



LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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Course Introduction and Syllabus

This is a participation and performance based class focused on extending your understanding of musical notation and reading. The goal of this class is to establish a strong foundation of musicianship, excellence in performance, and teamwork while working towards several ensemble performances.

Students will develop the skills and knowledge to perform music alone, in small sections, and in large ensembles. In addition to performing, students will develop the ability to understand, appreciate, perceive, create, and respond to music through balanced instruction that includes studying works from historical, aesthetic, and critical perspectives.

BAND ROOM REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS:

o **NO:** gum, candy, food, drinks, hats, homework from other classes, books to read, talking during class time, restroom use during class, fixing instrument during class, use your instrument locker as your personal storage space.

o **YES:** help with chairs and stands, be prepared, sit actively through rehearsal, keep your instrument well maintained, keep a pencil ready to write at any moment, ask for help, practice before and after school, be responsible and trustworthy, sit tall, invest your energy into the rehearsal.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO BE ON TIME AND PREPARED?

1. In chair with instrument, music and pencil ready to go when Mr. Gooden begins warm ups.
2. All music is lightly numbered with pencil and has been practiced at home.
3. Alert and ready to rehearse. This includes having a positive attitude.

The following rules and regulations will apply at all rehearsals:

1. WHEN MR. GOODEN STEPS TO THE PODIUM ALL ATTENTION AND FOCUS WILL BE DIRECTED TO HIM.
2. Be in your seat ready to play within 1 minutes of the beginning of class or rehearsal.
3. Every Band member will bring instruments, music, pencil, and any other proper equipment to every rehearsal or performance.
4. Play only when asked to do so. When the director is not working with you, sit quietly and silently practice your music.
5. The chalk board/projector should be read when entering the rehearsal room. Music will be placed in the proper order according to the instructions on the board.
6. Music folders, instruments, and equipment will be kept in their proper storage places when not in use.

Consequences

Breaking any of the above mentioned rules will result in the following:

1. First Offense -- Warning
2. Second Offense -- Loss of points
3. Third Offense -- Detention
4. Fourth Offense -- Referral to the Office

Your grade will be determined as follows:

- 20% Written Tests/Quizzes
- 35% Performances/Playing Tests
- 45% Class Participation/Preparedness

The Louisiana Band has many performances throughout the year and students are expected to participate in all of the events. A student will only be excused from a concert in extreme circumstances and will need to contact Mr. Gooden to make up the points in another fashion. The dates are provided early in the year so that your calendars can be marked to avoid any conflicts. If a problem should arise, see Mr. Gooden immediately!

Concert Grading

Concerts are worth 50 points:

- Being on time: 10 points
- Wearing proper concert dress: 5 points
- Having necessary materials: 10 points
- Being musically prepared: 10 points
- Being respectful during each ensemble's performance: 10 points
- Concert clean up (staying until everything is put away): 5 points

Concert Make-Ups

Make-Ups for concerts will be accepted only if the student is excused from school for an extreme circumstance.

- The student performing each piece from the concert on his or her own
- The student must schedule a time in advance, outside of class or individual lessons to make the recording
- The student must be dressed in concert attire
- The student will be graded based on the following criteria:
 - Being on time: 5 points
 - Wearing proper concert dress: 5 points
 - Having necessary materials: 10 points
 - Being musically prepared: 35 points
- Because students who miss the concert are not able to be graded on being respectful during each ensemble's performance or concert clean up, students will be graded more strictly on musical preparedness.

Points will be subtracted from the assignment total if performance is not made up within 1 week

Pep Band Grading

Pep Bands are graded as performances. The student will receive zeroes for the pep performances.

Pep Band are worth 15 points:

- Being on time: 5 points
- Having necessary materials: 5 points
- Putting instrument and music away timely and properly: 5 points

- Points may be subtracted from the total if students are not following directions during the performance

Instrument Storage

Each woodwind and brass player will be given a locker for instrument storage. Lockers will be assigned based on instrument size.

Locker Rules

Band lockers should only have instruments, music, and any accessories (reeds, mouthpieces, sticks, etc.) in the locker. Textbooks, food, drinks, and any other items will be removed and discarded or turned into the office. Failure to comply with these rules will result in a loss of locker privileges.

Band Room “Hours”

The band room will only be open during the times listed below. All school rules and band rules are expected to be followed at all times. Sectionals take priority during any given period. Mr. Gooden reserves the right to send you back to class at any time. If you want to come down to the band room for personal practice, you must see Mr. Gooden BEFORE coming down to the band room, at which time he will sign your passbook. If you come down and Mr. Gooden is not here, you MUST go back to class (unless you have a sectional and there is no cancelled sign on the band room door). “Hours”: Before School (M, W, F Unless Mr. Gooden has hall duty), Period 1(All), Period 6(All), After School (if needed, contact Mr. Gooden)

Daily Participation

Students have the opportunity to earn five participation points each day. They are dependent on your participation, behavior, and preparedness of the student.

Trips/Transportation

Students are expected to conduct themselves on trips in such a way as to enhance the reputation of the students, parents, band, school, and community of Louisiana. Individuals who do not do this will be dealt with appropriately with the advice and consent of the principal. According to school rules, a student must be transported to the school event in school transportation. After the event, the parent may take their child home with them, but have to check out with the directors first. Any other arrangements must be approved through the Athletic/Activities Director in advance of the event.

Dress Code

Marching Band

Full uniform is defined as tall black socks, official band shoes, hat & plume (marching only), gloves (marching only), uniform coat and pants. Students will wear a band t-shirt underneath their band coat.

Concert Band

Students will wear nice clothes, no jeans for the winter and spring concert. For the contest the students will wear Black Pants and provided polo.

Materials Needed

1. Instrument
2. Pencils and eraser
3. Folder with all music
4. Black LONG socks
5. Gloves
6. Flip Folder
7. Lyre
8. Black Band Shoes

Any of the above supplies will be ordered besides black socks. If you need any of the items fill out the form and turn in the money in with the form to Mr. Gooden.

Communication

REMIND.com – Parents need to text @gooden to (229) 351-5396 or email gooden@mail.remind.com in order to receive timely texts/emails from the Mr. Gooden.

"Remind" is a safe way for teachers to send text messages to students and stay in touch with parents. It is a notification program that sends out text and email messages directly from the teacher. It does NOT provide conversation interaction. Teachers create a class in REMIND and the class is assigned a unique code that is used when students and parents sign up for text or email notifications.

In addition, please check and join the Bulldog Activities Page for more information.

Booster Note:

The LHS Boosters is an organization comprised of the parents of the band, choir and color guard students who make up the band program. Plan now to attend the first Booster Meeting of the year on Tuesday evening, September 2nd at 5:30 in the library.

Commitment Contract

The Louisiana Band's history is characterized by a tradition of excellence with a state-wide reputation. Due to the hard work of those of the past, we have the tradition of excitement and achievement to maintain and to build. Each of us is vital to the Band's success. We can accomplish our goals only if 100% effort is given at all times by all members.

I have read the Louisiana Band Manual carefully and understand my role and responsibilities as a member of the Band. I hereby agree to do my very best at all times.

Student Signature

Date

Telephone

As Band Parents, we too have read the Band Manual carefully and will help our son/daughter fulfill their role and responsibilities to the band. I also will be responsible for picking up my child at the requested time. The directors and the administrators expect the parents to secure a ride home for their child at the requested time. The time will always be announced before the event. For away trips, all students will have access to a cell phone to call home so parents will know time of arrival.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Telephone

E-mail Address

Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
8/4-8	6-8:30 PM	Band Camp
8/22	5:30	Football Game (Bowling Green)
8/29	5:30	Football Game (South Shelby)
9/10	During School	Cornet Chop Suey
9/13	8:00 AM	Heritage Days Parade
9/13	6:30 PM	Cornet Chop Suey Concert Appleshed
9/19	12:45	Homecoming Parade
9/19	5:30	Football Game Homecoming (Brookfield)
10/04	5:00 AM	Washington Marching Festival
10/10	5:30	Football Game (Macon)
10/11	8:00 AM	Applefest Parade
10/14	During School	Hannibal Marching Fest
10/17	5:30	Football Game (Highland) Senior Night
10/18	8:45 AM	Colorfest Parade
10/18	5:30	Alumni Dinner
11/08	6:30 AM	District Band Try Outs*
11/13	4:00 PM	Conference Band Try Outs*
12/06	6:00 AM	All-State Auditions*
01/10/15	6:00 AM	District Band Conference/Clinic*
02/07/15	6:00 AM	Conference Band Practice*
02/11/15	6:00 AM	Conference Band Tour*
03/07/15	8:00 AM	Small Ensemble/Solos*
03/27/15	TBA	Large Group Festival
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Schedule for Your Work (**WORK IS NOT AN EXCUSE!**)

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