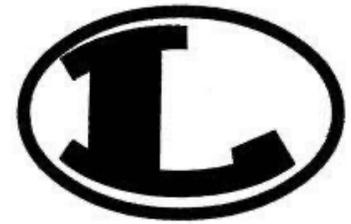


# LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

## *Band Course Syllabus 2021- 2022*

**Class:** Percussion

**Instructor:** Mr. Scharff, Mr. Hansen & Mr. Woodside



### **PURPOSE OF THE COURSE**

The purpose of this course is to provide a positive and challenging musical experience that enables each student to reach his or her potential as an instrumentalist. The objectives of this class are as follows:

1. To provide a musical experience of the highest possible caliber for the participant.
2. To provide Lexington High School with a group that represents it at a consistently high level.
3. To provide entertainment and school spirit at any of the events that it attends.

### **REQUIRED MATERIALS**

Each student is to have:

- Instrument and accessories
- iPad for music
- Athletic shoes (Marching Band Only)
- Sticks and mallets will be provided by the school district

### **ATTENDANCE**

It is essential that all rehearsals be virtually absence-free. All absences are unexcused unless arrangements have been made in advance of the rehearsal. Absences due to illness will follow the regular school guidelines. Each tardy will deduct 5 points from the final grade and each unexcused absence will deduct 10 points from the final grade. Students are allowed to make up these points by playing required musical selections assigned from the current musical repertoire.

All rehearsals will start on time with no exceptions. A 7:00 rehearsal time means that rehearsal starts promptly at 7:00 not 7:01. This means that band members should arrive a few minutes early so instruments and music are out and in working order. Most generally a report time will be given. It is usually fifteen minutes earlier than rehearsal.

**All make-up sessions will occur once a week. The scheduled make-up day will be Wednesdays from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm in the LHS Band Room.**

### **GRADING CATEGORIES**

**-Points are deducted from a starting total of 100 (A+)**

**Performance Attendance (Concerts/Pep Bands)**

**Classroom Attendance**

**Classroom Behavior**

**Points Breakdown**

Concerts/Performances = -35 (Points can not be made up – Unless illness)

Pep band = Is graded, must attend all performances (Mandatory for

Lettering) Class Absence = -10 points per day

Class Behavior = -10 points per day

No Instrument = -10 per day (Unless out for repair)

## **PRACTICE**

All students enrolled in instrumental music are expected to practice at home on a consistent basis. Practice allows the student to review what has been learned in class. Students are expected to prepare their music for class rehearsal so that they can play their part accurately! Practice should be considered the “*homework*” portion of this class.

## **EXCUSED MAKE UP WORK (ex. = Absence for School Activity)**

As with any performance-based class, it is impossible to “make up” classroom instruction time. You perform a vital role in the success of your ensemble and exemplary attendance is required of all members. Should it be necessary for you to be absent from class, you should make up the assignment by contacting the teacher before the absence to see what will be missed from class. Each student will then need to make up the rehearsal through an assignment given by the teacher.

## **MUSIC**

Each band member is responsible for his or her own music. Music will be checked out in class and should be stored in your iPad.

## **UNIFORMS**

Uniforms will not be checked out this year. Instead, each student will need a pair of denim, non-ripped jeans to wear with the band shirt for marching band performances. Students will also need a set of professional-looking attire for the December and April concerts. There is some flexibility within this policy, however all clothing must follow school dress code policy, and should allow students to present themselves in a professional manner. No jeans or tennis shoes will be allowed.

## **BEHAVIOR**

Students are expected to conduct themselves as representatives of the Lexington Public School System when in public and to always represent their school in a positive light. Rude, sexist, or racial remarks as well as profanity will not be tolerated; failure to comply with this will result in dismissal from the group. Refer to the student handbook also for guidelines and school expectations.

## **CLASSROOM RULES**

1. You must be on time for class.
2. There should be absolutely no food, gum, or drink (*with the exception of water in a bottle*) in the rehearsal area at any time.
3. No students will be allowed in the band office.
4. Students may be required to play individually for the directors. This will be counted as a test grade and may be used to determine chair placement within the ensemble. This assignment may necessitate any after or before school playing time.
5. Follow the directions of the teacher the first time the directions are given.
6. Do not talk or play your instrument while the teacher is talking or giving a demonstration.
7. Raise your hand and wait to be called upon if you have a question.
8. Horseplay, punching, shoving or hitting is not allowed in the band room.
  1. No food or drink
  2. No gum
  3. No cell phones/personal electronic devices
  4. Be prepared for rehearsal, RESPONSIBILITY
  5. Treat others with RESPECT
  6. Exhibit DISCIPLINE and PRIDE