

YORK HIGH SCHOOL BAND POLICIES 2019-2020

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The purpose of the York High School Band program is to develop into one of the premier band programs in Southern Maine. In order for this to happen each student will be required to:

- Learn and apply rehearsal techniques that develop a unified ensemble sound
- Learn and apply rehearsal techniques that enhance the musicality of specific musical selections in preparation for performance
- Rehearse and perform band literature that reflect educational considerations
- Develop the skills of teamwork, trust, commitment, self-esteem, and respect

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

Be in your assigned seat with your music and instrument ready to go no more than two minutes after the late bell. Students may only leave class with a previously issued pass or for other unique circumstances. Hats, food, gum and drinks are not allowed in class. You are expected to work hard – my standards are very high for this group.

You need to show the maturity and tolerance necessary to achieve the above goals, if you can then we will be able to achieve great things this year.

ATTENDANCE

In School: Unless you are excused from school, you are expected to be in class. ***A single skip WILL result in the loss of one full letter grade for the quarter and possible removal from the course and/or the right to take part in upcoming concerts.***

Tardiness: Arriving late for class without previous permission, a note or pass may result in the loss of one half of a letter grade.

Concerts & Parades: ***Absences from concerts/parades will only be excused in the case of family emergencies, and with a note and/or phone conversation with a parent or guardian. An absence for any other reason may result in an "F" for the quarter, at the teacher's discretion. Students who miss a performance (for any reason) will be required to perform the entire concert for Mr. Sovetsky to receive credit.***

Concert Attire: Guys – Black dress pants, black long sleeve shirt, black tie, and black socks/shoes. Gals – Black blouse and black dress pants or long black dress, black leggings, and shoes.

GRADING

Grading for the Concert Band and Jazz Band will be based on standards/indicators and reflect the standards in the Maine Learning Results (found on the website). Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Students will receive a percentage grade for the class.

It is my goal to make the learning process as meaningful and fun as possible. I will use a variety of techniques to differentiate my instruction with the intent to motivate and foster a deeper understanding of music. Please feel free to contact me (363-3621) if you would like clarification on any of the information you read. The grading policies are also available on the music website linked to the YHS Website for easy access.

Jazz Band students MUST give Mr. Sovetsky TWO WEEKS notice if a rehearsal is going to be missed for any other reason besides an emergency or illness. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in a F for the class and/or removal from the group, at Mr. Sovetsky's discretion. Students in Jazz Band are required to be in Concert Band to serve as mentors.

