

# Syllabus

Highlands Middle School Music

Band, Orchestra

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## Course Objectives/Goals:

Our goal at Highlands Middle School is to maintain a great atmosphere where students enjoy Creating, Performing, and Responding to music. At Highlands M.S. we value different genres of music and will encourage students to be open to different styles and musical ideas. Students are also encouraged to share and continue their musical endeavors beyond middle school and into their adult lives.

## Course Outline/Units:

The year is divided into 4 units. Each quarter of school will end with a concert. These concerts are not just for the entertainment of our audiences but more importantly, are opportunities to give a formal performance of what we've been learning as an ensemble.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – Concert – Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>

Highlands Gymnasium -           Orchestra - 6:30 to 7:15 (Student call time is 6:00)  
Band – 7:40 to 8:30 (Student call time is 7:15)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – Concert – Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>

Highlands Gymnasium -           Orchestra and Choir- 6:30 to 7:30 (Student call time is 6:00)  
Band – 7:45 to 8:35 (Student call time is 7:30)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – Concert – March 29<sup>th</sup>

Southridge Auditorium -       Orchestra - 6:30 to 7:15 (Student call time is 6:00)  
Band – 7:40 to 8:30 (Student call time is 7:15)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – Concert – TBA

## Course Materials:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Orchestra members need to purchase "Essential Elements 2000 book 1" for their instrument.

7<sup>th</sup> grade Band will use "Essential Elements 2000 book 1" for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. 7<sup>th</sup> grade band will use "Essential Elements 2000 book 2" beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

7<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra members will use "Essential Elements 2000 book 2"

8<sup>th</sup> grade Band and Orchestra members will use "Essential Elements book 2"

String players need a cleaning cloth, extra strings, shoulder rest and rosin for their instruments.

Wood Wind players need a cleaning cloth, extra reeds, cork grease, swab and a strap, depending upon the instrument.

Brass players need a cleaning cloth, mouthpiece brush and valve oil.

Trumpet and trombone players are also encouraged to have a straight mute.

Percussionists need sticks and bell mallets as well as both a snare drum and concert bells since they'll need to learn both keyboard and snare. These can be purchased or rented in drum kits at local music stores.

*All students must bring a pencil and planner to every class as well as their instrument and music.*

## Grading/Assessment Standards for Highlands M.S. Music:

**Homework** – All instrumental music students are encouraged to take their instruments home to practice on the weekends. Students are encouraged to take instruments home on weeknights for private lessons. Students may leave their instrument at school during the week.

**Projects and home practice** – Students will be encouraged to practice at home. Students will have practice lessons where they will play assigned music for parents or adults of their choosing. These will be assigned an S = satisfactory or a U = Unsatisfactory.

**Quiz** – Students will have quizzes from music in their books and important passages in music assigned. These will be assigned an S = satisfactory or a U = Unsatisfactory

**Tests** – Concerts are Tests.

Concert grades include students being:

- **On time** –
- **Dressing appropriately** - This year we will be wearing Highlands Middle School Music shirts and clean blue jeans. Order forms for the shirts are available from Mr. Kelly. Shirts will be ordered through the P.T.O.
- **Performing the assigned music**
- **Remaining for the entire concert** - Part of the Washington State Music Grade Level Expectations for students in middle school include audience conventions. This means that students need to learn to be good audience members as well as performers. Staying and supporting other groups for concerts satisfies the requirements of this portion of the Wa. State Music Grade Level Expectations.

Students can earn 100pts for concerts.

**Scale, Etude and playing Tests (end of semester)** – Students will be assessed on their performance of scales, etudes, and or passages from music we perform in concert. These playing tests will be worth 100pts. per quarter.

**Scale, Etude and Playing Test grades include:**

- **Posture and technique**
- **Note accuracy**
- **Pitch and intonation**
- **Counting and rhythm**
- **Stylistic interpretation**
- **Scales** –

Band (Concert Keys)

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Bb and Eb major
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Bb, Eb, F and G
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Bb, Eb, F, G, A and D Relative minors of Bb and Eb

Orchestra

- 6<sup>th</sup> – D and A major
- 7<sup>th</sup> – D, A, F, G and Bb
- 8<sup>th</sup> - D, A, F, G, Bb, C, E Relative minors of C, D and G

## **Behavioral Expectations/Consequences**

Highlands Middle School is a “Make Your Day” school. The guiding principle of this program is:

No one has the right to interfere with the learning, safety and well-being of others. Students whose behavior suggests a need to consider his/her class actions will be allowed to go to step one to do so. If the students behavior suggests a need to go to further steps I'll let them know. Should a child's actions show a desire for a step 4 conference with his/her parent and me, he/she will call to let his/her parent know. Step 4s should be short and only about a child's behavior regarding that specific situation. To set up a time to talk about grades or other class related topics please [email](mailto:perry.kelly@ksd.org) me or call 222-6700. I'm very good about returning calls immediately.

The best way to contact me is by [E-mail](mailto:Perry.Kelly@ksd.org) – [Perry.Kelly@ksd.org](mailto:Perry.Kelly@ksd.org). You can also call and leave a message at 222-6700. I'll return calls by the end of the school day. Highlands Music Website is [http://education.ksd.org/personal/perry\\_kelly/classroom/default.aspx](http://education.ksd.org/personal/perry_kelly/classroom/default.aspx)