

Willard High School Marching Band Course Syllabus

General Information

Course Title: Band--Marching Band Block

Course Description and Objectives: This first semester course is offered to students who were previously enrolled in band in middle school or who have auditioned into the group. This course is a continuation of the basic fundamentals previously taught in middle school and is open to students in grades nine through twelve. Band is for the student who desires a rewarding experience through teamwork and cooperation while developing strong individual musicianship. The marching band provides many performance enrichment opportunities through evening and daytime performances. Students enrolled in the course perform at all home football games and marching festivals held throughout the state of Missouri and at local parades.

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to:

1. Be on time at all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances and have all necessary equipment/learning tools, including your instrument, a pencil, Ultimate Drill Book, and Music Portfolio.
2. Take proper care of both personal and school equipment.
3. Have all music/choreography prepared by specified dates. Your UDB and Music Portfolio will be checked periodically throughout the season and will be a major portion of your marching band grade.
4. Keep staff updated on all illnesses and/or conflicts.
5. Participate in ALL scheduled performances.
6. Fulfill all financial obligations by specified dates. **ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE THE STUDENT MAY PERFORM.**
 - *Band fee and Rent/Guard fees by August 18th, 2017.
 - *BOA and compression shirt fee by September 29th, 2017.
7. Respect the chain of command and follow all instructions and directives from the staff.
8. Have a signed agreement on file with the directors verifying acceptance of all course requirements.
9. Maintain proficient academic performance IN ALL CLASSES.
10. Treat all other members with respect.

Academic Eligibility: The directors will continually monitor academic achievement. **Students not performing at an academically proficient level in ALL classes may lose their performance eligibility.**

Grading Policy: Grades will be determined by classroom participation, attendance at scheduled rehearsals, sectionals and performances, and video assignments. The grading system will follow the system set forth by the district.

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BAND GRADES

Participation

Tardies/Absences

A tardy will be marked when a member arrives to rehearsal anywhere from 1-15 minutes late. Members can also be marked with an unprepared tardy for not having the necessary materials for rehearsal including their instrument, pencil, drill book, and music portfolio.

An absence will be marked when a member arrives to rehearsal beyond 15 minutes late, or does not show up to rehearsal. Members can also be marked with an unexcused absence after being marked tardy twice. Please refer to the band handbook's grading/attendance policy to know what qualifies as an unexcused absence.

Performances

As the largest and most visible performing ensemble in our district, it is imperative that everyone attend all performances including football games, parades, and competitions. Failure to attend ANY performance without prior approval from a director will result in two drops of your final letter grade.

Summary

- 2 tardies = 1 unexcused absence
- 3 unexcused absences = 1 drop in final letter grade
- 1 unexcused performance = 2 drops in final letter grade

Video Assignments/Final

Members will have up to 8 video assignments to be completed on dates specified by directors throughout the semester. Each video assignment will be worth 150 points and follow a rubric of 3 criteria for 50 points each (Rhythm Accuracy, Tone quality, Note Accuracy). The final at the end of the semester will be worth 1,500 points.

Total points = 2,700.

Grade Scale

Letter Grade	Points
A (96-100%)	2,592-2,700
A- (90-95%)	2,430-2,565
B+ (87-89%)	2,349-2,403
B (84-86%)	2,268-2,322
B- (80-83%)	2,160-2,241
C+ (77-79%)	2,079-2,133
C (74-76%)	1,998-2,052
C- (70-73%)	1,890-1,971
D+ (67-69%)	1,809-1,863
D (64-66%)	1,728-1,782
D- (60-63%)	1,620-1,701
F (59% or Below)	1,593 or below