

CCHS Band Syllabus 2023-2024

Objectives

The primary intent of the Clarke County Band is to help students learn to understand and appreciate music through performance and to study music as an art form. We accomplish these goals through rehearsal and performance experiences and by practicing and developing our skills and to expand our understanding of music.

Expectations

- Commitment to yourself, your family, and your band.
- Communication with your teachers, your parents, and your fellow musicians.
- Responsibility for your behavior, your learning, attentive listening, and the support and appreciation of your fellow musicians.

Respect for yourself, your fellow musicians, your family, your teachers, our school, and our band program

Band's General Rules

- Always fulfill your responsibilities
- Always be quiet and attentive in the classroom
- Always respect everyone's right to learn in safe, positive and effective environment
- Always be prepared and on time
- Always treat everybody and everything in your environment with respect
- Always ask, never assume anything
- Always work to succeed settle for nothing less
- Always enjoy making music
- No food or drink in the band room unless told other wise
- Phones are to be put up and not seen (not resting on your stand)
- No ear buds or air pods out during rehearsal
- No eating in full uniform
- No leaving the stands unless approved by director and you must have a chaperone
- No phones, sunglasses, or electronics in the stands

Attendance

Every member of the Band is accountable to the group. We are an ensemble and function as a group. So, it is essential that attendance is mandatory. Daily rehearsals follow regular classroom attendance policies. However, performances have an unquestionable attendance policy. The only excused situations are severe illness, family emergencies, or special school organized experiences. Mr. Myers is to be notified as soon as possible in all circumstances (email at rmyers@clarkecountyschools.org). Also, adult/guardian verification is required, via phone, email or mail. An alternate activity will be provided

and required for excused absences. There are mandatory dates, please plan (ex. Ask off work ahead of time – additional calendars will be available. Dates are in the hand book).

A reminder to all band members for the reasons for mandatory attendance for performances:

- Demonstrating the accumulation of musical knowledge and expertise
- Performance is the prime directive of a performing art
- The opportunity to make music and create an aesthetic experience
- Sharing our love for music with others
- We are representing families, music program, school district, community, and ourselves

Tardiness will not be tolerated.

Calendar

You will find the Band calendars on the Band web page via the District Website. Please, mark the appropriate dates on your calendars. Exact times will always be reviewed in rehearsals and even be sent home at times if the need arises.

Grades

50% - Performance

Performances are required; the only excuses are those that exist in the attendance policy. Performances are the accumulation of our efforts. This is our opportunity to display our talents, knowledge, and expertise in the Art of music making. Absences affect the performance of the entire band. It is everyone's responsibility to attend all scheduled performances.

Required performances:

- * All Concerts
- * All Marching Band Performances
- * All After School Rehearsals

30% - Positive involvement

Participation, and proper preparation Class time in band is a combination of learning new concepts and reviewing. Since music is an Art form that is heard, it is important to remain quiet and attentive in the classroom. It is expected that all students respect everyone's' right to learn in a positive and effective atmosphere. Below are some expectations to maintain an excellent rehearsal environment.

- * Students are expected to have their instrument and all necessary materials at every rehearsal (music, pencil, etc.)
- * Students are expected to practice daily or as much as possible. The band will not improve unless everyone does his or her part outside of class.

* Students are expected to participate fully during rehearsals. Uncooperative and disruptive behavior is not tolerated.

20% - Fulfillment of evaluation materials

* Completion of assignments (written or performance).

* Evaluation or test of technique or basic skills as an individual and group (ex. scales or technical exercises).

Activities will be assigned and explained. Activities are to be submitted on determined due dates. All activities and tests/evaluations will be graded on a point system. Revisions or extra credit/alternative activities are encouraged to enhance grades.

Practicing, the homework for band should be taken as seriously as homework from any other class. There is no quick way to learn an instrument. It takes time, effort and persistence. Students are expected to practice. It is best to practice a little everyday rather than “cram”. It takes strong musicians to make a strong band. Yes, High School Band students should take their instrument home regularly, especially on the weekends. Prompt attendance at every rehearsal is expected and is the student’s responsibility. Each band student is given a permanent band pass.

Instrument Care and School Property

Instrument care is your responsibility. You need to keep your instrument clean and in working condition. It is very important to keep harmful substances out of the band room and away from your equipment (ex. gum and soda). If you do not know how to keep it clean, please ask for help. If your instrument needs repair, please consult Mr. Myers as soon as possible to either repair or diagnose the problem.

School property will be treated with respect (rooms, furniture, computers, instruments, music, uniforms, etc.). Any property that is lost or damaged will be replaced and/or repaired at your expense (i.e., lost music, broken mouthpieces, bent valves, etc.). Also, all school owned instruments must be contracted from the music department for your use and the rental fee paid. Remember all equipment, personal and school owned, is an investment and needs to live a long and productive life. Please take care of it. In addition, remember to protect your investment further and insure all personal property for your safety.

Performance Attire

Performance attire is being taken too lightly. Everyone must follow the assigned attire to provide a uniform appearance at all functions.

Concert Band

*All Black.

Boys

Dress shirt or polo, Black Slacks, Black Socks, and Black Shoes

Girls

Can wear male attire or can have a Black Dress and Coat. Dress must be ankle length and no strapless dresses.

Marching Band Performances

- * CCHHS Band Uniform
- * CCHS Band Polo
- * Black Socks and shoes

Supplies

Each student needs to maintain their instrument and have the proper supplies. All needed supplies can be ordered through Instrumental Music company or purchased at any reputable music store. Please acquire a supply list/ order form from Mr. Myers.

Travel

Students are to use the provided school transportation to and from all music events, which require out of district travel (festivals, parades, etc.) Students will leave from and return to the Clarke County High School Band Room. We try to maintain our schedules for these events so please be on time in dropping off and/or picking up students. Arrival and departure times are announced the week before or of the performance. If a student has a special circumstance and needs to be picked up from an event, a transportation release form needs to be signed (by the parent/guardian) and returned to Mr. Myers two days prior to the event. The parent/guardian must check the student out with Mr. Myers or Mrs. Roberts before leaving the event. This system has been implemented to ensure the group's schedule is maintained for events, all needed equipment is loaded and transported, and most importantly that student safety is maintained. Release forms will be available from Mr. Myers prior to all events.

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Student Remind:

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To 81010

Fundraisers

All band students are to participate in fundraising. Each student must sell at least 5 items. If they wish not to sell they will owe the band \$100. Fundraising is crucial to the band. Without money the band would not exist. All money raised will go directly to the band. It will help cover:

- travel expenses
- uniforms and cleanings
- instrument repairs and purchasing of new instruments
- purchasing new uniforms and repair of new uniforms,
- band shoes
- band polo's
- band gloves
- music
- Instrument accessories
- Food and water for games
- Classroom materials
- Clinicians
- Competition fees
- And much more