

NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL SYLLABUS

Wind Ensemble

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TEXTS:

- *sheet music
- * sight-reading materials
- * theory packet
- * chorale books

REQUIREMENTS:

Wind Ensemble is available to auditioned 9-12 grade students. Fundamentals, music reading, rehearsal and performance skills, and team building will be developed and emphasized through advanced band literature. The Wind Ensemble will participate in Marching Band for the first 9 weeks. Those unable to march due to physical restrictions, late arrivals to school, and the like will be given a separate set of requirements for the first 9 weeks. After the marching season is completed, the Wind Ensemble will become it's own individual ensemble. Students then will prepare and perform at each of the 3 major concerts throughout the year, a Veterans Day concert, Select Ensemble concert, and graduations for both Northview High School and Northview's East Campus High School. *Extracurricular attendance at these concerts is a graded requirement of this course.* Each student will also participate in a Chamber Ensemble in the last 5 weeks of school. There is no evening commitment for this.

GRADING POLICY:

*Students will earn semester grades in the following categories:

Rehearsal Techniques
Concert (Marching competitions, Concert Band: Dec, Feb, & April)
Music Theory Assignments
Concert/Competition Written Evaluations/Goal Setting

*Semester Grade 80%

*Exam 20%

First Semester exam is a performance/rehearsal

Second Semester exam is chamber performance and music theory

Grading Scale:

100-92.5% A
92.4-89.5% A-
89.4-86.5% B+
86.4-82.5% B
82.4-79.5% B-
79.4-76.5% C+
76.4-72.5% C
72.4-69.5% C-
69.4-66.5% D+
66.4-62.5 D
62.4-59.5 D-
≤59.5% F

ASSESSMENTS:

Rehearsal Techniques

The most important thing brought to rehearsal everyday is a good attitude and work ethic. The entire success of a band hinges on the committed rehearsals of the individuals in it. Rehearsal techniques, attitude, and work ethic are more important than talent. Much more important. This part of the grade is based on:

- Individual Leadership
- Team Building skills
- Consistent energy
- Consistent improvement of fundamentals like posture, breathing, intonation, tone quality, blend, etc.
- Score marking
- Focus and listening skills
- Attending class and being on time
- Having materials at each rehearsal
- Preparation of music, both in and out of class

Concert

Every member of the Music Department is important. By enrolling in this class, each member has made a commitment to attend every performance of their group. All performances will be announced and/or given to the student in writing. It is the responsibility of the student to double check obligations and work schedules. Serious illness or a death in the family are the only automatically excused absences.

If a student foresees a scheduling conflict and wants to be excused from a concert, verbal communication by student and parents must be given to the Director at least one week before the concert. No notes! If a student becomes ill on the afternoon or evening of the

concert and is absent, a parent must call within one week to excuse the absence. The decision to excuse an absence belongs to the director.

- ❖ An excused absence will result in a concert grade that reflects the student's Rehearsal Techniques grade, but will be slightly lowered.
- ❖ An unexcused absence will result in a grade much lower than the student's Rehearsal Techniques grade.
- ❖ Students having more than one concert absence may be dropped at the beginning of the next semester or not eligible to enroll the next school year.
- ❖ Students attending concerts will earn a grade based on performance skills, musical development, and overall concert etiquette.

SCHEDULE:

The Band schedule will be given out the year previous in May or April, will be loaded to the band google calendar and can be found at northviewbandboosters.net. It will also be available and given out at the beginning of class. Additionally it will be emailed to the classes.