

2018-2019 Capac High School Band Syllabus

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Course Description:

Symphonic Band is a year-long course for instrumental music study. 8th Grade Band is a required prerequisite. Members will perform appropriate repertoire at required evening concerts and weekend festivals. Students will also perform in the marching band as well as other school and community events. This course will include a deeper understanding of proper instrumental technique, sight reading, music history, and music theory through guided class, individual, and group study. **All performances are required and graded.**

Required Materials:

- Instrument
- Supplies (extra reeds, valve oil, cork grease, slide oil, etc.)
- Music Folder and/or flip folder and lyre
- Pencil
- Appropriate footwear (marching season)

Classroom Rules: (posted in classroom)

- Arrive to class on time. After the tardy bell you have 3 minutes to be seated with your instrument.
- No gum, candy, or beverages in the classroom – Water bottles are permitted.
- Be prepared with your instrument, music, and pencil every day.
- Respect the people, equipment, and furnishings of the band room.
- Observe all rules in the student handbook.

Attendance:

Your attendance during class and at performances has a direct effect on your grade. Band is a participation/performance based course. **Attendance is mandatory to all rehearsals and performances unless otherwise noted.** Attached is the list of scheduled concert dates throughout the semester.

Excused Absences Include:

- Extreme personal illness *with* Doctor's Note (or absence from school)
- Family Health emergencies verified by family
- Approved Academic conflicts
- Required Religious observances (with notice)
- Extra-Curricular School conflicts approved by director *in advance*.

Again, communication with the director is crucial when an absence is known. The director should know about any conflicts at least TWO weeks prior to the event in question. The best method of communication would be Remind, e-mail or through phone contact, preferably by the parent or guardian of the student. Absences that are excused will be subject to a make-up assignment. *Note:* Even if the director is informed about the conflict with ample time, it does not guarantee that the absence will be approved.

Grading Policy:

The student's grade will be based on Daily Participation Points, Performances, Tests/Quizzes, and Practice Log.

Daily Participation Points – 25%: Student will receive 5 points per day for classroom rehearsals. If student is prepared for class, on time, participates, and follows classroom rules and school policy, the student will receive all 5 points. Failure to be prepared, tardiness, and inappropriate behavior will result in loss of Daily Participation Points.

Performances – 40%: **All performances are mandatory.** The director will provide the students with performance dates with ample time to make adjustments in schedule. Performance attendance will be a heavily graded aspect of the class. Unlike a written test, performances cannot be made up or reproduced. Additionally, the band is a group activity where students must rehearse and perform in a collaborative fashion: One band, one sound.

Tests and Quizzes – 25%: These will be either performance-based or written and will take place during the class period. Students will be given prior notice to prepare before any test or quiz.

Evidence of Practice – 10%: Individual practice is a crucial requirement to be a successful member of any group or team – Students will be required to practice outside of class time – Should evidence of practice not be apparent through their daily participation, the director may require students to turn in weekly practice records to document proof of practice. 20 minutes per day is the rule of thumb for individual practice.

Performance Guidelines:

- Be early for report times.
- Come prepared physically and mentally
- Have equipment and/or materials ready to go before report time.
- No jewelry will be worn with marching band uniform.
- Hair must not touch the neck of the uniform (long hair must be tucked under the hat during marching band performances)
- Before performances, there will be a brief uniform inspection. Failure to follow performance guidelines will result in a lower performance grade.

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Season

2018

August 8-9	Wed-Thurs	New Member Pre-camp	10am-1pm HS
August 13-17	Mon-Fri	Band Camp	8am – 4pm HS
August 23	Thursday	Home Football	7pm HS
		<i>Band will perform from track – game is prior to the start of school year</i>	
August 30	Thursday	School-a-palooza	5pm - HS
September 14	Friday	Home Football	7pm HS
September 15	Saturday	Victory Day Football (at night)	7pm HS
September 21	Friday	Homecoming Football/Parade	5pm-10pm Capac/HS
October 12	Friday	Home Game/7th-8th Band	7pm HS
October 25	Thursday	Fall Concert	6:30pm
Cafetorium	December 1	Saturday	JR Solo/Ensemble All Day North
Branch HS	December 18	Tuesday	Holiday Band Concert 6:30pm
Cafetorium			

2019

February 9	Saturday	District Solo and Ensemble	All Day – Imlay City
February 19	Tuesday	Pre-Band Festival	6:30pm Cafetorium
March 1st/2nd	Fri/Sat	Band Festival	TBA = North Branch
March 16	Sat	State Solo Ensemble Festival	TBA
April 18-20 or 25-27	TBA	State Band Festival (if qualify)	TBA
May 21	Tuesday	Spring Concert	6:30pm Cafetorium