

Course Description

Grades 9-12 High School Concert Band

Philosophy Statement: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. Psalm 33:3
Music is a gift from God given to mankind to enrich lives and enhance man's expression of love to Him. Our desire is that our students focus their gifts and talents into expressions that glorify God and reflect His image.

Course Objective: Students will prepare and learn glide step techniques and apply it to the marching band show and learn block marching for parades. For the Christmas concert, the band will perform various musical selections. Students will perform at State Solo Ensemble contest in late March. They will also perform at Large Group contest and the Parade of Bands concert using various pieces of music, including one piece from the state required list. Throughout the year the students will be graded on their music theory skills. These various theory lessons are to take the students' music education abilities beyond playing notes and rhythms.

Textbooks: Master Theory
Charles S. Peters and Paul Yoder

Materials:

- Musical instruments
- Music selections

Time Allotment: 44 minutes per day, five days per week

The band will participate in a band camp before school to prepare for Marching Band performances through the first quarter. Preparing for the secondary Christmas concert takes around two months. Students prepare for solo ensemble contest in a little more than a month. When starting to prepare for solo ensemble contest, the band sight-reads every other day. This gives the band a good idea what they might want to play for Large Group contest which usually takes a solid month to prepare for. All theory lessons are turned in and checked through director discretion. Preparation for parades will be done through block marching.

Course Content:

- Drum Line, Marching Band and Parade Marching
- Secondary Christmas Concert
- Solo/Ensemble Contest
- Parade of Bands Concert and Large Group Contest
- Master Theory Lessons

Areas to be evaluated:

- Lessons
- Theory Handbook
- Practice Times
- Performances

Additional Activities:

- Students are encouraged to try out for All-State
- SCIBA, ISU, and Drake Honor Bands are available for application or audition
- Pep band