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**Beginning Band I**

**Syllabus**

**Instructor:**

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Room Number: 610

**Course Description and Objectives:**

This course is designed to provide opportunities to develop performance skills on a wind or percussion instrument. Emphasizes performance and production. May include analysis, historical and cultural influences, improvisation, and appreciation of music. Organizes objectives for self-paced progress. Stresses individual progress and group experiences. Students within then TWJ band program will participate in three concerts, football games, parades, and participate in at least one festival.

**ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED** **IN A BAND CLASS MUST PARTICIPATE IN ALL PERFORMANCES AND REHEARSALS.**

**Textbook:**

Essential Elements book 1

**Unit/Concept Names:**

Unit 1 Introduction to band techniques

Unit 2 Music Theory

Unit 3 Performances

**Evaluation (Schoolwide Grading Policy):**

* *Minor Grades* = 60% (quizzes, class work, daily participation, after-school rehearsals, and graded assignments to assess certain standards in a unit of study)
* *Major Grade*s = 40% (unit tests-written or playing, performances, project-based assignments and culminating assessments to measure mastery of standards that comprise a unit of study)

Academic Grading Scale

* A Represents an average of 90-100
* B Represents an average of 80-89
* C Represents an average of 75-79
* D Represents an average of 70-74
* F Represents an average of below 70

**Classroom Procedures & Expectations:**

The overarching expectation in this class is RESPECT: respect for yourself, respect for other students, respect for the teacher/or any individual in authority, and respect for any guests that may enter our class. Although this encompasses all other expectations, I will outline several others for the sake of clarity.

• Walk into the room quietly and take your seat. If you are tardy, you must have a pass from either the office or teacher you are coming from.

\*If need be, sharpen your pencil or visit the wastebasket before class begins. This must

be done within the first minute of coming to class.

• As soon as you are seated, get out all materials needed for class.

• During assessments and class work, raise your hand if you have a question and I will come to you. If I am with another student, wait patiently and I will get to your question.

• If you are absent, it is your responsibility to check CANVAS to see which assignments you

missed.

• Do not leave the classroom until instructed to do so.

• During a fire or tornado drill, remain calm and walk quietly to our designated areas.

• During any announcements be quiet and listen until they are finished

**Classroom Rules**

1. Do not talk while the teacher is teaching the class or when anyone is on the podium.
2. No food or drink (except bottled water) in the classroom
3. Remain SEATED and PREPARED at all times.
4. Bring ALL materials to class DAILY.
5. Every student is responsible for helping to maintain a clean, safe learning environment. Your area must remain CLEAN at all times.
6. Adhere to all policies, rules, and regulations outlined in the student handbook.

**Cell phones will be confiscated until the end of class after a failure to comply with a verbal warning to put the item away/turn them off. See the student handbook for more details.**

Students are expected to follow all school and classroom rules and procedures. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action as delineated below. The following **consequences** will be enforced:

1-Verbal Warning

2-Parental Contact

3-Detention

4-Administrative Referral

**Course Materials:**

\* 2 inch binder or pocket folder

\* Pencils (mechanical pencils preferred)

\* Handheld pencil sharpener

\* Loose Leaf Paper

\* Instrument (reeds, oil, sticks/mallets)

\* Sheet protector

**Resources:**

www.musictheory.com

**Modes of Communication:**

Class remind text 81010: @g7cgge4

Email:simmoke@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us

**After-school Rehearsals**

Students must have transportation home. Students must be picked up within 15 minutes of rehearsal ending.

**Main Events for the Year**

**First Semester**

* Football games
* Parades
* District/All-State audition prep
* Christmas Concert

**Second Semester**

* JanFest
* District/All-State Honor Band clinic
* Black History Month Program
* Large Group Performance Evaluation
* College Auditions
* Solo & Ensemble
* Spring concert
* Elementary school performances
* Award Ceremony