

Fall 2023 Viborg-Hurley High School Band Syllabus

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Class Title: High School Band

Class Meeting Time: 6th Period 1:03pm -1:55pm

High School Band Events Calendar:

- September 1st (Friday) – Pep Band @ Viborg 6:00pm
- September 15th (Friday) – Homecoming parade @ Viborg 1:00pm
 - September 15th (Friday)- Pep Band @ Viborg 6:00pm
- October 6th (Friday) – Pep Band @ Viborg 6:00pm
 - December 8th (Friday)- Pep Band @ Hurley 6:00pm
 - December 12th (Tuesday)- Pep Band @ Hurley 6:00pm
- December 14th (Thursday) – High School Concert @ Viborg 6:30pm
- December 15th (Friday) – Pep Band @ Hurley 6:00pm
 - Band Trip March 21st-25th TBD Where
 - March 26th (Tuesday)- High School Spring Concert @ Viborg 6:30pm
- May 13th (Saturday) – Graduation @ Viborg

UNDERLINED DATES ARE REQUIRED EVENTS

(There may be times where we do a drumline during an additional game. I will let you know in advance) YOU WILL BE GRADED ON PEP BAND THIS YEAR!!! SO BE PROACTIVE AND MAKE SCHEDULES ACCORDINGLY.

Grading:

You will be graded on the following criteria:

- A. Large Group Performance - 40%
- B. Daily Participation/Weekly Lesson - 50%
- D. Folder checks/other assignments – 10%

A. Group Performance 40%:

Performances at concerts, festivals, and other related events are one of the best ways to assess the musical progress and growth of a music student. Effort, focus, participation, technique, cooperation, commitment, professionalism, and musical maturity can all be evaluated in this

way. It is imperative that students enrolled in this class are present for the required events on the music calendar. Outside conflicts are not an excuse. If an extreme emergency (sickness,

family duress etc.) should arise, Mrs. Brown should be notified as soon as possible and there will be an opportunity to make up the missed event by completing an alternate assessment. The right to make up points for a missed concert will be at the discretion of Mrs. Brown.

Performance Concert Attire: It is important to look professional at our concerts. Tops: buttoned down collared shirts, blouses, all undergarments unseen

Bottoms: black dress pants, appropriate skirts, all undergarments unseen

Dresses: optional, appropriate, all undergarments unseen

Shoes: dress shoes (no sneakers) Accessories: ties, bowties, scarves, jewelry

B. Daily Participation - 50%

5 participation points can be earned daily.

1 – having your music in its folder in the condition it was given to you (no tears, missing pages, etc.)

1 – having a pencil ready to be used in rehearsal

1 – displaying a positive attitude and readiness to work

1 – being on time (in your spot and ready to play when the second bell rings)

1 - acting in order to enhance your own and others' learning

Daily participation rubrics may be handed out for students to self-evaluate on their work that day. Mrs. Brown will take a student's self-assessment into account for grading.

If a student has an unexcused absence, they will automatically receive a zero for the day.

Excused absences will earn an "excused" grade.

Mrs. Brown understands that illnesses will occur that will cause you to lose your voice and have a sore throat. This does not excuse you from participating in rehearsal. You will be given an observation form to fill out during the rehearsal and it will be evaluated by Mrs. Brown.

D. Folder Checks/Other Assignments – 15%

Each member of this ensemble is expected to have a pencil ready to be used every day. Mrs.

Brown will be asking the band to make marks in their music to improve music literacy. Some days will have exit tickets posted to Google Classroom and those questions are also required in this portion of the grade.

Grading Scale:

93-100% - A

85-92% - B

77-84% - C

70-76% - D

69% and below – F

Class Rules:

1. Be in your spot and ready to play when the bell rings.

2. Follow directions.

3. Do not speak out of turn.
4. All other school rules found in the student handbook.

All music scores and materials are loaned to students for their use during the school year.

Scores

are to be kept clean and handled carefully. Students will be required to pay for lost or damaged materials.

Disciplinary Actions:

1. Verbal warning
2. Verbal warning/ 10 min detention after school
3. Verbal warning/ 30 min detention after school/ principal's office
 - #2 and #3 will require parent contact as well.
 - Also know that all coaches of athletes will be informed immediately after the class is over.

Positive Feedback:

1. Verbal recognition
2. Positive phone call to the student's parents
3. Class-wide reward

Every student comes into the music classroom with a clean slate every day. Any mistakes they may have made the day before are wiped away and every first offense starts with a verbal warning. Only extreme offenses will cause a skip in disciplinary actions straight to the principal's office.

Mrs. Brown's Guide to Success in the Band:

1. Always be positive.
2. Commit all the way.
3. Believe in what you are performing.
4. Believe in yourself and others.
5. Utilize humble confidence.
6. Be an individual - but only to the point where it does not negatively reflect upon your peers or your school.
7. Be a team player - a band is a team and a family.

Syllabus Acknowledgement Form

(Must be returned to Mrs. Brown by August 27th (Friday) by class time)

The syllabus is available on the Google Classroom Band page that your student has access to. If you do not have access to the Internet, please request a paper copy from Mrs. Brown.

Student Contract

I, _____ on the _____ day of August, 2023 have read and understand the above requirements and expectations. I will follow all rules and expectations to the best of my ability. I agree to be at all games and events unless there is an emergency and my parent has contacted Mrs. Brown prior to the event taking place. I also understand that my actions have consequences. I have read the above policy and will do my best to exhibit positive behavior and attitude while in Mrs. Brown's classroom.

Student _____ Date _____

Teacher _____ Date _____