

High School Band Course Syllabus

Teacher: Mrs. Smith

Classroom: Music Room

Class Hours: Monday - Friday

Description:

Students will improve their ability to play instruments in a single and group environment. Students are required to perform at the following performances: All Pep Band Events, Marching Band Competitions, Coronation, Christmas Concert, Spring Concert, and Region II Instrumental Contest. During the first semester students have the opportunity to audition for All-State Orchestra, and during the second semester students will have the opportunity to audition for All-State Band (students in grades 9-12).

Course Requirements and Grading:

You will be graded on the following items.

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| • Performances | 40% |
| • Tests/Quizzes | 10% |
| • Merit Opportunities | 10.7% |
| • Participation/Rehearsals | 25% |
| • Comprehensive Final | <u>14.3 %</u> |
| | 100% |

Merit Opportunities

In addition to the assignments, rehearsals, and performance requirements, students will need to choose 1 of the activities as provided on the attached form to be completed at your convenience at some point throughout the semester. Each activity will be worth a total of 50 points and all these are required to pass the course. Additional opportunities will be announced as community events and schedules become available throughout the year. Please let me know if you have additional ideas that may be approved and added to the list.

Pep Band

Pep band is a mandatory part of the 7-12 band class.

Rules of Conduct/Classroom Expectations:

1. Food and drink are not allowed in the classroom (except water).
2. No cell phones are allowed in class.
3. ***Respect everyone and everything in class.***
4. Listen carefully to directions.
5. Students will be responsible for obtaining notes and any missing assignments for missed classes.

**St. Mary High School Vocal Music
Merit Opportunities:**

Each student must choose two of the following activities to complete by the end of the semester. Each activity will be worth a total of 50 points and all three are required to pass the course. Additional opportunities will be announced as community events and schedules become available throughout the year. Please let me know if you have additional ideas that may be approved and added to the list.

1. Play the National Anthem at a school or community event.
2. Audition for All-State Band or All-State Orchestra.
3. Accompany a piece for a concert.
4. Attend a band concert performed in the community or the surrounding area - formal concert or marching band competition.
5. Prepare and perform a solo at contest.
6. Participate in the school musical/drama group.
7. Write an essay on an individual who (in your opinion) has greatly contributed to a particular style/genre of music. Support your opinion with factual information.