



Instrumental Performing Ensemble Syllabus (P.E. Band, Percussion Ensemble, Color Guard)

Grading

- **Performance Attendance** is MANDATORY (includes *all* Games, Festivals, Competitions, Concerts, etc.). There are simply too many people relying on YOU as part of this performing group. Choosing to miss a performance shows lack of respect for your fellow performers, which will not be tolerated.
 - One letter grade lower for EVERY missed performance
 - Three Tardies (for performances) = One Performance Absence
 - Lowered Citizenship grade (if you have otherwise earned a “satisfactory” grade, you will now have an “unsatisfactory”). Someone who chooses to miss a performance is certainly not an Excellent citizen.
- **40% -- Outside Rehearsal Attendance** (after school rehearsals, tech rehearsals, etc.)
 - Every Monday and Wednesday, 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. for **Saxon Regiment** (rehearsal should end at 8:00 P.M. with room clean-up to follow release from rehearsal). Additional Friday rehearsals on away football game evenings (Fridays in September, October, November).
 - Schedules TBA for **Drumline**
 - As scheduled (TBA) for **Color Guard**
 - Unexcused tardy reduces credit to 90% for each occurrence
- **20% -- Student Effort/Commitment Level**
 - Student works hard 1) to improve his/her musicianship skills and 2) for the betterment of the group
 - If other category scores are low, this score will obviously reflect it. Citizenship Rubric is an excellent guideline for this category!!
- **20% -- Sectionals**
 - Students must attend sectionals as scheduled. Sectionals are student-run rehearsals which focus on content specific to one instrument part (violins, flutes, trumpets, etc.). A student or small group of students will be assigned to lead each sectional.
 - Students are learning to work in autonomous, student-led groups – a skill that will be valuable as they move on from high school into college and/or the professional workplace.
- **10% -- Research Projects / Homework**
 - As assigned. Research Project usually only once per term
- **10% -- Tests / Quizzes**
 - As assigned, usually several times throughout each term

NOTE: Period 0 P.E. Band and 6th Period Color Guard are considered P.E. classes, so are graded on a quarterly basis, not semester. This means if you get an “A” first quarter and a “C” second quarter it does **not average to a “B” for your semester grade. These two classes also do not fulfill U.C. Fine Arts requirements.*

Citizenship

- See Rubric

Fundraising

- We all know the arts receive very little funding from the government, but it is impossible to keep a music program running without funds. Costs are very high for print music, instrument maintenance, sound equipment,, and other curricular items. The only way a program can keep going and grow

stronger is through contributions and fundraising. Each student will be expected to participate in multiple fundraisers throughout the school year. If you prefer not to participate in fundraising you may choose a buyout option; you simply make a payment (check payable to North High Band, Drumline, or Color Guard) for the profit amount from each fundraiser (you will need to request this total from the director). The opportunity to raise money is one way you can directly help keep music alive at North High School.

Concert Attire

- Our vocalists and instrumentalists perform in numerous concert settings throughout the year. Required concert attire is long black dresses for ladies and tuxedos for men, and must be purchased through the music department. With sales tax this one-time purchase comes to \$110 (as long as your outfit still fits each year). Payment is due by the end of October. We will make some fundraisers available to help with this cost. More information on installment plans and fundraising will be coming soon.

TUSD Academic Eligibility

- Maintain 2.0 GPA (C Average)
- No more than one (1) “U” in Citizenship
 - *Ineligibility lists are published after every quarter. If a student appears on this list he/she is not allowed to perform with the rest of the ensemble for the **entire** following quarter. Students **ARE** still required to **attend all performances** with the group but **may not perform**: We are still a team ensemble and students need to show their support and commitment to the group by participating as part of the “running crew” for the performance (stage crew, field show pit crew, parade support, etc.). Mr. Cooke will **occasionally** excuse students from attending a performance so they can focus on homework, but this is done on a case by case basis.*
 - *Mr. Cooke excuses ineligible students from after school rehearsals with the expectation that they attend CSF Tutoring in the Library and/or work on homework.*