

# Skyline High School

## Symphony Band

### Course Syllabus

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#### Course Information

Symphony Band is a year long course worth 1.5 credits. This credit may be used as a credit required for graduation.

#### Course Overview

This is a three trimester, one year course. This course provides a continuation of the fundamentals in tone production, articulation, music reading and scales. Concert Band provides all interested students who play wind (woodwind and brass) and percussion instruments an opportunity to study and perform a variety of music. Performances are an integral part of the music curriculum, which may include concerts, festivals, solos, ensembles, recitals, and appearances within the community when appropriate. After school rehearsals and performances are required. This class meets daily and may be repeated for credit. An audition is required for this ensemble.

#### Mastery Learning

Each student in the performing arts will accomplish a set of benchmarks in a cyclical manner of learning in which the students demonstrate their ability of each skill, working towards the National Standards.

#### Student Evaluation

Concert Band Course Grades are based on the following:

Mastery Points.....	70%
-Performances, Playing Assessments, etc	
Process Points.....	20%
-Quizzes, homework, rehearsal techniques, etc.	
Final Exam (Mastery).....	10%

- Students will be given an opportunity to be reassessed when they do not attain mastery of content of at least an 80%. Students will only be reassessed on standards they have not mastered. (Upon mastery of content, students will earn a minimum of 80%). In all non-AP/AC classes, students are permitted unlimited reassessment until mastery is achieved. All reassessment opportunities should be completed 2 weeks prior to the end of the term, unless pre-approved by the instructor.
- Opportunities for reassessment to attain mastery will be built into class time to allow equitable access to reassessment based on student need.

- All efforts will be made by Skyline staff to help remove barriers to students reassessing.

### **Performances/Concerts**

You are expected to attend all concerts and/or performances that are on the calendar. The band calendar is located in the band handbook and is also posted on the Skyline band website as well as available in the band room.

Unforeseen circumstances resulting in absences from such events are dealt with on a case-by-case basis with the director.

Symphony Band - Full Orchestra Members: For symphony band full orchestra students, your “Rehearsals/Concerts” grade category will be split 50/50, with 50% of your grade coming from full orchestra and 50% coming from band (of the 50% that makes up this category). Full orchestra is an expectation of Symphony Band. If there are more students interested than we have room for in a certain instrument, an audition may be necessary.

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### **Technology Use**

School supplied and personal technology (including, but not limited to, cell phones, tablets, smart watches, and laptops) must be turned off in all instructional settings (classrooms, labs, outdoor classrooms, etc.) during the day **unless allowed by the teacher**. Teachers will use spotlight system in their classrooms to notify students of the expectation at that time.

**Red:** No tech at this time | **Yellow:** Ask before use |  
**Green:** Allowed for instructional purposes

Cell phones may be used before and after school hours, and during hall passing in between classes, and/or during lunchtime. However, the device or earbuds must not impede the student from being able to hear directions and inquiries from school personnel and fellow students. Students should have their electronics and earbuds put away before entering the classroom. There should be NO phone use in locker rooms and bathrooms. Photos and videos may not be taken at school without proper authorization.

School personnel reserve the right to confiscate technology when it interferes with instruction. Continued misuse will result in removal of technology to support the student in engaging in the learning environment. First removal - student will forfeit the device until the end of the class period. All subsequent removals - the student will forfeit the device to the SLC office personnel until the end of the day.

## **Hall Passes**

Instructional time should be preserved. Students may only leave the classroom with the teacher's permission.

- Passes will not be issued for the first and last five minutes of a period.
- Students must sign out and keep a classroom lanyard/bathroom pass visible and with them at all times while out of class.
- A Skyline building hall pass is required for a visit to a counselor or other office. The building hall pass must be completed by a school staff member.
- Students may not be excused from a class to complete work or activities for another course

*Equity is the moral responsibility of each member of our learning community to take the intentional actions necessary to create a learning community free of barriers, biases, and disproportionality for each and every person regardless of personal characteristics and social circumstances.*

## **Skyline Writing Center Website: [skylinewritingcenter.org](http://skylinewritingcenter.org)**

The Skyline Writing Center offers free writing support to all currently enrolled Skyline students. Writing Center tutors are trained juniors and seniors. The Writing Center is open every hour of every day that school is in session. Writing Center tutors can assist any student at any stage in the writing process from initial brainstorming to final revisions. Students may use the Writing Center's services for writing assignments in any course. Students may also use the Writing Center for creative writing, college essays, SAT writing preparation, and more.

Students can visit a tutor in person in room B429 on a walk-in or appointment basis.. In-person sessions typically last 15-20 minutes. Students can also submit their work through the Writing Center's website for online tutoring in the Online Writing Lab (OWL). Writing is returned in 48-72 hours with suggestions and an invitation to visit the Writing Center for a follow-up appointment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by email or by phone.

Looking forward to working with all of you this year at Skyline.

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