

WILCOX HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE OUTLINE - 2009/2010

DEPARTMENT: Music
COURSE TITLE: Band
INSTRUCTOR: Rick South
COURSE LENGTH: One Year long (Two semesters)
UNITS: 5 Credits/Semester

DESCRIPTION:

Activities include: performances on and off campus, CMEA festival, home football games, community functions, other gigs (as they might arise), and fund raising. Also included will be some music history, theory, terms, and short papers will be included in the class work. A concert review will be assigned in addition to reports and projects band related. A Spring Tour may be planned and would be available for everyone to participate.

Objectives:

Introduce a variety of styles and performances practices. Understand and perform basic to complex elements of band/wind ensemble music. Acquire knowledge of prominent classical & modern figures and their influences. Acquire and develop an understanding and appreciation of music history through lectures, readings, discussions, performances, clinics, listening exercises, and writings. Composition and development of ensemble skills will also be included. All ESLR's are class/school goals.

The objectives of this course are accordance with those recommended by the Music Educators National Conference. (Available upon request)

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on :

40% - Class participation & ESLR's.

Points will be giving for each class meeting/rehearsal. A positive attitude, active daily participation, ability to follow instructions, demonstrate musical and visual skills, courteous and supportive behavior towards all students are required. All Expected School Wide Learning Results (ESLR's) are included. Each student **must** have at ALL rehearsals: your instrument, all music, flip folders, a pencil & paper.

Rubrics for assessment will be used.

40% - Performances, assigned music, playing tests, and proper attire.

Points will be giving daily. Being prepared for all performances, being on time, proper attire, memorization (when required), and all playing tests. Individual excellence is expected.

Rubrics for assessment will be used.

20% - Written assignments and examinations.

Points will be given for all tests and assignments. *Rubrics for assessment will be used.*

All performances listed are required. (list available for rest of the year:within the 1st month of school)

Football game participation is required. Rallys are required.

(Football games - you will sit in stand & play with the band. 1/2 time, you will sit and watch, then finish with the band after 3rd quarter break)

Don't ask to leave early because you cannot! It's required that you stay through all of the performance.

Participation in one of the following is encouraged: CMEA Solo and Ensemble festivals;

Audition/Participation in the Santa Clara County Honor Band; Audition/Participation in California State Honor Band; performance outside of school ensembles.

Any unexcused absence from any mandatory performance = grade is lowered 2 full grades (major emergencies excluded) Exceptions may be made (on a case-by-case basis) with two weeks prior written notification, and will still effect the grade. Notification does not guarantee being excused. Notification for missing a performance must be made prior to that performance. If you are ill, then a professional courteous call that day is required. You may always leave a message in the music office 423-2456. **Work is not an excuse** - you will have the schedule . . **work it out now!**

Schedule: Band is 1st period.

Seating:

Auditions will be held during the 1st two weeks of school. This will be my opportunity to hear everyone play individually and speak to you personally about your musical goals. Where you sit after the audition process does not affect your grade. I expect all students to be supportive of other students. Playing tests tells me how much you practice, not your musical potential. Be warned though!! Many students with natural affinity or potential try to get by without developing good practice habits and discipline. These students one day wake up to find that the student with less affinity has worked harder at their instrument and has surpassed them by sheer perseverance. My motto is "Not matter how good you are (or think you are) there is ALWAYS room for improvement".

Dress Code:

Football Game Attire: You need to wear school colors (black & gold). A band shirt is great.

Concert Band: Women: White tops & black bottoms or all black (long is preferred). Men: White dress shirt, black dress pants, black dress socks & shoes and long tie (yes clean marching shoes are just fine). No hats/loud ties allowed.

Equipment: Some instruments are provided by the school. Flip folders & Lyres will need to be purchased and must have them 2nd week of school. All Students must have both. {No lyres for drummers}. Percussionist need to purchase their own sticks, mallets & flip folder.

Rules

All district/school rules, attendance and tardiness policies apply at all times (all rehearsals and functions ie: competitions, parades etc. . .). All ESLR's apply.

Students who are unable to comply with suggested rehearsal format will be given detention or a referral.

Cooperation, courtesy and respect are expected at all times. Failure to cooperate with the Directors, staff, parents, drum major, could result in a lowered grade for the course or dismissal from any performance.

Expenses

Each member of the class is responsible for a donation of \$150.00. This is put towards transportation & festival fees. Payment is due by Jan. 15, 2010. They can be payed directly, a payment plan, through fund raising by students and or credit through parent/student event fund raising. WIMB (Wilcox Instrumental Music Boosters) will help provide these opportunities. Payment plans can be set up. If you have financial hardships, please talk to me to work something out. Payments should be made to "Wilcox H.S.", labled "Band Donation" and include the student's name. and turned into Music Director for a receipt.

If you have a questions. . . please ask *before* it becomes a problem. I can't read your minds nor can you read mine so try this: *Asking two students before asking me.*

Please tear off bottom portion and return to Director NO LATER THAN Tue. Sept. 1, 2009

I have read and understand the contents of this form. I also agree to be at all designated performances and concerts. Band performances will be announced within the 1st month of school.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date