

2011-2012 Governor Mifflin High School Band Syllabus

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Course Numbers and Descriptions

Course Number: 1710 (Marching Band Members)

Band is a one-credit course for the student who studies a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument and includes units of study in Concert Band and Marching Band. Topics within each unit of study include instrumental performance, music theory, history as it applies to music literature and performance, the aesthetics of music and movement as it applies to integrating music. This course is open to any student who performs, or wishes to begin study, on one of the above-mentioned musical instruments. Public performances, as well as practices outside of the school day, are part of this course.

Students from this course are selected for the full orchestra and “Statesmen” jazz band by audition.

OR

Course Number 1713 (Non-Marching Band Members)

Students who participate in fall athletic activities worth a maximum of 25 unified points may qualify for an optional exemption from the marching band unit. If an exemption is taken, students will attend Band classes in the first quarter to learn the music and practice with the band during the class period. Students taking an exemption will receive .75 credit for their usual participation in the second, third and fourth quarters.

Note: Please, make sure NOW that you are registered for the correct course. Please, see your guidance counselor get your schedule corrected if necessary.

Rules and Expectations

1. Be ready to play with all Required Materials **by 7:45**.
2. If you are not in your seat by 7:45 when attendance is taken, then you must sign in late at the office.
3. Bring a positive “can do” attitude everyday.
4. Listen attentively throughout the entire rehearsal. This requires that you speak only when spoken to by the instructor. If you wish to speak, raise your hand and wait until the instructor addresses you.
5. Follow directions the **first time** they are given.
6. Bring all required materials to rehearsals and performances all the time. Come prepared with all necessary supplies (reeds, valve oil, music, pencil, sticks)
7. Mark you music as necessary during rehearsal.
8. Attend all rehearsals and performances in their entirety.
9. It is the duty of each section to leave their area organized and clean at the end of each rehearsal.
10. No food or drink in the music area at all times. Water is acceptable.

Note: All school rules also apply, including the rule referring to electronic devices. Cell phones and any other electronic devices will not be tolerated. Please, refer to your Student Handbook.

Behaviors and Consequences

Students who do not comply with the rules will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Actions taken may include (but are not limited to): phone call home, teacher detention, school detention, referral form, and ultimately, dismissal from the band program. The idea is for behavior modification, but for Mr. Deininger to be a disciplinarian.

Attendance and Tardy Policy

Students are expected to be in school and on time. Class starts at 7:45 AM, at which time, you should have your instruments out ready to rehearse BY 7:45 AM. You are late if you are only walking in the door at 7:45 AM or not ready to begin rehearsal at 7:45 AM. If you are late, you are expected to sign in with the attendance office. Failure to attend rehearsal and be on time will result in a lower grade.

Tardiness will be handled as cited on page 14 of the Student Handbook; your first through fourth offenses will result in teacher assigned detention. Subsequent offenses will result in more severe consequences. Class cuts, in addition to any of the Level II consequences listed on page 45 of the student handbook will also result in a zero participation grade for the day(s) in question.

Concerts/Performances

December 6, 2011 @ 7:30 PM – Benefit Concert

March 3, 2012 TIME TBD – Pops Concert

May 7, 2012 @ 7:30 PM – Spring Concert

June (Date TBD – 9th, 10th, and 11th Grades) – Graduation

ALL PERFORMANCES ARE MANDATORY. IF YOU MISS A PERFORMANCE UNEXCUSED, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A GRADE HIGHER THAN A D FOR THE MARKING PERIOD. PLEASE, SEE MR. DEININGER WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

Materials

1. Instrument and all necessary accessories (reeds, oil, grease, drum sticks, etc.)
2. **Pencils and erasers**
3. Folder with all music

Instrument Storage

Each woodwind and brass player will be given a locker for instrument storage. Lockers with keys will be given out first. You are responsible for that key for the duration of one school year. At the end of each year, the key will be collected. Lockers will be assigned based on instrument size.

Locker Rules

Band lockers should only have music and instruments in the locker. Textbooks, food, drinks, and any other items will be removed and discarded or turned into the office. Failure to comply with these rules will result in a loss of locker privileges. This policy will be strictly enforced!

Band Room “Hours”

The band room will only be open during the times listed below. All school rules and band rules are expected to be followed at all times. Sectionals take priority during any given period. Mr. Deininger reserves the right to send you back to class at any time.

If you want to come down to the band room for personal practice, you must see Mr. Deininger BEFORE coming down to the band room. If you come down and Mr. Deininger is not here, you MUST go back to class (unless you have a sectional and there is no cancelled sign on the band room door). Failure to do so will result in progressive discipline included in the *Behaviors and Consequences* section of the syllabus.

School Instruments

Governor Mifflin High School has a few instruments you may borrow/loan throughout the year. However, each instrument includes a fee and a contract that must be completed BEFORE getting the instrument to use.

FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

There will be absolutely NO FOOD OR DRINK in the band other than water (FLAVORED WATER IS NOT PERMITTED). Whether it is school issued food or food from outside school, it is not permitted in the band room. Any violators of this rule will have consequences. Your full cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Grading Policy

Grades for each marking period will be done based on a 100-point scale based on the following:

Playing Tests – 15 points

In class assessment/scheduled playing exams (scales, arpeggios, sections of our repertoire). This is a way for me to check to make sure you are working on your music and improving.

Performances/Rehearsals – 45 points

There is a substantial co-curricular requirement associated with participation in the band program. All performances and extra rehearsals are mandatory and are graded. You will receive full credit for the event assuming you are on time, have all required materials, and are not a disruption. Mr. Deininger must excuse any absence from a performance at least 48 hours before the event. That means you must inform Mr. Deininger outside of 48 hours before the event. Excessive absences from rehearsals or performances could result in being removed from the band program.

Participation – 30 points

A quarterly grade based on your active and positive contributions to class. Being tardy, disruptive, or unprepared will cost you participation points for that quarter.

Sectionals – 10 points

Each student is required to attend at least **two** sectionals per quarter. Sectionals happen on a rotating basis. Students will receive 5 points for each sectional attended. Sectionals will work on playing techniques specific to that instrument as well as the current concert repertoire.