



**Symphonic Band  
2020-2021**

Mr. Young

**Description:** Symphonic Band is an elite performing ensemble, designed for students who have demonstrated advanced technical skills on their instrument. Master musicianship, technique, and performance-related music theory skills will be emphasized in this course. Students will study a varied repertoire of music ranging from grade levels III to V. Students in this course are strongly encouraged to study with an outside, private instructor. Attendance at after-school rehearsals and performances is required.

**Class Rules:**

1. No food or drinks in the classroom. You may have a school bottle of water.
2. Be respectful to others.
3. Show the person talking respect by looking at and paying attention to them.
4. Be ready to begin at the beginning of the class period.
5. Keep all electronic devices put away for the duration of class.
6. Keep social distancing in mind at all times, wear masks unless playing, and keep your hands clean. Do not touch other people, or their instruments/other belongings.

**Tardy Policy:**

Students are required to be on time every day for rehearsal. Students are to be in the band room at the scheduled class time, and rehearsal begins 5 minutes after the bell. Any student who is not in his or her seat will be marked tardy.

**Leaving Class/Restroom Breaks:**

- Students may use the restroom if they cannot wait to go at the end of class. Restroom breaks should be taken care of between classes so that the student will not miss instruction or disrupt the class by leaving and returning. If the students make the restroom a habit during my class time I will remove his/her right to leave the classroom.
- If the student has been called to another classroom or to the office by a teacher or administrator, that student will be able to leave the class.
- Students will be permitted to leave the classroom if the student is sick and appears to need medical attention in the nurses office.
- Students will be permitted to leave the classroom if they have provided an excuse from a MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL saying that the student in question has a medical excuse for frequent restroom breaks.

**Materials Needed:**

- Instrument/Mouthpiece, reeds, valve oil, all things needed to have a well working instrument.
- Music Binders / Pencils
- Tuner/Metronome
- Chromebook
- "Habits of a Successful Musician" (This book can be found on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), <http://www.giamusic.com/habits>, or Pecknel Music in Greenville S.C.)
- Face mask

## **Grades:**

Grading Scale:

90-100 ————— A

80-89 ————— B

70-79 ————— C

60-69 ————— D

0-59 ————— F

Grades will be calculated with the following criteria:

Major Grade — — — 60%

Minor Grade — — — 40%

## **Grading:**

- *Class Participation (Major) and performances are the most important part of the band class. All students must come prepared with the materials necessary to perform each day in my classroom. Lack of materials in band class will result in the lowering of the student's participation grade.*
- *Playing Tests/Pass-offs (Major) Will consist of groupings of the major and minor scales for your instrument, technique exercises, musical excerpts from the concert band music. Pass-offs will determine your participation in festivals, contests, and band performing trips.*
- *Playing Quizzes (Minor) Will consist of one major or minor scale, smaller musical excerpts, terms, a technique exercise.*
- *Written Quizzes (Minor) Terms quizzes, short answer responses etc.*
- *Notebook Checks: (Minor) Students will need 3-ring binders for music and handouts*
- *Performances are mandatory for all students in the band and make up for over 60% of your final grade.*
- *Final Exam (Major)*

**\*\* Students who are enrolled in this class will also be expected to attend all after school rehearsals/ sectionals/ masterclasses/ and clinics that may be scheduled to prepare for concerts and Concert Performance Assessment. Scheduled after school rehearsals can be found on [www.bandsowestcoast.com](http://www.bandsowestcoast.com) under events and 'Master Calendar'.**

## **Requirements for Ensemble Participation**

- Students who are a part of the band program are expected to attend all of the scheduled rehearsals and performances for the entirety of the concert season.
- Students who participate in other school related activities must speak with me far in advance if any practices conflict with the scheduled rehearsals required for band.

## **Excused and Unexcused Absences from after school rehearsals**

- **Excused** absences include illness (absence from school with a doctor's note), death in the family, religious events and major anniversaries.
- **Unexcused** absences are absences that have not been communicated, and approved by Mr. Young.
- **Absence Request Form:** In order to be approved, students must turn in a form (located on the band website [www.bandsowestcoast.com](http://www.bandsowestcoast.com)) 48 hours prior to the scheduled rehearsal time. Recorded requests will be evaluated and approved or denied by Mr. Young. If denied, the absence will become unexcused.



# *Bands of West-Oak*

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By signing my name below I understand, agree, and will follow the policies and procedures listed in the band course syllabus. I understand my commitment and am willing to dedicate the time and effort needed to be in the West-Oak High School Symphonic Band.

Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

Parent name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: