

Muscle Shoals High School Concert Band Syllabus

Welcome to the Muscle Shoals High School Concert Band! We are excited for a year filled with growth, music-making, and memorable performances. Please read this syllabus carefully and adhere to the guidelines and requirements.

1. Band Fees

- \$175 per student
- Fees are due by February 1st, 2025 and cover instruction, sheet music, transportation, and other band-related expenses.
- Concert attire is not included in the fee and must be purchased separately.

2. Concert Attire

- Boys: Tuxedo (to include jacket, shirt, pants, bow tie, and black shoes).
- Girls: All-black formal attire (e.g., dresses, pantsuits, or skirts with blouses, and black dress shoes).
- Attire must be purchased and ready before the first performance.

3. Calendar

- The full band calendar is provided in a separate document.
- Please review all dates and plan accordingly. Attendance at all performances and practices is mandatory.

4. Practice and Sectionals

- Practice Requirements: Students are expected to practice at least one hour per week outside of rehearsal.
- Sectionals: Additional rehearsals may be called by the director as needed. Attendance at sectionals is mandatory.

5. Rehearsal Expectations

- Attendance: All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. Missing a rehearsal or performance without prior approval from the director may result in consequences, including a lowered grade and dismissal from the group.
- Pencils: Students must bring a pencil to every rehearsal.

- Cell Phone Policy:
 - Phones may be used during the first 20 minutes of rehearsal during the warm-up process.
 - After this period, phones must be silenced and put away unless instructed otherwise by the director.
 - The school's cell phone policy will be followed.

6. Communication

- Announcements, changes to the schedule, and other updates will be communicated via the band app. Join the band app by scanning the QR code:



- Students and parents should ensure contact information is up-to-date with MSCS.

7. Grading Policy

- Participation: 75% (includes attendance, punctuality, and preparation for rehearsals and performances).
- Performance Assessments: 25% (individual and group evaluations).

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We are looking forward to an incredible year. Let's work together to make it a success!