

Brighton High School Concert Band Syllabus

Course Instructor: Jeffrey A. Mayo

4th Period – Even

2023-2024

Course Description

- Tennessee Department of Education Description - Courses in Concert Band are designed to promote students' technique for playing brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments and cover a variety of band literature styles, primarily for concert performances and also include experiences in creating and responding to music.
- At BHS, Fourth Period Concert Band is a class designed to help students set musical goals, work toward those goals, and push to higher levels of musicianship.

Course Overview

- Much of the material covered in the course will be developed toward the individual goals of each student. Some material will be covered as a full class, while other materials will be covered in small groups or in a one-to-one environment.
- This is a music-based class that will primarily center around performance and practicing. However, music history, theory, composition, etc. may be covered as it meets the individual needs of the student or group.

Grading

- Grading will be based upon successful performance of daily assignments assigned to each individual, utilization of practice time, participation in group work/discussions, individual preparedness level, and the individual's learning engagement.

Rules

- All BHS and Tipton County Schools Rules apply.
- Unless otherwise assigned, students will only play their primary instrument(s).
- No open speakers. Please use headphones.
- When other practice spaces are used, only one student will be allowed in a space at a time unless permission is given.
- Consequences - An inability to follow the rules will result in a warning, parent contact, and/or a write up.

Cell Phone Policy

- Students may use a phone as a metronome or tuner. Students should have headphones for their metronome.
- If a phone is not being used for metronome or tuner purposes, it is put away.
- On occasion, Mr. Mayo may allow a student to listen to a piece of music they are studying or watch an assigned music related video on their phone. Mr. Mayo will give permission during these instances.
- If students are found to be texting, playing games, on social media, etc. instead of using their phone for a metronome/tuner, students will receive a zero for the day and action will be taken in accordance with the school's cell phone policy.

Supplies

- Instrument
- Pencil
- Metronome/Tuner
- Headphones
- Music as assigned – Some music and methods may need to be purchased based upon individual needs.
- A Folder or Binder to store music

Procedures

- Students will enter the room and begin setting up.
 - If we are working as a group, students will get a chair and arc the chairs. This will normally be reading, listening, or discussion-based assignments.
 - If we are working as individuals, students will set-up their chair, stand, instrument, music, and supplies in a designated area.
- Students will work on completing their assignments.
- At dismissal, students will put away all materials, including chairs and stands.
- Students will not pass the inner-most exit sign while waiting for dismissal.