

**Strom Thurmond High School
Fine Arts Department
Instrumental Music Syllabus**

Instructor: Justin T. Craig
Prerequisites: 6-8 Grade Band for Concert Band
6-8 Grade Band and Auditions for Symphonic Band
6-8 Grade Band for Percussion Ensemble
Room: Band Room
Grade Level: 9 – 12
Length of course: Two Semester Hours
Credit: Concert Band & Percussion Ensemble
First Year – 1 Hour of high school credit
Second Year - 1 Hour of high school credit
Third Year – 1 Hour of honors high school credit
Fourth Year - 1 Hour of honors high school credit
Symphonic Band
First Year – 1 Hour of high school credit
Second Year - 1 Hour of high school credit
Third Year – 1 Hour of honors high school credit
Fourth Year - 1 Hour of honors high school credit
Jazz Band
Rebel Recon – 0 Credit hours

Materials Needed:

All issued music
Habits of a Successful Musician (Technique Book) (Symphonic Band) (\$10)
Traditions of Excellence Book 3 (Concert Band) (\$10)
Essential Element for Jazz (Jazz Band) (\$14)
Pencil
Instrument
Metronome (TE Tuner on iPhone/Andoid)
Tuner (TE Tuner on iPhone/Andoid)
Three ring binder and page protectors
All supplies related to their instrument
The Will to Succeed

Grading Policy:

Every student in the fine arts classes will receive a daily participation grade of 100. Points will be deducted from that daily grade for the following infractions:

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| 1. Excessive talking in class | -5pts. |
| 2. Out of seat | -5pts. |
| 3. Not bringing in supplies | -5pts. |
| 4. Class disturbance | -5pts. |
| 5. Eating or drinking in class | -10pts. |
| 6. Unexcused tardy | -10pts. |
| 7. Chewing gum | -20pts. |
| 8. Not bring your instrument | -100 pts |
| 9. Not participating | -100pts. |
| 10. Cheating | -100pts. |

- An excuse must be presented the next class period to regain the 100 pts.
- Daily participation grades will be averaged in their grades each nine weeks. Students will not receive a daily grade if they are absent from school. If you check power school and deductions are made a note will appear stating the reason for the deduction.
- Participation grades, quizzes, projects, and tests will be averaged together to determine the students grade.

Evaluation:

- *Written Term Test or scales playing exams are administered for each nine weeks or semester.
- *Performances will be evaluated by the teacher based on the ability and attendance at rehearsals and performances.
- *Student performances will be graded as test and exam grades.**
- *Students participation grade will be a major part of the grade.

Method of Instruction:

Method of instruction will vary. Playing examples, performance examples, lecture and audio visual presentations will be used when appropriate.

Participation Grade	50%
Test Grade	30%
Quiz Grade	20%

Tutoring:

If a student needs extra help, I do not mind helping. We will work around after school activities and find a time that would work for both parties. It is the student’s responsibility to ask for the help.

Required Performances:

The students will be required to perform on important performances which will be a major grade. Failure to perform will lower the student’s grade tremendously. The following dates are required performances.

Veteran’s Day	November 9 @ 9:00 AM (STHS Gym)
Newberry College Band Clinic	November 29 – December 1 (Newberry College)
Christmas Concert	December 3 @ 7:00 PM (STHS Gym)
SCBDA Region Band Auditions	January 12 (North Augusta High School)
SCBDA All State Band Auditions	January 26 (Lexington High School)
USC Band Clinic	February 14-17 (USC School of Music)
SCBDA Jazz Performance Assessment	March 2 (Newberry College)
SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment	March 19-21 (Lexington High School)
Edgefield County Fine Arts Festival	April 4 @ 7:00 PM (JET Gym) (Jazz Band)
Spring Concert	April 18 @ 7:00 PM (STHS Gym)
SCBDA Solo & Ensemble	April 26 (Aiken High School)

Other engagements may be booked during the year. The engagements will be presented as quickly as possible.

Please see our band handbook for course descriptions, goals & objectives, classroom rules & procedures, and student responsibilities.

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