good tone production techniques.
3. The student will be exposed to and perform a wide variety of musical styles leading to the development of musical taste, discernment, and discrimination.
4. The student will develop a sense of responsibility to themselves and to the group, devotion to task and the ability to work toward and achieve goals as a disciplined team.

## **II. SKILLS FOR SUCCESS:**

1. Development of the student's mastery of technique. Concert Band is a performance group, specifically designed to study and perform music in a variety of musical styles. Music reading fundamentals and theory will be stressed. Students will be supplemented with a variety of concert repertoire.

## **III. MATERIALS NEEDED**

1. Provided by the teacher
  - a) Band Folder containing music
  - b) Sight Reading exercises and theory drills provided by various texts.
  - c) School owned instruments
2. Provided by the student
  - a) Pencil and paper
  - b) Instrument and supplies (valve oil, mouthpiece, 4 good reeds, sticks, practice pad etc...)
  - c) appropriate uniform for performance - -

### **Ladies**

The ladies will be wearing a black formal long empire bodice with a square neckline.

**Students have the option to buy their dress for the price of \$60.00 or rent a dress for the fee of \$20.00 per year, to cover cleaning and maintenance fees.** Students will be measured for their individual uniform at school.

### **Gentlemen**

The gentlemen will be wearing black tuxedo or nice dress pants, white tuxedo shirt, black socks, black dress shoes, black vest and black bow tie. The pants, tuxedo shirt, socks and shoes are not provided by the music department, it is the student's responsibility to provide these items. **The vest and bow tie are provided by the music boosters and requires a 10.00 fee, per year to cover cleaning and maintenance.**

## **IV. GRADING POLICY:**

1. Due to the emphasis on performance, individual playing skills are evaluated daily. Stress is placed on the individual's ability to function as a member of the section, show self discipline during rehearsal and devote him/herself to the task at hand. Class participation earns a student up to five points a day by participating with their best efforts during warm-ups, music rehearsal, sight reading and all classroom activities. Any time a student is asked to perform a passage by themselves or with their section, it may be regarded as a test and students may assume they will receive a grade for this activity.

2. Since concert band is a performing group, all members are expected to participate in **ALL** concerts, adjudications and rehearsals, either during or after school. Excuses of illness or family emergency, of course will be accepted, but a parent note **MUST** be submitted and a written make-up or alternative assignment **MUST** be completed. A schedule of upcoming concerts is attached and you will be notified of any additional performances as soon as possible.
3. Written drills and quizzes are given through the semester based on musical skills and knowledge learned in the class. There will be a final exam given at the end of the semester.
4. Marking Period grades will be determined as follows:  
Homework= 15% Participation = 50% Class Work = 15% Performances and Tests = 20%
5. A point system is used to determine the grade:  
A = 90 to 100                      D = 60 to 69  
B = 80 to 89                      E = 59 or less  
C = 70 to 79
6. **All students must adhere to the AACPS Academic Integrity Policy.**

## **V. HOMEWORK**

1. Individual practice is a requirement for this course; a practice log will be used to track the student's progress with his/her practice at home. Practice Logs will be collected periodically for a homework grade.

## **VI. CLASSROOM RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

1. Be prompt. Enter the room quietly, get your instrument, folder, music stand and take your assigned seat. Students are assigned folders that will contain music. You are financially responsible for any damage and or loss that would occur.
2. **NO EATING IN CLASS!! NO FOOD, NO CANDY, NO GUM!!!**
3. The piano, stereo, computer and teacher's office are **OFF LIMITS!!!!!!!**
4. The first few minutes of classroom time will be devoted to warm-up exercises and the last few minutes for housekeeping chores. The remaining time is for intensive rehearsal. It is up to the students to discipline themselves so that we can make the performing group the best it can possibly be. Be an asset to it, not a hindrance! If a student cannot conform to our expectations, he or she will be separated from the group!

## **VII. PERFORMANCE COMMITMENTS**

1. Students are expected to attend and participate in ALL performances. Below is a list of performances already scheduled on the calendar. When performances are added, you will be notified as soon as possible.

**Performances:** Winter Concert – Tuesday, December 15, 2009 7pm  
Call 6:15

## **ATTENTION: PARENTS**

1. Our Music Booster's Organization is a vital part of having a successful instrumental music program here at Northeast. All interested parents are invited and encouraged to attend our meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 in Room C-64. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6th. Hope to see you there!

**Band Outline-**

Student's name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents names (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Parents' E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Students' E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

1. I have read the Band Course description, which includes the Winter Concert date, and understand the requirements for my child to have a successful semester in chorus.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian signature and date**

2. My child has permission to be photographed or videotaped in school related projects during the school year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/ Guardian Signature and date**

3. I would like to be notified, via e-mail, by the Northeast Music Boosters of performances, fundraising, important events, and opportunities available for my child throughout the year. Unless indicated, we will use the parent e-mail address listed below.

\_\_\_\_\_ please use parent email listed above

\_\_\_\_\_ please use this email address \_\_\_\_\_

4. I have read the Band Course description, which includes the Winter Concert date, and understand the requirements to have a successful semester in Concert Band.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student signature and date**

**Chorus Uniforms: Please make checks payable to: Northeast High School Music Boosters**

Please check one:

I would like to purchase a uniform.

I would like to rent a uniform.

I already own a uniform.