Hephzibah High School Bands (Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced)

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Course Description

Hephzibah High School Band Program focuses on developing the necessary musicianship abilities to master the instrument. The music, which this organization performs, requires a higher level of musicianship of its members. Students within the HHS Band Program will perform four concerts per year, football games, parades, and participate in at least one festival. The ensemble meets as separate classes (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced) during the school day and does meet during after school hours at times. All rehearsals and performances are mandatory for ALL students enrolled in this class.

Materials

- Instrument, Accessories (Reeds, Oil, etc.), 2 Inch Binder, Sheet Protectors, Music, Paper, Pencil

Vision of the Band Program

- The Hephzibah High School Band Program will provide a conduit for the students to move through high school into collegiate and professional performing art programs as well as provide students with the intercultural understanding and respect to interact with others on a global scale.

Expected Behavior for ALL Band Students

- Band is a privilege. Students must always act in a professional manner. The band program follows the guidelines set by Richmond County School System Code of Conduct and Hephzibah High School Code of Conduct. IF STUDENTS DO NOT COMPLY, STUDENTS WILL NOT PERFORM.

Mandatory Performances (MAJOR GRADES)

- Fall Semester
  - Fall Concert
  - Veteran’s Day Program
  - Winter Concert
- Spring Semester
  - Black History Month Program
  - Large Group Performance Evaluation
  - Spring Concert
Grading Scale

Students will perform in class and outside of class when necessary in order to receive a passing grade. They will also be tested periodically to assess their rehearsal progress on any given music. 70% is the highest grade that a student can receive on any late assignment.

- Major Grades
  - Scale Test, Performances, Quizzes, Exams, and Juries
- Minor Grades
  - Classwork, Practice Logs, Notebook Check

Classroom Expectations

- Walk into the classroom quietly and take your seat.
- If you are tardy, you must have a pass from either the office or teacher that kept you late.
- 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. Such as instruments, music, or method books.
- **It is your responsibility to show proof that you have purchased or rented an instrument within the first two weeks of school.**
- During assessments, you are to raise your hand if you have a question and I will come to you. Always bring a book to read after you finish your test as not everyone will finish the test at the same time.
- During class work, raise your hand and I will come to you and 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 with me to see which assignments you missed.
- Do not stand up, pack your book bag, clear off your desk or 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 and Procedures

- Come into the classroom and get ready for instruction
- Once you finish an assignment you will put your work in the designated area
- Do not move any chairs without my permission
- No eating or drinking in class
- Cell phones are to be kept in your pockets or purses
- No hat or hoods will be worn in class
- Please clean up around your area before you leave class

Classroom Consequences

- All consequences will be aligned with the HHS school wide discipline plan.

Communication

- The HHS Band uses the Band App as the primary source to send information home.

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<td>Bass Clarinet</td>
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<td>Alto Saxophone</td>
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<td>Tenor Saxophone</td>
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<td>Trumpet</td>
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<td>Medium Deep French Horn Mouthpiece, Rotary Oil</td>
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<td>Baritone</td>
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<td>Percussion</td>
<td>Student Must Obtain</td>
<td>Vic Firth SD1, Timpani Mallets, Xylophone Mallets, Marimba Mallets, Stick Bag</td>
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Vendors (Stores to get instruments & Supplies)

- Kirkland’s Music Store, Music and Arts, Portman’s Music Store

Avoid the following brands (These instruments will break and cannot be fixed)

- Medini, Etude, Ravel, York, Le’Voz, Jean Paul
After School Rehearsals

- Students must have transportation home. Students must be picked up within 15 minutes of rehearsal ending. If student is not picked up in a timely manner, he/she will not be able to stay for any afterschool rehearsals.

Main Events of the Year

First Semester
- Fundamentals (tone, intonation, technique, etc.)
- Football Games
- Parades
- Fall Concert
- Veteran’s Day Program
- District Honor Band Prep
- College Audition Prep
- All State Prep
- Winter Concert

Second Semester
- JanFest
- District/All State Honor Band Clinic
- Black History Month Program
- College Auditions
- Large Group Performance Evaluation
- Spring Concert
- Solo/Ensemble
- College Auditions
- Drumline Auditions
- Award Ceremony

Scale Test Rubric

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<td>Arpeggio (Ascending &amp; Descending)</td>
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Total Points: 100