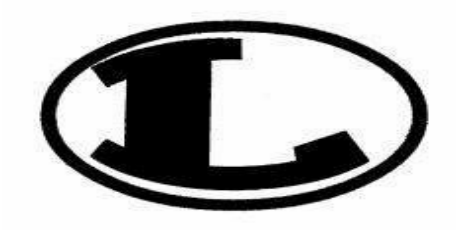
LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
Band Course Syllabus
Class: Symphonic/Marching Band
Instructor: Ernst, Hansen, Scharff



PURPOSE OF THE COURSE
The purpose of this course is to provide a positive and challenging musical experience that enables each student to reach his or her potential as an instrumentalist. The objectives of this class are as follows:
To provide a musical experience of the highest possible caliber for the participant.
To provide Lexington High School with a group that represents it at a consistently high level.
To provide entertainment and school spirit at any of the events that it attends.

REQUIRED MATERIALS
Each student is to have:
- Instrument and accessories
- iPad for music.
- Athletic shoes (Marching Band Only)

ATTENDANCE
All members of the Symphonic Band are required to attend early morning band rehearsals during the marching band season. While this rehearsal time does overlap with the school's 0 period, it is not constrained to the same time requirements as the 0 period. Early morning band rehearsal is an extension of the 1st period Symphonic Band class, and is mandatory for all members of the Symphonic Band. Early morning band rehearsals will start at 7:00 AM on every school day of the marching band season. This means that band members should arrive about 15 minutes before rehearsal time in order to be in their required location with their instrument at the time that rehearsal starts. The band directors also retain the right to adjust the rehearsal time as they determine necessary.

It is essential that all rehearsals be virtually absence-free. All absences are unexcused unless arrangements have been made in advance of the rehearsal. Absences due to illness will follow the regular school guidelines. Since early morning band rehearsals are an extension of the 1st period Symphonic Band class, attendance at these rehearsals will affect the student's grade in Symphonic Band as they will not be able to attain their daily performance. Each tardy will deduct 5 points from the final grade and each unexcused absence will deduct 10 points from the final grade. Students are allowed to make up these points by practicing the current musical repertoire and submitting a video as proof of that practice. Students will earn 5 points for every 30 minutes of practice time submitted. All videos must be submitted within 1 week of the missed rehearsal time.

GRADING CATEGORIES

Points are deducted from a starting total of 100 (A+)
Point Deductions Breakdown

Concerts/Football Games/Competitions = -30 points (Points can not be made up – Unless illness)
Pep band = 15 points - Is graded, must attend all performances (Mandatory for Lettering)
Class Tardy = -5 points per day **as they are unable to meet their performance requirement**
Class Absence = -5 points per day **as they are unable to meet their performance requirement**
Class Behavior = 1 – 5 points per day
No Instrument = -5 points per day (Unless out for repair) **as they are unable to meet their performance requirement**

PRACTICE
All students enrolled in instrumental music are expected to practice at home on a consistent basis. Practice allows the student to review what has been learned in class. Students are expected to prepare their music for class rehearsal so that they can play their part accurately! Practice should be considered the *"homework"* portion of this class.

EXCUSED MAKE UP WORK (ex. = Absence for School Activity)
As with any performance-based class, it is impossible to "make up" classroom instruction time. You perform a vital role in the success of your ensemble and exemplary attendance is required of all members. Should it be necessary for you to be absent from class, you should make up the assignment by contacting the teacher before the absence to see what will be missed from class. Each student will then need to make up the rehearsal through an assignment given by the teacher.

MUSIC
Each band member is responsible for his or her own music. Music will be checked out in class and should be stored in your iPad.

UNIFORMS
Uniforms will be checked out by the band directors for the marching band season. Every student it responsible for their own uniform and its care. Lost uniform parts or damaged uniform parts will be the responsibility of the student.

BEHAVIOR
Students are expected to conduct themselves as representatives of the Lexington Public School System when in public and to always represent their school in a positive light. Rude, sexist, or racial remarks as well as profanity will not be tolerated; failure to comply with this will result in dismissal from the group. Refer to the student handbook also for guidelines and school expectations.

CLASSROOM RULES
You must be on time for class.
There should be absolutely no food, gum, or drink *(with the exception of water in a bottle)* in the rehearsal area at any time.
No students will be allowed in the band office.
Students may be required to play individually for the directors. This will be counted as a test grade and may be used to determine chair placement within the ensemble. This assignment may necessitate any after or before school playing time.
Follow the directions of the teacher the first time the directions are given.
Do not talk or play your instrument while the teacher is talking or giving a demonstration.
Raise your hand and wait to be called upon if you have a question.
Horseplay, punching, shoving or hitting is not allowed in the band room.
No food or drink
No gum
No cell phones/personal electronic devises
Be prepared for rehearsal, RESPONSIBILITY
Treat others with RESPECT
Exhibit DISCIPLINE and PRIDE