**HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL**

**MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**COURSE** Wind Ensemble/Marching Band – G/T

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**Course Description**

Wind Ensemble/Marching Band is a high-level performance ensemble dedicated to playing both standard and contemporary musical works.  This ensemble performs at home football games (August to November) in addition to regularly scheduled wind ensemble performances throughout the year. As an ensemble, we will be engaged in a creative musical experience that focuses on exploring the possibilities and performance aspects of great music. Individually, you will be expected to develop your fluency with the language of music. As such, a significant portion of your work in this course will be devoted to refining your performance skills, increasing your ability to read new music at sight, and exploring what it means to be a well-rounded musician.

**Materials**

* Instrument and related supplies (reeds, valve oil, etc.)
* Metronome and tuner
* Pencil (always carry extras)
* Band folder and music (provided)
* Concert Attire (see information below)

**Band Camp**

Attendance at band camp during the last two weeks of the summer is required for participation in this course. More than 10 hours of unexcused absences from camp will automatically result in a student’s removal from the course.

**Grading**

Concert Performance and Etiquette 20%

Rehearsal Preparation and Participation 40%

Playing Assessments/Skills Tests 20%

 Sectionals 20%

**Concert Attendance**

Attendance at all performances is required. There are severe academic consequences for missing a performance.

 Unexcused Absences:

* No ride
* Sports practice
* Work conflicts
* Family vacations

 Excused Absences: No penalty. Commensurate work may be assigned at director’s discretion.

* Serious illness
* Family emergency
* Religious conflicts (2 weeks advance notice required)

**Sectional Attendance**

Students will have instrument-specific rehearsals (sectionals) throughout the year. Students are pulled from 2nd, 4A, or 4B period for sectionals. Students are expected to make up any work they miss for the class from which they are excused. If a test or lab is scheduled in your class and you cannot attend your sectional, you are required to make arrangements with Mr. Dunlap to either attend another sectional or make-up your missed sectional before or after-school. Please note that sectionals are 20% of your quarter grade and are understood school-wide as a part of the curriculum.

**Concert Attire**

Students are required to wear the designated concert attire at all performances.

Boys: Black tuxedo (provided by school), black bow tie and cummerbund, black shoes and socks, and white long tuxedo shirt.

 Girls: Black concert dress and faux pearl necklace purchased through school.

 Students provide black shoes.

 \*Do not hesitate to contact Mr. Dunlap regarding any financial concerns.

**Rehearsal Participation**

This class will put you in the role of a professional instrumental musician. As such, you will be asked to show your understanding of rehearsal and performance behavior. A weekly participation grade will reflect a student’s ability to engage positively in rehearsal and following the below guidelines. There will be approximately 45 participation points a quarter.

* Play with energy and an expectation for excellence. Always.
* You have 3 minutes to get your instrument and set-up before rehearsal begins.
* You will have 3 minutes before the end of class to pack-up.
* Keep a pencil at the ready to take notes.
* Refrain from any action that inhibits the rehearsal process for you or anyone else.
* When the director is on the podium, be attentive. Raise your hand if you have a question.
* No food, gum, or drinks other than water during rehearsal.
* Music is the property of HHS. Treat it with respect. You will be charged the full replacement cost of destroyed or damaged materials.
* Treat fellow band members with respect. Condescending or derogatory comments towards anyone in the program will not be tolerated. Such behavior will result in disciplinary action.
* Be respectful of school property and facilities. You are financially responsible for any damage to school property and instruments.

**Performance Assessments & Skills Tests**

Every student will receive graded performance assessments and skills tests throughout the year. Performance tests cover concert music and skills tests cover scales and other instrumental techniques. These tests are audio recorded. Grades will be issued within two days of the test. Students may request to hear their recording within one week of the test. A grading rubric will be distributed before the first playing test. If a student is dissatisfied with a grade, they will have the opportunity to retake the test for **full credit**. This must be done before or after school and be prearranged with Mr. Dunlap.

**Late Work**

After a return from an excused absence, students will be allowed as many days as they were absent to complete any performance assessments, skills tests, or written assignments.

**G/T Credit**

The GT credit is offered for Wind Ensemble with director approval and requires the completion of a research paper, musical analysis paper, concert review, and personal press bio. The HHS music department will have G/T auditions on September 9th and 10th.

Audition Requirements

* Major Scales, 2 octaves when possible
* Grade 4, 5 or 6 solo, student’s choice
* Sight-reading may be requested

**Electronics Policy**

The use of personal communication devices and other electronics will not be permitted during class time unless teacher permission is given. Students must follow all relevant HCPSS Policies, including but not limited to Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media (Policy 8080) and Technology Security (3040) policies. The student takes all responsibility for the device’s safety, security, and maintenance. Staff members will confiscate these items if the above expectations are not followed, and the items will only be returned to a parent/guardian in the front office.

**Hammond Honor Code**

“All students are expected to abide by the Hammond Honor Code at all times and will be held accountable for any violations of the Honor Code.”

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**I have read and reviewed the syllabus and calendar (attached). I understand that all evening rehearsals, adjudications, and concerts listed on the calendar are a required component of this course.**

**Student Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Check here to if you do not wish to receive emails from the Hammond Music Boosters regarding music events and volunteer opportunities**

**Year Calendar**

**GAME DATES**

Date Versus Roll Game Start

Friday, 9/12 Long Reach 6:00PM 7:00PM

Friday, 9/26 Glenelg 4:30PM 7:00PM Big Bear Band

Thursday, 10/2 Reservoir 4:30PM 5:30PM

Saturday, 10/18 River Hill 9:00AM 12:00PM Homecoming

Friday, 11/7 Centennial 6:00PM 7:00PM Senior Night

Marching Band rehearsal will occur every Wednesday night from 8/27 to 11/5 from 5:00-8:00PM except for 9/24.

**OTHER PERFORMANCES**

Date Time Event

Thursday, 8/21 8:30AM New Student Orientation

Friday, 8/22 6:00PM Tailgate Performance

Sunday, 8/24 12:15PM TVMS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Thursday, 8/28 6:30PM Back to School Night

Monday, 12/8 6:15PM Winter Concert #1

Wednesday, 12/10 6:15PM Winter Concert #2

Friday, 12/19 12:00PM Winter Assembly

Friday, 1/16 7:25AM-10:00PM Towson University Jazz Festival

Fri-Sat. 3/13-14 TBA High School Band Assessment

Fri-Sun. 4/10-12 Spring Music Trip

Monday, 5/4 6:15PM Spring Concert #1

Wednesday, 5/6 6:15PM Spring Concert #2

Tuesday, 5/12 7:00PM GT Recital

**MAJOR DATES**

Date Time Event

Friday, 9/5 2:10PM GT Application Due

Tuesday, 9/9 2:10PM GT Auditions

Wednesday, 9/10 7:00PM Tri-M Induction

Mon-Tue. 9/29-30 2:10PM Jazz Band Auditions

Friday, 10/24 2:10PM Haunted House at King’s Contri.

Saturday, 10/25 9:00AM-3:00PM Mattress Sale Fundraiser

Saturday, 11/15 Junior All-State Auditions

Saturday, 11/22 Senior All-State Auditions

Saturday, 1/31 All Day Howard County Solo & Ensemble

Thu-Sun. 2/19-21 All Day MD All-State Band and Orchestra

Thu-Fri. 3/19-20 2:10-9:00PM MS Band Assessment at Hammond

Wednesday, 5/13 7:00PM Music Dept. Banquet

**Mon-Fri., 8/10-21 3:00-8:00PM 2015 Marching Band Camp**