



BAND SYLLABUS

Name of Courses: Intermediate Band (7th Grade)

Symphonic Band (8th Grade)

Teacher: Mr. Cohen

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Zoom Links:

7th Grade Band –

- Tuesday-Friday
- 2:10PM-2:50PM
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2976113782>

8th Grade Band –

- Tuesday-Friday
- 2:50PM-3:30PM
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86761631696>

Welcome to Band! We hope you're looking forward to a fun year, experiencing the exciting process of learning and creating music. Students at NMCMS will receive a quality music education through exploring the craft of playing in a band.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Band classes are open to students who have one or more years of experience playing a band instrument. Students who enroll in band go on to be members of their high school band(s), their college bands, their community bands, and in general, end up being lifelong supporters of the arts. These courses focus on the collaborative aspect of music making necessary for successful ensemble playing. Critical thinking is fostered through analysis, evaluation, and reflection on musical content and performance. Instruction is offered on: flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone horn, tuba, percussion and bass.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Instrument - Please make sure that your instrument is ready before the Zoom meeting begins.
- Reeds (clarinet and saxophone players) should be replaced every 2-3 weeks.
- Pencil

Wise music is a great resource that rents and sells instruments, as well as carry supplies and books:

Wise Music
233 Monterey St.
Salinas, CA 93901
831-424-7885

GOALS

The main purpose of the course is to provide students the opportunity to study/perform a variety of styles of music and to develop a deeper understanding of the music world. Students will be introduced to the California Music Standards that include Artistic Perception, Creative Expression, Historical and Cultural Context, Aesthetic Valuing, and Connection.

Students will:

1. Read and notate music. (California Music Standard 1.1-1.6)
2. Listen to, analyze, and describe music. (California Music Standard 2.1-2.5)
 3. Analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world. (California Music Standard 3.1-3.5)
 4. Analyze, assess, and derive meaning from music. (California Music Standard 4.1-4.4)

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT (includes classwork, participation and assessments)

GRADING POLICY

Classwork	= 40%
Participation	= 40%
Assessment	= 20%

BAND EXTRA HELP

Students who need extra help in band should email Mr. Cohen at Nathan_Cohen@nmcusd.org to schedule a time for a one on one extra help Zoom.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dates for Central Coast Honor Band will be announced in class since they are currently not scheduled. This year Central Coast Honor Band will be a virtual experience.
- Dates for All State Band are still not determined.
- Updates in important dates will be posted in Google Classroom throughout the school year.

SCHOOLWIDE RULES

1. Be on time to class.
2. Eating and drinking is not acceptable during Zoom lessons. Water is OK.
3. Keep personal electronics powered off and put away.
4. Follow dress code appropriately at all times.
5. Follow directions the first time.
6. Respect yourself and others by always being kind.
7. Please have your instrument put together before Zoom class starts.

BAND RULES

1. Be On Time to Class! – Students should be in the band room by the bell and in their seat with their instrument three minutes after the bell rings.

2. Bring Your Stuff! – Students must bring their instrument, their music, and pencil to class every day.

3. Take Care of Your Stuff! – Students are held responsible for cleaning up after themselves and putting their equipment away at the end of every rehearsal.

4. Respect Your Teacher! – Please respect your teacher by not talking during rehearsals. If you have a question, please raise your hand and wait to be recognized.

5. Respect Your Classmates! – Show respect to your band members at all times.

6. Respect Our Equipment! – Your instrument is for you to play, and only you. Instruments are extremely expensive, so students should never play each other's instruments. In addition, only percussionists should ever play the percussion instruments in the band room!

7. Be Ready and Willing! – When you walk into the band room, you should always be Ready to Work and Willing to Learn.

8. Have Fun! – Being a part of band should be a fun experience for all students. If you try your best to meet the first 7 expectations, we're certain this last one will happen all by itself.