

Mater Dei High School
Concert Band Syllabus
2018 - 2019
Ms. Field, Director
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Course Description:

Students taking this course will continue to advance their musical skills within a concert band setting. Students will learn 1. basic music theory and analysis skills in order to best further their musical skills in the future, 2. appropriate and difficult literature to challenge students to their absolute best, and 3. scales and fundamental exercises to lay a solid foundation for their future as musicians.

Materials:

Pencil
Music Folder (provided)
Instrument
Instrument care items (oil, reeds, etc.)

Grading Scale:

A	94%-100%	C+	82%-83%
A-	92%-93%	C	77%-81%
B+	90%-91%	C-	75%-76%
B	86%-89%	D+	73%-74%
B-	84%-85%	D	69%-72%
		F	69%-Below

(From MDHS Handbook)

Grade Breakdown

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Number of Points</u>
Performances	50-200 points each
Participation	up to 10 points per day
Written Tests /Quizzes	20-100 points each
Playing Tests	20-100 points each
Final Exam	20% of your final grade

PARTICIPATION:

Students must come to class prepared with instrument, music, and pencil. There will be occasional folder checks throughout the year to make sure all students come to class prepared. Students will receive up to 10 participation points per day for following instructions, being engaged in band, and coming prepared to class.

QUIZZES:

Occasionally there will be written quizzes given on topics discussed in class. I will clarify before each quiz what I expect students to know beforehand. The topics will be on rhythm, pitch, dynamics, and other musical topics discussed within context of band.

WRITTEN HOMEWORK:

Occasionally there might be written homework on topics discussed in band.

PLAYING TESTS:

Occasionally there will be playing tests. The tests will be over a small section of music that we will focus on in class. Students will have time in class to prepare the music selection. If the student needs more time, **home practice is strongly recommended.**

REQUIRED EVENTS:

There will be a calendar of required events handed out at the end of August.

In the event of a conflict, please send an email to Ms. Field at least two weeks before the event. If the conflict is excusable, an alternate assignment will be given without any penalty to the student's grade. If the conflict is inexcusable, the student will receive a zero for that assignment. Except in the case of emergencies, failure to notify Ms. Field two weeks before the scheduled event will result in a zero for that assignment, regardless of the excuse.

Excusable conflicts: Emergency illness, illness in family, Mater Dei sports conflict in which student is a participant, and Mater Dei affiliated event where student is a participant

Inexcusable conflicts: Mater Dei sports in which the student is not a participant, non-emergency medical/dental/cosmetic appointments, rescheduled Mater Dei sporting events (inside two weeks), any non-Mater Dei affiliated school function (i.e. other school dances/proms), any non-Mater Dei affiliated sporting event (i.e. travel team games), family vacations, and birthday parties.

Final Exam (20% of Final Grade)

A **comprehensive** final will be given at the end of the semester. Students will be asked to select 3 musical excerpts of previously covered class material, to perform for Ms. Field. There will be 1 memorized excerpt, and 2 excerpts using music. This final will be 100 points.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Be respectful to the teacher, your fellow students, and your God-given talent.
2. Students are expected to be in their seats and ready to begin class 2 minutes after the bell rings.
3. Have all necessary supplies for class, including music, papers, notes, folders, and pencils.
4. Water is the only beverage allowed in the band room. No food is allowed in the band room.
5. Students are not allowed to touch or play any instruments in the music room without permission.
6. Students will be allowed to use their phones as a tuner, but then they will go in the phone pouch.
7. Appropriate conduct is expected. All policies and rules outlined in the Mater Dei High School Student Handbook apply in and out of class.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions/concerns.

Email – afield@evdio.org

Please sign and return to Ms. Field by Friday, August 10.

I have read and understand the syllabus as written, and agree to follow the guidelines set forth.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____