



Instrumental Music Wahoo High School



Meets everyday 1st hour.

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Description

The High School band provides students an opportunity to learn a discipline that requires the highest level of cognitive thinking a school can offer. Those students who participate in band achieve better in performance tests such as the ACT and the SAT.

The Goal of the Wahoo High School Band is to provide opportunities for students to perform and succeed as ambassadors of this school district and community.

The Philosophy of this classroom will be to learn responsible behavior, commitment to one another and most importantly, to have fun.

Course Objectives

1. To master the discipline of becoming an independent learner.
2. To work as a member of a group for a common goal.
3. To promote pride in individuals as well as the school community.

As a high school band member, these objectives will be achieved through performance opportunities throughout the year. Band is the most active class/activity in the school. Most years we have around 30 performances. These performance opportunities include the Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Small Groups, Solos and most importantly, the Concert Band.

Band Opportunities

Marching Band (Required) – We will compete in at least 2 parades. Each student will be fitted for uniforms. We will rehearse both indoor to work on music and outdoor to learn how to parade march. Marching Band will end once the parade season is down, usually around the middle of October.

Concert Band (Required) – This is the main category of music that we take the majority of the time. We will work on music that is challenging and will emphasize high expectations in musicianship. Each concert will feature the concert band and will be a year round ensemble. The concert band will travel to the District Music Contest to perform for a rating.

Pep Band (Required) – The pep band is to play at football, volleyball, and basketball games. Pep Band will be playing more in the “pop music” genre to perform at games. Our music usually has about 20 songs to choose from and will provide a music folder to play from. Traveling will most likely be involved for post-season games as well. Please see the pep band policy in the syllabus.

Jazz Band (Optional) – Jazz Band will give students who play traditional jazz instruments an opportunity to perform in this genre. This group won’t start until November and continue until the end of the school year. Jazz Band will play at concerts and may travel to Districts and Jazz Festivals.

Solo/Small Ensemble (Optional) – Students may perform solos or small ensembles at concerts and at the District Music Contest.

Concert Wardrobe

Before each performance, information will be sent about what to wear for the concert. Here are the basics for each group:

Marching Band – Uniforms (provided). Students will need to be fitted for their uniform and take proper care for them. The school will dry clean the uniforms each year. Uniforms will stay in the band room.

Concert Band – Will either be Black and White Dress Clothes or No Color Specific Dress Clothes. Please stay away from jeans, t-shirts, and tennis shoes.

Pep Band – School Appropriate Clothing

Jazz Band – Same as Concert Band. If we go to a Jazz Festival, wardrobe will be Khaki/Brown Pants, Dress Shoes, and Band Polo (provided). We will check out School Band Polos that they will have to turn in at the end of the year.

Band Grades

Each semester, the band grade will consist of three categories. Each category will be weighed to account for the semester grade. Majority of the grade is showing up to performances.

40% - Concert/Performance Grade

40% - Pep Band Grade

20% - Written and Playing Test Grade

Playing Test Grades

Playing Tests will consist of 25 points with each of the categories being worth 5 points each.

5 Points - Style: Play with slurs, accents, dynamics, phrasing, expression, etc.

5 Points - Rhythm: Play with correct rhythms without stopping

5 Points - Notes: Play correct notes with correct fingerings and stickings

5 Points - Posture: Play with correct posture by sitting up, feet on the floor, and correct hand positions

5 Points – FREE: Automatic 5 points

Concert Absences

Concerts are planned as best as possible to avoid other school conflicts, so students shouldn't miss concerts due to other school activities. The concert/performance grade only consists of attending the concert to perform. If a student is sick or will be absent due to a family emergency, please inform the instructor as soon as possible. The instructor will then decide if the student will be excused. Please mark the concert dates on your calendar and attend all concerts. If you miss ONE concert, that can drop your grade down to a D in the category.

Please see the grading charts to know what and how each category is graded.

Pep Band Policy

All high school students enrolled in band are expected to be at scheduled pep band performances. Full semester schedules will now be posted in the band room and on the school website in the Band and Choir section.

Pep Band Absences

If you have scheduling conflicts with work, please try to schedule with your boss so you can work around pep band performances. The teacher will decide whether a work scheduling conflict will be counted for an excused absent. You need to let the teacher know ASAP if you can't get work off. Please get your work schedules arranged around the pep band schedule.

If you are in school activities, such as athletes in sporting events that take precedent over pep band, you will be excused. You will need to let the teacher know what events you'll be in if it conflicts with a pep band performance.

If you have a non-school event that is scheduled during a pep band, you will need to let the band director know ASAP to get it approved as an unexcused absence. You will then need to have a parent email, call, or send a signed note to the teacher saying the reason for the absence.

Pep Band Grading

Attendance will be taken at each pep band performance throughout the year. Performances will be limited to 16 throughout the football, volleyball, and basketball regular season excluding postseason games. If you leave unexcused before the performance is over, it will count as an absence. The following is a chart that explains the attendance grade for pep band for each SEMESTER.

- 0 Unexcused Absences = A+ (100%)
- 1 Unexcused Absences = A (95%)
- 2 Unexcused Absences = B (87%)
- 3 Unexcused Absences = C (79%)
- 4 Unexcused Absences = D (72%)
- 5 Unexcused Absences = F (69%)

Pep Band Performances

You will need your pep band music folder and instrument. Once we get ready to play, a song will be announced. You will need to get to that song ASAP and instrument up to playing position to notify you are ready to begin. Once all students are ready, the song will be counted off to start play. It is very important to have the instrument in playing position once the song is being counted off.

Single Game Procedure

For single games, you will need to report to the band room 45 minutes prior to the start of the game. This will give you time for getting ready and warmed up to begin playing during pre-game warm-ups. We will play through the following:

Pre-game Warm-ups

1st Quarter

2nd Quarter

Halftime

3rd Quarter OFF (BE BACK BY THE END OF THE 3rd QUARTER TO PLAY)

4th Quarter

IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE BACK AND READY TO PLAY IN THE BREAK BETWEEN 3rd AND 4th QUARTER. You need to watch the time and not wonder off. Support your fellow student athletes by watching them in the 3rd quarter. During the 3rd quarter, each pep band student will receive a bottle of pop of their choice.

Double Game Procedure

For double games when both Boys and Girls Basketball games occur in the same night, you will need to report to the band room at the time given. This is planned 30 minutes before the halftime of the first game. We will play through the following:

1st GAME

Halftime
3rd Quarter
4th Quarter

2nd GAME

Pre-game Warm-Ups
1st Quarter
2nd Quarter
Halftime
3rd Quarter

Post-Season Pep Band

The Pep Band will play for most post-season games including district and state tournaments. All games will be determined once the regular season ends. These games will most likely include traveling. A report time will be given out to allow time to load instruments on the bus and travel time. Students will mostly likely need money for a meal. Students will be informed if there will be a stop for a meal. The student's fees to enter the game will be paid for. The pep band will play for the entire game. Please be respectful of other school venues and policies.

Music Fundraising

Music Boosters is consisted of any parent that has a student enrolled in any K-12 music class. Each month, this group meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the WHS Library/Media Center. These meetings are meant to involve music parents to give input and receive information about the Wahoo Public School music program.

Music Boosters

Music Boosters and Band will fundraise each year to help support the music boosters, student accounts, and for any band trips. Each fundraiser will have information to be sent out. Our main fundraiser is our Soup Supper that will take place in the second quarter each year. Please see the calendar to get the date.

Music Student Accounts – Any 6-12 student enrolled in Band and/or Choir will have an account set up automatically by our music boosters. Any fundraiser that they make money on will be deposited to their music student account. This will be active as long as the student is enrolled in a music class. This money will only be available for music events.

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By signing, you are stating that you understand the requirements stated for High School Band in the Syllabus.

Print Students Name

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Students Signature

Parents/Guardian Signature

Date

Please provide an email address to receive information on concerts, pep band, other band events. Please print clearly

Parents Email Address

Additional Parents Email Address

Students Email Address