

Besteiro Middle School Wildcat Band
2022-2023 School Year
Symphonic & Concert Band

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Conference Time: 7:25a.m - 8:40a.m

Course Description: Students will learn and proficiently execute the following ensemble fundamentals:

- I. Maintain balance and blend throughout the section
- II. Maintain balance and blend throughout the band
- III. Sustain proper intonation throughout the section
- IV. Sustain proper intonation throughout the band
- V. Display proper performance etiquette at all performances (pep rallies, concerts, contests, trips, etc.)

Materials: Students will need the following materials:

- I. Instruments
- II. Pencil
- III. Band Binder
- IV. Accessories (such as reeds, oil, slide cream, slide grease, cleaning cloth, swab, drum sticks)
- V. Band Spirit Shirt
- VI. Solid Black pants, Solid Black shoes, Solid Black Socks (these will be used as part of the band uniform and will be required to be worn at all performances and competitions)

Performances: Students will perform at the following:

- I. Fall Concert October 20, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Lopez High School Band Night Rehearsal November 2, 2022
- III. Lopez High School Band Night November 3, 2022
- IV. Christmas Parade December 5, 2022
- V. Winter Concert December 8, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.
- VI. Middle School Region Clinic/Concert January 13-14, 2023
- VII. All-City Band Clinic/Concert January 27-28, 2023
- VIII. Pre-UIL Evaluation for Symphonic Band and Concert Band **TBA**
- IX. Concert Band Concert & SR March 29-30, 2023
- X. Symphonic Band Concert & SR Contest April 3-4, 2023
- XI. End of Year Concert April 20, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Please be aware that other performances may arise throughout the course of the year. We will inform the students of these performances as we find out and let them know the proper times and dates.

Grading Policy: Each student's grade will be determined by the following:

- I. Class Participation
 - a. Has all materials and instrument in working condition
 - b. Prepared to participate in each class
 - c. Student Daily progress

- II. Practice- Homework -Pass offs
 - a. Instrument is taken home every day
 - b. Daily individual practice
 - c. Weekly Pass-Offs given by your director
- III. Sectional Attendance
 - a. Student progress will be evaluated on a weekly basis
 - b. You are expected to participate twice a week for an after-school sectional.
- IV. Performances:

All performances are mandatory and will be integrated into the grading system. A student will not be excused from missing a performance unless extenuating circumstances beyond normal control arise, i.e. major illness, death in the family, etc. In these cases, proper documentation is required and must be presented to the band directors upon the return of the student.

Classroom Rules: (Please refer to the Wildcat Band Handbook as well)

- I. Students will be in their assigned rehearsal area with all necessary equipment/materials at the beginning of class/rehearsal time.
- II. Students will keep their hands and feet to themselves.
- III. Students will not use or play on equipment they do not own or are assigned without permission from a director.
- IV. Students will not use, touch, handle, borrow, or use anyone else's instrument, uniform, or personal belongings.
- V. Students will respect the property of others, and return their equipment to its proper storage place when not in use. Students should keep their equipment in the designated storage area.
- VI. Students will help keep band hall area clean and neat in appearance.
- VII. Students will not deface or mark on music stands, chairs, walls, etc.
- VIII. Students will utilize their assigned storage/locker for instrument cases during rehearsals. Cases should not be brought into the rehearsal area unless requested by director (exceptions: flute, clarinet, and oboe)
- IX. No food, drinks, or GUM allowed in the band hall. Water bottles are allowed if arrangements have been with directors.
- X. Courteous and Respectful behavior will be demonstrated at all times in the Band Hall.

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