



VETERANS HIGH SCHOOL

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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SYLLABUS

Course Goal: The primary objective of band is to entertain. This will be accomplished through the music that is performed at the highest level possible. To perform at this level will require a focus on fundamentals that will be taught during class. The classes will work on technique, characteristic sound development, and music appropriate for its level.

Expected Outcomes: The students will be able to:

1. Perform major scales
2. Perform alone and with others
3. Read and notate music
4. Evaluate music and music performances
5. Understand music in relationship to history and culture
6. Listen to, analyze, and describe music

GRADING METHOD & DESCRIPTIONS

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
F	0-69

15% Daily participation

45% Performances & Major Playing Assessments

20% Minor playing, written assessments, and extra rehearsals

20% Cumulative final exam



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Performances:

Georgia Music Standard 53.03810 states:

“Participation in concert performances outside of regular class hours is expected.”

Students are made aware of upcoming performances and band events in plenty of time. Because this is a performance based class, students are required to be at **ALL** performances. **Veterans does not offer a non-performance band class.** If you cannot make this commitment, please choose another elective. You have been provided a performance calendar in a timely manner to assist you in avoiding conflicts. If the student misses an extra rehearsal or performance with a valid excuse (see attendance policies), it is the individual student’s responsibility to coordinate an individualized make up assignment. In addition to this handbook, we will follow school guidelines for excused and unexcused absences. Any exception must be cleared by the Director at least two weeks in advance.

Performance Attire:

Students in the Freshman Concert Band (4th & 5th Periods) will be required to wear all black for every performance. For gentlemen: black pants, shirt, belt, black socks and black shoes. For ladies: black skirt, dress or pants, black shoes, shirt, blouse, etc. Please make arrangements to have the appropriate clothing at the concerts. Failure to be in dress will negatively affect the students’ performance grade. **IF IT’S NOT BLACK, DON’T WEAR IT.**

Students in Wind Ensemble as well as Wind Symphony will be required to wear concert black: gentlemen in tuxedos and ladies in long black dresses. Both of these items will be ordered through the band boosters. The cost is a one-time expense of **\$105** for tuxedos and **\$80** for dresses. It will be the students’ responsibility to maintain and keep these items.



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Participation: Every student is expected to be prepared for class every day and to play at appropriate times. A daily grade will be assigned and the average will be logged in the grade book at the end of every week. Loss of points include but are not limited to:

- The student does not have the required materials for class.
- The student refuses to play their instrument.
- The student talks excessively during class at inappropriate times
- The student engages in any behavior that disrupts the learning environment.

Playing Tests: Periodically, there will be playing tests to evaluate student's mastery of skills and/or repertoire. Students will have options for completing the playing assessment: schedule a time before or after school, during SOAR time or via Charms. Students will be assessed based on the GMEA score Rubric including:

- correct rhythms
- correct notes
- correct articulations
- correct musicianship (dynamics, phrasing, etc.)

Written Assignments: From time to time, students will be required to do brief writing assignments on various topics. Both grammar and content will be graded.

Final Exam: This course includes a cumulative exam at the end of each semester. The final exam during first semester and second semester is worth 20% of the semester grade.

Veterans High School Retake Policy: Students are permitted to retake **two** major assessments per semester provided they complete the necessary undertakings (ie. tutoring, extra practice, etc).

Accessing Google Classroom

Step One:

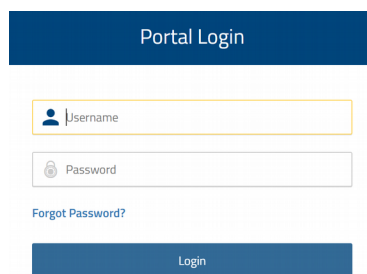
Go to the county's website and click on SSO Portal.

Or, click on the link below:

https://portal.hcbe.net/_auth/Login.aspx?ru=L3Nzby9wb3J0YWw=

Step Two:

Students should sign in using their school/county username and password. If you have questions on your username and password, please ask your teacher.

A screenshot of a web portal login interface. At the top is a dark blue header with the text "Portal Login" in white. Below the header is a white login form. The form contains two input fields: the first is labeled "Username" with a person icon, and the second is labeled "Password" with a lock icon. Below the password field is a blue link that says "Forgot Password?". At the bottom of the form is a dark blue button with the word "Login" in white.

Step Three:

Students should click on the Google Classroom app.



Google Classroom

Step Four:

Let's get to work! 😊 When they sign into Google Classroom, they should see several "classrooms". They simply click on 'JOIN' for each class.