

Hutto High School Wind Symphony

A.K.A. The Best Band in the Land!

Syllabus

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Google Classroom Code: **zqxagqa**

Course Description

Wind Symphony is a High School Level I, II, III, or IV music course structured and approved by the Texas Education Agency, for students in grades 9-12. After completing the full-year course, students will be able to describe and analyze music and musical sounds, organize and problem solve, read and write music notation, perform literature at an increasing level of difficulty, switch styles within a piece of music and understand when a change is appropriate, relate a variety of genres to history and culture, and evaluate their own performances and performances of others.

This course follows the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) chapter 117 for Fine Arts, subchapter C.

Course Objectives

Welcome to Band!

All students in the Wind Symphony will refine their individual instrument skills while combining them with other instruments in a full band setting. Students will spend their class period learning how to balance and blend within an ensemble, expand their listening skills across a section and room, study more in-depth literature, communicate to one another using the language of music, and work as a team to put on several concerts throughout the year.

Different from their middle school band class, high school students will participate in Marching Band during the fall semester. Competitions on Saturdays in October are required events and rehearsals after school during the week are necessary for successful performances (optional in 2020 due to COVID). In the spring, students will compete at the UIL Concert and Sightreading Evaluation. Band UIL is one of the most rigorous evaluations Texas public school students face and preparation starts 3-4 weeks before classes begin. Students are expected to take their instruments home DAILY to increase proficiency and prepare for the next day with their teammates.

The band is the largest student organization on campus and continues to be one of the most successful. Students who complete Wind Symphony will be prepared for participation in any of the high school concert bands the following year. We will take students on a performance trip to Disney World over Spring Break. Students do not need to be academically eligible to travel this year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mr. Rush at joseph.rush@huttoisd.net or at 759-4720. The 2020-21 Wind Symphony meets 3rd period. Tutorial times are before school. Consistent with campus policy, students will need to obtain a pass before attending tutorials.

Required Materials

- A working instrument. This means all valves/slides move freely, keys are leak-free, and the instrument produces a full, uninhibited sound.
- Instrument accessories (several reeds, oils, greases, powder paper, cleaning cloths, polishing cloth, tuning rod, name tag on case).
- Tuner/metronome and microphone
- Black Binder with page protectors
- Foundations for Superior Performance book specific to your instrument
- An excitement for being a part of the coolest class in school!

Classroom Expectations

Asynchronous learning

Synchronous learning

Live tutorials

Technology Use

Class will be held in Google Classroom (code at top of syllabus). At times, we will utilize the outside program SmartMusic. The district has purchased user rights for all students, so there is no additional cost to use this program. When assignments are created in SmartMusic, students are expected to complete them just as any in-class assignment.

Grading Policy

Grades will be based on the following weights:

Participation: 40%

Assessments: 60%

The final exam will be the end of semester performance. All performances are required.

For the full high school grading policy, please see

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HNpSq9R9cYykaxWepVlvEzpbMWqNB-vOLHIE3f4f3HM/edit?usp=sharing>

Homework Policy

All homework is expected to be completed and submitted by the date stated on the assignment.

Late Work Policy

Work submitted up to 3 days late will be eligible for a maximum of 70% of the initial point offering. Work submitted more than 3 days late will not be accepted. Concerts/performances cannot be made up and are not eligible for late credit.

Retesting Policy

Playing tests: Students must have made a strong effort to play in class or at the designated testing time to be eligible for retest. A choice not to play in class forfeits the privilege for retesting. If students are not satisfied with their performance grade, they must practice hard for one day and then schedule a retest with Mr. Rush (before school during tutorial times). Remember, full effort must be made in class to complete the excerpt to be eligible for a REtest. If the playing test is used to determine chair order, retests will earn back points but will not change seating arrangements. Chairs will be determined by the first attempt. Semester final exams (concert/performance) are not eligible for a retest.

Written tests: All written work for the current 6-week term must be completed and submitted in order to be eligible for a retest. Written re-tests are eligible for 70% of the original points.

Academic Dishonesty Statement (Hutto High School campus-wide):

Academic dishonesty includes cheating or copying the work of another student, plagiarism, and unauthorized communication between students during an assignment or examination. The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty shall be based on the judgment of the classroom teacher or another supervising professional employee, taking into consideration written materials,

observation, or information from students. Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall be subject to academic and/or disciplinary consequences. Some work may be required in a synchronous setting to ensure academic integrity.

Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:

- taking someone else's assignment or portion of an assignment and submitting it as one's own
- submitting material written by someone else or rephrasing the ideas of another without giving the author's name or source
- presenting the work of tutors, parents, siblings, or friends as one's own

Cheating includes but is not limited to:

- in any way duplicating assignments which are turned in, wholly or in part, as original work
- exchanging and/or providing assignments with/to other students, either handwritten or computer generated, whether it is believed they will be copied or not
- giving or receiving answers during tests or quizzes (It is the student's responsibility to secure his or her papers so other students will not have the opportunity or the temptation to copy.)
- accessing a test or quiz for the purpose of determining the questions in advance of its administration

****This policy pertains to all school-related tests, quizzes, projects, reports, homework assignments, or in-class assignments. No assignment is exempted from this policy.****

Attendance Policy (Hutto High School campus-wide):

Students are required to attend class virtually every day. A student who does not log in and complete work by 4 p.m. will be counted absent that day. Repeated absences will result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to loss of credits, makeup hours and truancy court. Students are expected to be online every day.

Handbook Receipt

Please click on the link to complete the Handbook/Syllabus/Grading/Day 1 Presentation form:

[Handbook/Syllabus/Grading/Day 1 Presentation Receipt Form](#)

From Mr. Harrison

I am looking forward to a fantastic year! The **Wind Symphony** is always the **highlight of my day!** We have an incredible opportunity to make music together in ways never before imagined, and there's no better place to be right now than with the Hutto Band.

Feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, requests, or music to share. 🎵