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Marching Band Course Syllabus

Overview: This course is designed to give students an enriching and diverse instrumental music education. The daily objective of the course is to foster and promote musical growth through the playing of an instrument. As a member of the RHS Tiger Band, group effort and cooperation is necessary to a successful program. Band is a skilled effort in which each student is expected to show technical and musical growth throughout this course.

Required Materials:

- Instrument (Either your own or school provided)
- Pencil
- Reeds, oils, greases (Depending on instrument)
- 3 ring Binder with plastic sleeves for music

Borrowing Equipment:

Students who need to borrow a school instrument may do so through Mr. Austin. The expectation is that students will adhere to all district guidelines of borrowing school equipment. Please do not eat or drink while handling any instrument. You are responsible for any equipment that is damaged. Minor malfunctions like missing pads, loose keys, etc will be replaced and fixed when they occur. Students who experience minor malfunctions with school instruments can email me and I will do my best to get it fixed ASAP. Students borrowing an instrument will need to sign an instrument loan form. You can get this directly from Mr. Austin.

Classroom Expectations:

- Arrive on time, set up instrument, and prepare to play (tune, adjustments, etc)**
- Absolutely no food or beverages during class time except water.**
- Respect the people and equipment**
- HAVE FUN**

Attendance:

Your attendance during class has a direct effect on your grade. This class is a participation/performance based course. Each student plays a vital role in this group. The RHS Tiger Band is an award-winning, competitive band which means your attendance at events is vital to this organization's success. **Attendance is mandatory to all rehearsals and performances unless otherwise noted.**

Excused absences include:

- Extreme personal illness with a doctor's note or excuse through the attendance office.
- Family health emergencies verified by family
- Approved academic conflicts
- Required religious observances (with notice)
- Extra-Curricular School conflicts approved by the director *in advance*.

After School Rehearsals:

The Tiger Band has weekly rehearsals **Tuesday and Thursday nights 6pm-9pm**. These **mandatory** rehearsals are vital to our success on the field. Students should come dressed in athletic clothing and have their own refillable water container along with their music binder and instrument. Consistently missing practices will affect your participation grade.

Absence Request Form: [Absence Request](#)

Students who have a conflict with any rehearsal or performance will need to submit an absence request in order to be excused from that event. Students should submit requests to miss a performance **at least two weeks ahead of the performance being missed**. Please note that missing a rehearsal the week of a performance may result in you sitting out of that performance.

Fall Events:

8/25- Football vs Placer (5:45 call time)

9/1- Football vs Laguna Creek (5:45 call time) *Formal Picture Day*

9/2- Saturday Rehearsal (12-8pm)

9/15- Football vs Antelope (5:30 call time) *Middle School Band Night*

9/22- Football vs Yuba City *Homecoming*

10/7- Super Saturday Rehearsal (12-8pm)

10/14- Franklin Band Competition (All Day)

10/20- Football vs Inderkum (5:30 call time) *Senior Night*

10/21- Saturday Rehearsal (12-8pm)

10/?- Middle School/Elementary School Recruitment (TBD)

10/28- Oakmont Competition (All Day)

11/4- Lodi Grape Bowl Competition (All Day)

11/16- Family and Friends Night (8pm)

11/18- NCBA Champs Stockton (All Day)

12/9- Downtown Sacramento Santa Parade (TBD)

12/13- Winter Concert (7pm)

Please note that the Tiger Band may be asked to play at an event that is not listed. Students and families will be notified in advance if that happens. Any additional performances including any parades are TBD. These events are planned based on current state/district guidelines and could be changed or canceled at any time.

ROAR:

Students who need extra help with class work or musical concepts can work with Mr Austin during our class' specific ROAR period on **Mondays**. Students may also schedule sectionals after school with their section leader or Mr. Austin.

Grading:

Students will be graded on daily participation points, performances, and playing tests. Students will receive 5 points in participation each week. Failure to be prepared, tardiness, and inappropriate behavior will result in loss of participation points. Students in this class will be required to take playing tests to check for understanding of hard sections of music. Students will

be notified at least one week before a playing test is due. Students may take the test during class or as a video assignment at home. Video assignments must be turned in to canvas by 9pm on the due date and are worth 24 points each. See attached rubric for details.

Late Work- All assignments will be uploaded to Canvas where students are notified of approaching deadlines. There is no extra credit for this class. Turn in all your assignments and you will get credit for it. If you have a problem/conflict with a specific deadline, you should contact me individually and I will gladly work with you as best as I can. I just ask that you communicate in a timely manner. Almost all of the tests/assignments in this class are performances. **Performances can not be made up but you can complete a make up assignment for partial credit.** See the attendance policy for excused absences.

A+ = 98-100%	C+ = 78-79%
A = 93-97%	C = 73-77%
A- = 90-92%	C- = 70-72%
B+ = 88-89%	D+ = 68-69%
B = 83-87%	D = 63-67%
B- = 80-82%	D- = 60-62%
C+ = 78-79%	F = 0-59%

Parents, please email me with any questions you may have about this course, the school or your student's progress. I am looking forward to working with you and your student(s) this year.

Respectfully,

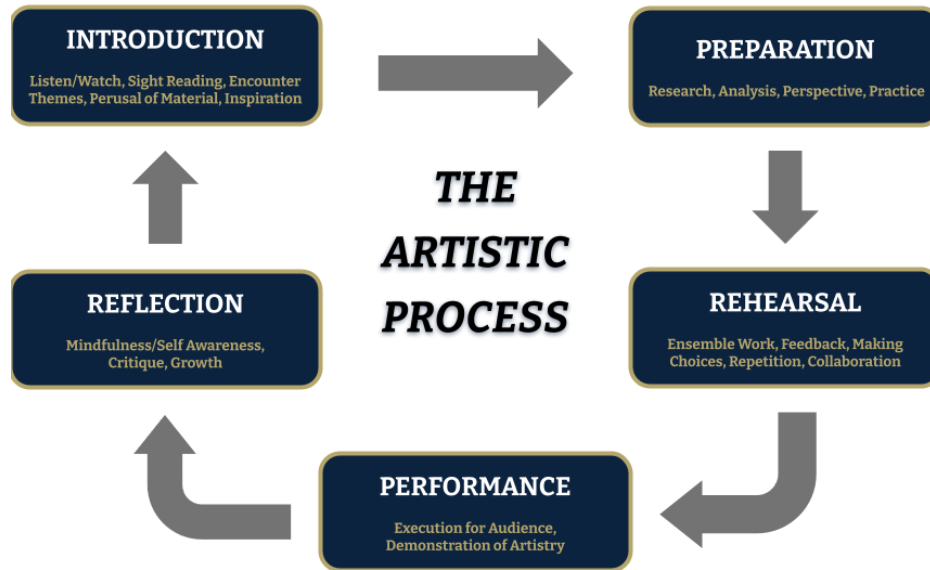
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Please sign this page to confirm that student and parent have read the syllabus; and agree to class procedures and responsibilities. A copy of this syllabus will be available on Canvas.

Student Name Signature/ Date

Parent Name Signature/ Date

The Artistic Process



An Artist's "Pyramid of Success"

