

SYMPHONIC BAND

Teacher: Mr. Schmidt

Course Duration: One Year
Course Credit: One

Course Overview

A prerequisite for this band is that the student must be able to play a band instrument at an advanced level (similar to FBA Grades 4-6) and must have the band director's approval.

The Symphonic Band is the most advanced instrumental music course offered at ZHS. Students in this band are part of the ZHS Marching Band and will be expected to attend many outside of school activities during the year. Specific details are listed in the ZHS Band Handbook.

This group will also perform and will participate in Florida Bandmaster Association Festivals. Challenges for seating in this band will consist of all major scales, the chromatic scale for the practical range of the instrument, a prepared piece of music, and sight reading.

Books

We will use the "Tips" and "Fussell Book" for our class practice books. We will use several other books in this class as the year progresses.

Grading

The county-approved grading scale is:

A	=	90	-	100
B	=	80	-	89
C	=	70	-	79
D	=	60	-	69
F	=	0	-	59

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Tests/Exams	10 %
Class Participation	10 %
Practice Sheets	10 %
Quarterly projects	10 %
Rehearsals/Performances.....	30 %
Checklists	30 %

Classroom Policies

Students should behave as if they were in any other academic class. They should enter the room on time, have all the necessary equipment for class and they should be in their seats waiting for the director's instructions. There is to be no gum, candy or other food of any kind in the band hall during class.

Attendance

Absences and tardies will be handled in the same manner as listed in the student handbook. You must have an excused admit in order to make-up any work you may have missed. Any work not made-up or unexcused absences will be counted as a zero. It is your responsibility to ask for and complete any make-up work.

Classroom Participation

Students are to provide their own instruments for this course. Any student having an instrument that is not in working condition, for any reason, will not be allowed to use it until it is repaired. In addition to having these items in class, a student must also be actively participating in order to receive a satisfactory "class participation" grade.

Each student must have a pencil, assigned music and instrument in class each day. Students should also have a folder (with 3 prongs and pockets) for taking notes and keeping additional given in class. These items will be used for tests during each quarter.