

# Band Course Materials

*Facilities and teaching methods:* Students will experience instrumental music through various modes of learning including playing, singing, chanting, moving, reading, and lecture. Solo and small group assessments will be employed to help facilitate individualized learning. The use of SmartBoard, recording devices, and smartphones will help students better understand and reflect upon their performances.

*Canvas:* Students are expected to use Canvas throughout the semester for a variety of resources. Homework, part recordings, etc. will be delivered through Canvas. Students will upload recordings of themselves playing on Canvas. Please be sure to actively use Canvas for the class.

## *Required materials:*

- Pencils, 1" Black Binder, Sheet Protectors, Loose Leaf Paper.
- Instrument: Students who do not have their own instruments are encouraged to rent or buy an instrument. If you do not have an instrument of your own, there is a possibility of checking out a school instrument. We have a limited supply of school instruments, but will try to accommodate as many students as possible. Students who check out a school instrument are expected to keep it in working condition and are responsible for any repairs needed. See Mr. Dickens for more information on checking out or renting an instrument.
- Woodwind students: If you play a woodwind, you are responsible for buying your own reeds. You should have at least 5 reeds in your case at all times, and they should be no lower than #3. It is nice for woodwind players to have a small set of screwdrivers for needed maintenance on their instruments.
- Brass students: You should own your own bottle of valve oil and slide grease, mask for their instrument. You should also own a straight mute and cup mute for your instrument (trombones should have a "plunger" also). It is also recommended that you purchase your own mouthpiece. See the website [thsbluecrew.com](http://thsbluecrew.com) for more information about what mouthpiece to purchase.
- Drum & Drum Set students: Please have your OWN pair of drumsticks and mallets.
- 1 SmartMusic subscription \$10. This should be purchased in the first week of school.
- Attire: Black Dress shoes, White dress shirt (for Concerts, NO polo shirts in concerts) Black dress pants (NO jeans or sweatpants) Black tie,

## **FEES:**

Randolph County Schools assess a **\$5.00 band fee per semester**. Students should turn this in to Mr. Dickens during the first week of each semester.

*Provided materials:* The teacher will provide music and other music literacy materials. Students are expected to keep them neat and orderly in their notebooks. Notebook checks will be performed for a grade.