



# Fossil Ridge High School Band Syllabus

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Fossil Ridge High School Band Program will provide students the opportunity to experience the challenges and pleasures of instrumental music performance through a variety of idioms. Students will be exposed to elements of individual and ensemble performance through participation in regular rehearsals and performances of Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensembles, Marching Band and Pep Band, as well as smaller "chamber" ensembles. Students will be exposed to the language of music in these various ensembles through rehearsals, concerts, recordings, written theory, projects and listening assignments.

The nature of instrumental music education encourages students to continually strive for excellence. Courses within the FRHS Band program are designed to address all aspects of the Poudre School District, State of Colorado, and National Content Standards for Music through the repertoire being performed.

## **EXPECTATIONS**

All FRHS Band students are expected to attend class on time, actively participate in rehearsal, come prepared for rehearsal (meaning home practice), and attend all scheduled performances and competitions. As a member of Fossil Ridge High School, students are also expected to follow policies and expectations as defined in the FRHS Student Handbook.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

As a performing ensemble, each and every student within the FRHS Band plays a critical role in the success of the entire group. Therefore, attendance at all rehearsals and performances is required. Missing a performance may result in the lowering of the student's grade, and excessive absenteeism from rehearsal may result in the student's removal from the Band Program.

## **EVALUATION**

Grades in All Band classes are earned by the student (not "given" by the teacher) through the evaluation of student performance in several areas, including but not limited to:

Tests (performance or written)	Worksheets
Participation & Performance	Composition
Rehearsal/Performance Attendance	Individual/Group Projects

Note: Performance based evaluations (auditions, scales, exercises, playing tests, etc.) may be re-taken until the student is satisfied with his/her grade. The requirements of an "A-level" performance will be clearly defined, and a student may continue to work on improving performance level/ability while improving his/her grade in Band.

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