



COLUMBIA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

2023-2024 SYLLABUS FOR CONCERT BAND

Time/Location
Room 1273 – 6th Period
1:00-1:55

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REQUIRED MATERIALS: The student will be required to purchase and have available for every class the following items for this course: instrument (limited school loaned instruments available), appropriate instrument accessories (reeds, valve oil, slide grease etc.) pencil, and chromatic tuner. Music and music folder will be supplied by the instructor. Only instruments/folders can be stored in the band room.

OBJECTIVE: The focus of this course will be the preparation of large ensemble, chamber, and solo repertoire emphasizing the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern Eras to help the student gain musical knowledge through performance. Major and minor scales with respective arpeggios, sight reading, and student led rehearsals will be an integral part of daily learning.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT: Attendance policies will follow the guidelines set in the MCPS Student Policies and CHS Student Handbook.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE: Academic success will be measured with in-class playing assignments, at-home or after-school playing recordings, concert performances, class participation and preparation, and other assignments given by the instructor.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES: Students will be inside the rehearsal hall at the end of the tardy bell. They will then have 3 minutes to set up their seat and stand, gather all required materials, and be seated. Any student unprepared for class at this time will be marked tardy.

HOMEWORK: Each student will practice a minimum average of 30 minutes per day, outside of normal class time (the band room is open after school, or a student may practice at home). Students are encouraged to be engaged with a private instructor in four types of music study outside of class: solo pieces, studies or etudes, scale work and arpeggio exercises, and class repertoire. Solo and chamber pieces may be assigned to be practiced outside of the school day to be performed for the class or on concerts.

GRADING: Students will be graded on the quality of their musical preparation. Each student may be tested on his or her class repertoire at the instructor's discretion. The final grade will be determined from the following criteria: Rehearsal Preparation, Playing Tests, Class Participation, Concert Performances, and Written Assignments.

Tennessee law (Public Chapter 660) requires that parents or guardians be allowed to view instructional materials being used with their children. Maury County Schools parents or guardians who wish to view materials should submit a request in writing to the teacher. In addition, parents should seek clarification from the teacher about any assignment or instructional material about which they have concerns. Unresolved concerns may then be brought to the attention of the school administration.

RULES: No food, drinks, or gum during class. Water in a sealed container is the only exception.
Cell phone use (other than as a tuner) during class will result in confiscation.
At the end of class, everything that was brought out from storage must be returned to storage.

CONCERT DRESS REQUIREMENTS: Each student is required to wear clothing that is of higher quality while performing. This allows the audience to focus on the music and not be distracted by the clothing of the performer. Please make every effort to follow these guidelines and contact me with questions:

MEN: Please wear solid black shoes, black socks, and black dress pants. You have two options for your top: You may wear a solid black dress shirt with optional black dress coat or a solid white dress shirt with a required black dress coat and black tie or bow tie.

WOMEN: Please wear as solid black colored blouse/dress pants or a dark colored dress of your choosing. All dresses/skirts must be ankle length as you will be seated on an elevated stage. Solid black shoes required.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE: It is a great learning opportunity for students to perform and demonstrate the musical skills they learn during their time in class. These performances are a true test of each student's individual preparation and participation. Please make sure that every effort is made to attend all performance opportunities. Missing a performance is not like missing a test. The students rely on each other to contribute their sound during the concert. If a student misses a test, only that student is hurt. But if that student misses a performance, every student suffers. Below are the tentative dates for our concerts this year. Please let Ms. Nicholson or Mr. Stough know as soon as possible of any conflicts. All concerts will be at 6:00 pm inside the Central Auditorium unless otherwise stated. Call time for the performances will usually be at 4-5 pm.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
CIMC	Saturday, September 30	All Day	Stadium
Winter Concert	Tuesday, December 12	6pm	Auditorium
All County	Th-Fri Feb 1-2	TBD	Auditorium
All County Snow Dates	Th-Fr Feb 15-16	TBD	Auditorium
CPA Preview Concert	Thursday, Feb 22	6pm	Auditorium
Final Concert	Tuesday, April 23	6pm	Auditorium

OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS:

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Mid-State Auditions 11-12/Jazz	Saturday, November 18	TBD	Antioch High School
Christmas Parade (MB only)	Saturday, December 2	6pm	Downtown Columbia
Mid-State Auditions 9-10	Saturday, December 9	TBD	Wilson Central High School
Band Winter Formal	Friday, December 15	7pm	CHS Cafeteria
Orchestra/Jazz Mid-State Clinic	Th-Sat Jan 11-13	TBD	Blackman High School
Midstate Band Clinic	Th-Sat Jan 18-20	TBD	Stewarts Creek High School
Disney/Universal Band Trip	Mon-Sat Apr 1-6	TBD	Orlando, Florida
All-State Clinic	Wed-Sat Apr 10-13	TBD	Opryland Hotel, Nashville