

Holland MS 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

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
- Keep all cell phones away and out of sight
- Observe all rules in the student handbook

Consequences:

Students who fail to follow classroom rules will be subject to the following consequences. More severe infractions will result in more severe consequences.

- First Offense: Verbal Warning
- Second Offense: Penalty point
- Third Offense: Contact Parent & second Penalty Point
- Fourth Offense: Sent to Office & Third Penalty Point

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 and concerts are considered test grades and are **25% of the student's total grade**.

Tests and Quizzes: These will be either performance-based or written assessments in class. 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
- Wear Sunday's best clothes for concerts

Daily Plan

- Warm - Up
- 3 - 6 Lines of Skills book work
- Tuning
- Music

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

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

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent /Guardian Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____