

## Buckhorn Band Syllabus Spring 2009

### Expectations

Advanced Band is a performance-based class; therefore, in order to participate each student is expected to:

- Be committed to perform to the best of your ability at all times.
- Be prepared with your instrument, music and a pencil every day.
- Be present at all performances and rehearsals.
- Be a part of a team and help others who are struggling with their parts.
- Ask for help and set aside time to practice after school if they are having trouble with their assignment.
- Always represent Buckhorn as a mature young adult that strives for excellence.
- Treat the Director, other students, chaperones and other adults with the utmost respect possible.
- Respect the band room by not bringing food or drink inside.
- Respect the band room by not leaving articles of clothing, music, instruments or other personal belongings inside.
- Attend all rehearsals and performances, even those that fall during any fall, spring or summer break.
- Turn in any music issued to individuals.
- Pay all dues set forth by the booster organization. (Dues are subject to change each semester due to approved band budget)
- Acquire official tux and dress for performances. (Concert Band Only)

Any student that does not fulfill the above requirements/expectations or is determined to be unreliable may be removed from performing with the band under the discretion of the director.

### Grading Procedures

60% - Test Grade / 40% - Daily Grade

Test grades are determined from performances. Each performance will count as one test grade. If you arrive late or leave early this test grade will be lowered. If you do not attend you will receive a zero. Competitions or any other performance that is being adjudicated will count twice as much as a regular performance. A playing test may be added at any time during the semester but will be announced in advance.

Daily grades come from participation in class and extra rehearsals. If you arrive late or leave early this grade will be lowered. If you do not attend you will receive a zero. You will have a class participation grade that will be reduced (usually by 10 pts) each time you must be called down for not following instructions disrupting the class, no instrument, or missing class with an unexcused absence. Daily grades may also come from turning in signed sheets, uniforms and music on time.

If a student must miss a performance or rehearsal due to a family death or other major emergency the student should return a written excuse from a parent or legal guardian within 3 school days of the missed assignment. Any absence to a performance or rehearsal will no longer have exemption status to final exam.

### Rehearsal Procedures (Concert Band)

Class will begin as soon as the bell rings. It is the student's responsibility to prepare their instrument prior to this time. If a student is not ready to begin class at this time disciplinary measures will be administered. Rehearsal is not a time to practice parts; therefore, a student must have his/her part prepared before walking into the band room. A pencil will be used to mark the music appropriately. (DO NOT USE PEN!!) One after school sectional will be scheduled for each concert music selection prior to District Assessment. Section leaders may request additional rehearsals with individuals but must be approved by Mr. Raney in advance.

When the conductor steps on the podium the student is expected to begin rehearsal. Talking is a major disruption and contributes to ineffective rehearsals. Students are expected to study their music and be prepared when it is their turn to play. Perfection is vital and is obtainable only when the student understands this process and adheres to this concept. Rehearsal will end a few minutes prior to leaving for lunch. Students will walk to and from lunch together. Anyone not in the lunchroom during the designated time without permission will be considered skipping.

### Music Folders/Textbooks

Each student will receive a leather bound folder at the beginning of the spring semester containing music and materials used throughout the concert season. Each folder will be numbered and is considered our "textbook" for the band class. At the end of the semester this folder will be returned containing ALL music and materials handed out throughout the semester or it will be considered incomplete or missing. All missing "text books" will be reported to the administrator in charge of textbooks and the value of each folder will be \$40.

### Signatures

I have read and agree to abide by all contents mentioned in the Buckhorn High School Band Syllabus.

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Student Name(print)

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Parent signature