



West Senior High Bands Syllabus 2023-24

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Bright Space and Google Meet Links

Jazz Band

Bright Space: <https://traversecity.brightspace.com/d21/home/98037>

Google Meet: WSHMielens

Concert Band

Bright Space: <https://traversecity.brightspace.com/d21/home/95674>

Google Meet: WSHMielens

Wind Ensemble

Bright Space: <https://traversecity.brightspace.com/d21/home/95676>

Google Meet: WSHMielens

Symphony Band

Bright Space: <https://traversecity.brightspace.com/d21/home/98508>

Google Meet: WSHMielens

Course Outline and Objectives

Throughout their time in the West Band Department, students will advance their:

- 1) Musical Development
- 2) Music Appreciation
- 3) Musical Language

Through these points of growth students will develop a “Music Learning Community”, a safe environment centered on positive learning, musical growth, and respect towards their peers, instruments, facilities, music and teachers.

Grading

The West Bands grading system operates on a points system as listed below:

Concert and Performance Attendance and Etiquette: 100 points/event.

After School Rehearsals/Dress Rehearsals Attendance and Participation: 25 points/event.

Weekly Participation: 3 points/daily.

Weekly participation includes bringing appropriate materials to class (instrument, music and pencil) as well as engagement in classroom activities. These materials allow students to fully participate in our learning and rehearsals. Not having your instruments results in an automatic loss of all three points for the day. Other points can be deducted at the director's discretion.

Playing Quizzes: 25 points/quiz.

Grading is based on MSBOA rubric, focusing on Tone, Intonation, Rhythm, Technique and Interpretation.

Homework and Written Assignments: Points assigned based on assignment.

Concert and Rehearsal Attendance and Etiquette: Every student is expected and required to attend all scheduled rehearsals and concerts during the school year. All unavoidable conflicts must be communicated by a parent to the director(s) ***no later than 2 weeks before the schedule conflict.***

Band Expectations

Be Your Best

Be Your Best is a goal that everyone can achieve. It is all that is expected of you, but it is expected all the time-- every minute, every practice, every day and every performance.

Show Respect

Respect yourself. Respect others. Respect the band facilities, equipment, instruments, and uniforms.

Be Prepared

Band members are responsible for working on their individual skills and practicing. All materials must be brought to class every day.

Be on Time

In order to be prepared to start our rehearsal promptly, students should arrive to the room *before* the rehearsal is scheduled to begin in order to be ready to start on time.

Uniform Requirements

Summer Uniform

The summer uniform comprises of a green TCW Band polo, long tan khaki pants, black socks, black belt, and drillmaster shoes. Families pay for the polo and drillmasters when registering for marching band, and must provide the remainder of the uniform on their own.

Marching Band Uniform

The marching band uniform is provided by WSH. A \$20 dry cleaning fee is collected in the spring for the following year. Uniforms are distributed during band camp, and collected again after the marching season ends.

Concert Uniform

All students are issued a tuxedo, or full length dress by the band department in October of each school year. There is a \$20 cleaning fee associated with this uniform. Uniforms are returned in May.

Concert Black

Students should also be prepared to furnish an all-black, semi-formal uniform for relaxed performances. Solid black clothing should be worn top to bottom, with no visible logos.

Calendar

Concerts/Required Events:

- December 11: Jazz Band w/WMS 7th Grade and Jazz Band: WSH Auditorium: 7pm
- December 13: Concert Band, Symphony Band and Wind Ensemble: WSH Auditorium: 7pm
- December 14: Wind Ensemble w/WMS: WMS Gym: 7pm
- February 8 or 9: Jazz Band: CMU Jazz Weekend: Mt. Pleasant: All Day
- February 17: Local Band Festival – All Bands (CB, SB, WE): WSH Auditorium: 8am-2pm
- March 1 or 2: MSBOA Band Festival – All Bands (CB, SB, WE): Elk Rapids HS: 8am-4pm
- April 12: Wind Ensemble @ Great Lakes Concert Band Festival: Ypsilanti: All Day *Tentative*
- April 13: Jazz Band: Essentially Ellington Jazz Festival: East Lansing: All Day *Tentative*
- May 13: Jazz Band: Spring Swing: City Opera House: 6pm
- May 15: Concert Band, Symphony Band and Wind Ensemble: WSH Auditorium: 7pm
- May 22: End of Year Banquet: WSH Commons: 6pm
- May 23: Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band: Music Booster Benefit Concert: TC Central Gym: 7pm

Optional/Encouraged Events:

- October 21/22: MSBOA All State Auditions: WSH Fine Arts Wing: 8am-4pm
- January 25/26/27: MSBOA All State Band: DeVos Hall, Grand Rapids: All Day
- February 3: MSBOA District Solo and Ensemble Festival: Kingsley HS: 8am-5pm
- March 16: MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival: Cadillac Mackinaw Trail MS: 8am-5pm