

Symphonic Band Syllabus

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Jupiter High School Symphony Band. Examine the information below and be sure you have all of the information you need to have a successful year. High expectations will be the norm for this course. It is expected that you practice daily and come to every class prepared for rehearsal. You are expected to make high grades on all tests and assignments.

Objective: The students in symphony band will learn basic and advanced techniques of playing a wind instrument. The students will also practice and perform grade 3-5 literature as well as sight read at a proficient level.

Required Materials: Each student is required to have his/her instrument and accessories (oil, mutes, reeds, cloth, etc.) music and folder and pencils (regular, red, blue) in class each day. Partial list of supplies needed:

Flutes: Pencils, Soft/Clean Cloth, Swab

Reeds (Clarinet, Alto Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax, Oboe, Bassoon): Pencils, Minimum of 4 Good Single Reeds or 2 Good Double Reeds, Swab, Cork Grease, Soft/Clean Cloth, Reed Holder, Neck Strap - if needed

Brass (Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba): Pencils, Valve or Slide Oil, Slide Grease, Mouthpiece, Soft/Clean Cloth, Denis Wick metal mute or Trumcor Mute for your instrument.

In Class Requirements: Students are required to perform from memory their 12 major and minor scales at least two octaves in all-state style by the end of the school year. Seating tests and scale test will occur throughout the year and will be *for a grade*.

Performances/Concerts

There will be at least three major concerts throughout the year. There will be mandatory after school rehearsals leading up to these concerts. All performances and rehearsals will be *for a grade* so please plan your schedules accordingly. Remember to frequently check emails and www.jupiterbands.com for times and updates.

MPA and Symphony Band Concert Camp

The symphony band is required to have a concert camp that will take place in **January, 2020** after school. This camp is usually about three days of specialized instruction. Students are also required to participate in the concert music performance assessment (MPA) which is dated on **March 10 or 11**. There will be some extra evening rehearsals leading into MPA. These rehearsals are mandatory for everyone in Symphony Band and will be *for a grade*. Please check www.jupiterbands.com for dates and times.

Solo and Ensemble

Students in symphony band are **encouraged** to participate in Solo and Ensemble, which will take place on **February 7 or 8, 2020**. Start looking for solos and ensembles **now** so you can start practicing. You must practice daily for this as you will be heard by a state certified judge who will give you both written and verbal comments after your performance. You will be representing Jupiter High School to other music teachers in the state so please make sure you are fully prepared for this! If you choose to participate, you will be required to play your piece for me (with your accompanist if you choose a solo) in its entirety before you play for the judge. You will be assigned an accompanist in January, if you choose a solo and don't already have one. As soon as you receive that assignment, contact your accompanist to arrange for rehearsals and your pre-performance.

Symphony Band Class Syllabus Agreement Form

Please sign and return this form:

Signing the form below states that you understand and agree to comply with the policies set forth therein of the class syllabus. You understand that all MPA rehearsals, Concert Camps and Concerts are mandatory and that your participation in those rehearsals determines your participation in the Jupiter High School Symphony Band.

Student name_____

Student signature_____Date_____

Parent name_____

Parent signature_____Date_____

This form is due for a grade no later than August 23, 2019.