

Cascade High School – 801 E. Casino Road Everett, WA 98208

Course Description

During the year students will be involved in a variety of activities including the Wind Bands, Percussion, Cascade Sound Marching Band, The Cascade Jazz Project, School Concerts, Festivals, Basketball Pep Band, and Parades. These courses will focus on developing skill needed to become a fine musician on a wind instrument and percussion, both as an individual and in a group. The student will also learn teamwork, leadership, respect, and good citizenship. The performance calendar of events is maintained at <http://www.everettsd.org/Page/12416>

GRADING PROCEDURE

DAILY PARTICIPATION UNIT (30% Each Semester) –

The student is in attendance, punctual, prepared with materials, participating in a positive manner, and following instructions given by the instructor. 5 points will be awarded for each successful class period. Students who are tardy to class will receive a maximum of 3 of the daily points. As a **performance-based** class, rehearsals and rehearsal instruction cannot be made up. Absences (excused or unexcused) and tardies will affect your grade. When you are gone, you miss vital instruction that affects all members. Missing this class doesn't only affect you; it affects *ALL* members in this ensemble. A student will not be considered absent if he/she is on a school-sponsored event which is being held during a regularly scheduled class meeting day, **provided that prior notice is given to instructor (prior notice does not mean the day before or immediately before....but at least 5 days in advance).**

PERFORMANCE and REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE UNIT (30% Each Semester) –

Performances serve as the exams of our subject area and our daily work. Additionally, it is often necessary to hold rehearsals outside the school day to combine classes such as percussion and one of the concert bands. Students will receive ample notification of required performances and rehearsals and will receive credit for their attendance. Students are required to attend all performances and rehearsals. Performance and rehearsal attendance includes being present for the entire event, including pre-concert warm up. Arriving late or leaving early will result in a loss of points. Students who miss concerts without an excused absence may be subject to removal from the course. Excused absences generally include family emergency and/or illness. Concert dress guidelines will be given out in class. Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Jazz Band have tuxes or gowns that will be assigned to each member and then become the responsibility of the student. Hair must be a naturally occurring color in appearance. A professional look is required at all times. All of our assessments are performance based, so each concert is considered a FINAL EXAM, and this is one exam that CANNOT be made up.

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL SERVICE UNIT (10% Each Semester)

Each Band student will be asked to complete Community and/or School Service. These assignments will include performing at school assemblies and basketball games, Parades, Commencement, etc. Credit will be awarded for each event.

PLAYING AND WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS, FORMS (20% Each Semester) –

Periodically the student will be asked to perform individual playing and written assignments to monitor preparation, practice, and study. Forms are also required for participation in band and many of our activities. These include Medical Forms, Permission Slips, Surveys, Parent/Student Code, etc. Those forms will be tracked and credit awarded. Each band student will need to register for a Smart Music account for many of the playing assignments of the class. If you prefer to perform tests at home you will need to purchase a subscription. This option is very convenient and allows flexibility of your schedule. There will be technology available at school for testing to be to be completed during school such as at PAWS if you are unable to purchase a subscription.

FINAL EXAM (10% Each Semester)

A Final exam will be given according to the Cascade High School finals schedule at the end of each semester. Details for each class final will be given in class.

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ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS – PLEASE PLAN AND COMMUNICATE

Attendance and punctuality is a vital key to the success of any ‘team’ related activity. It is understood that perfect attendance for an entire school year is not probable (it is possible though!) With perfect attendance serving as a basic principle of successful operation, the following attendance conflict policy will be used. It is meant to serve as protection for the integrity and quality of the group and its committed members.

School Related Conflicts — If you choose to participate in Band and another school activity (sports, cheer, dance, etc.) the following priority list will serve as a starting point for working out a resolution to the conflict.

1. Judged Music Event/Festival
2. Post League Event
3. Music Concert
4. Regular Season League or Non League Event
5. Music Rehearsal
6. Athletic or Activity Practice

Please bring conflicts to the attention of both activity advisors ASAP so a reasonable resolution can be reached. In many cases, an individual’s contribution to the group and the competitive significance of the event will aid in the resolution.

Work and other Non-School Related Conflicts — These conflicts are generally UNEXCUSED absences. Points lost due to these absences may be made up in extreme cases with the approval of the director. Occasionally, extreme circumstances make it impossible for a student to participate in the extra- curricular activities, which are required of the band and its members. These situations may be worked out to allow the student to participate in the band during the day and performances. In this situation the student will be asked to do the make up work comparable to the amount of time missed outside the school day.

Classroom Expectations

- Be prompt to all events. This means arriving before an event to ensure proper set-up and pre-warm time.
- Be ready to play when the director/drum major steps on the podium.
- Bring all necessary materials each day (instrument, pencil, music, reeds, mouthpieces, sticks, etc).
- No gum, food, or drink is allowed in the band room (water is okay).
- No hats of any kind may be worn during indoor rehearsals.
- Respect yourself, others, and school property such as music and equipment.
- No foul language.
- Listen and follow instructions when given.
- Raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged before speaking.
- DO NOT touch items that don’t belong to you.
- Use of practice rooms is by permission from the director only.
- Students are allowed in the director’s office ONLY after receiving permission from the director.
- Bring a POSITIVE ATTITUDE and desire to get better each day.

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2017-2018 Course Syllabus Parent and Student Pledge (Sign and Return)

As a member of the Cascade High School Band program, we have read and understand the Course Syllabus as outlined by Mr. Staley. We will do our best to provide the band program with quality efforts, integrity, and good citizenship. We know that there is a 2017-2018 Master Schedule available and we will avoid conflicts to the best of our ability to ensure a quality program and experience not only for myself, but my teammates as well.

Student

Parent