

Roy C. Ketcham High School

Music Department

Course Outline and Expectations

Mr. Holod

Wind Ensemble

2024-2025

Welcome to Wind Ensemble. Below are the course expectations and grading policies. Adhering to these requirements will not only ensure a satisfactory grade for you in band, but more importantly, will provide for your musical growth and the success of the ensemble.

Expectations:

1) Participation

–**Be prepared every rehearsal.** Have your good instrument (the one you will be playing at the concerts) in school and in excellent playing condition. Bring everything you will need for a productive rehearsal; music, pencil, accessories, mutes, reeds, slide oil, valve oil, etc. Learn your part at home. Group rehearsals are for ensemble growth, not individual work!

–**Be on time.** You are expected to be in class when the bell rings. Also, Be on time for concerts.

–**Be professional.** I am training and teaching you to act in a professional manner.

2) Concert Attendance

Performing in public is one of our goals. We cannot play our best with members missing. In this document you will find the concert dates for the year. Please post them at home and add them to your calendar. I have given you these concert dates so that you can refer to them when organizing your schedules. Remember, concerts are a **required** part of the course that will affect your overall grade.

3) Individual Accountability

Always do your best both in and out of rehearsal. Practicing is the biggest commitment you have to this group. Dedication to your instrument is sure to result in success individually and as a group. Lessons are also an integral part of the program. You will receive individual attention and instruction on band music and lesson assignments. If you need to be excused from a lesson, you must make it up within a week.

Percussionists

Percussionists are not required to bring instruments from home to play, but they **MUST** have their own mallets and sticks. All mallets should be labeled with your name and a locker will be provided for you to securely store your stick bag. Do not combine your mallets into an “ensemble” set.

Course Description

- Develop the skills, habits, and techniques necessary for fine band performance
- Perform a variety of music
- Develop knowledge and an appreciation for various styles of music

Wappingers Central School District High School Instrumental Performance Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- 1) Demonstrate proper musical technique
- 2) Demonstrate basic knowledge of musical symbols
- 3) Perform literature from various periods and cultures
- 4) Demonstrate an understanding of musicality
- 5) Use proper rehearsal techniques
- 6) Demonstrate proper performance and audience etiquette

Instrumental Lesson Policies and Grading Procedure Policies:

You are responsible for **all** scheduled instrumental lessons. You should inform your classroom teacher a day in advance of your lesson. All lesson assignments are posted on my website.

Grading Procedure:

Lessons:

You will receive a grade for your preparation of each lesson. The average of your lesson grades is 50% of your quarter average. A rubric will be used to formulate a grade and to instruct you as to which areas of your playing you need to work on each class.

Band Class:

Playing quizzes, assignments, preparation, and participation during band rehearsal will account for 30% of your quarter grade. Unprepared for class is a 3-point deduction from the final quarter average.

Concerts:

Concerts are a required part of this class as described in the WCSD Course Handbook. Most members are “one on a part” and a missing musician will jeopardize a performance. Attendance at concerts is of the *utmost* importance and will account for 20% of your quarter grade. The grade is based on promptness, focus and proper concert bearing. Our concert attire is:

Men- A black tuxedo. Regular length jacket and black bow tie.

Women- A black concert gown.

We will be placing an order with Formal Fashions for tuxedos and gowns in late September. More information will be distributed regarding this soon.

Computation of the quarter average is:

Lessons: 50%

Class: 30%

Concerts: 20%

Contact (email is BEST!)

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PERFORMANCE AND EVENT CALENDAR
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The following performances will be at Roy C. Ketcham H.S. Auditorium unless otherwise noted. All are mandatory unless marked “selected students only.”

Please sign and return in school or via email.

I have read the course syllabus and marked the performances my calendar.

Student name

Student signature

Parent signature