

Holland HS Band Syllabus

2025 - 2026 School Year

Directors

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Course Description:

This course is designed to give the student an enriching and diverse instrumental music education. This class provides a number of performance opportunities for the student in a variety of settings. The daily objective of the course is to foster and promote musical growth through the playing of an instrument by the student. As a member of the band program, group effort and cooperation are necessary for a successful program. Band is a skilled effort in which each student is expected to show technical and musical growth throughout this course.

Required Materials:

- Instrument
- Music Binder
- Pencil
- Appropriate footwear (Not to include Crocs, other sandals, or boots)

Classroom Rules:

- Arrive to class on time
- No gum, food, or beverages in the classroom – Water bottles are permitted
- Be prepared with your instrument, music, and pencil every day.
- Respect the people, equipment, and furnishings of the band room
- Follow all Holland ISD cell phone policy.
- Observe all rules in the student and band handbook

Grading Policy:

The student's grade will be based on Participation, Performances, Tests, and Quizzes.

Daily Participation: If the student is prepared for class, on time, participates, and follows classroom rules and school policy, the student will receive full credit. Failure to be prepared, tardiness, and inappropriate behavior will result in loss of participation points. Participation is the most important part of band class and makes up **50% of the student's total grade**.

Performances: All performances are mandatory. The director will provide the students with performance dates with ample time to make adjustments in schedule. Performance attendance will be a heavily graded aspect of the class. All performances (football games, concerts, festivals, parades) are considered test grades and are **25% of the student's total grade**.

Tests and Quizzes: These will be performance-based in-class assessments. Students will be given prior notice to prepare before any test or quiz. Tests and quizzes are how we monitor a student's progress and as such they are **25% of the student's total grade**.

Performance Guidelines:

- Be early for report times
- Come prepared mentally and physically
- Have equipment and/or materials ready to go before report time
- Hair must not touch the neck of the uniform (long hair must be tucked under the hat during marching band performances)
- Jewelry must be taken out and put away while in uniform.
- Before performances, there will be a brief uniform inspection. Failure to follow performance guidelines will result in a lower performance grade.

(Please detach below section and return with student to Mr. Lusk)

I have read the course syllabus for the Holland High School Band, and understand the expectations and guidelines of the class.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent /Guardian Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

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