



Lowndes High School Band
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Wind Symphony, Symphonic, Concert Band, Percussion and Winter Guard Spring Syllabus

Purpose and Objectives:

The LHS Band Department provides ensemble performing experiences in a wide range of musical styles and periods. The music performed in this organization will vary throughout the semester and is selected to provide a challenging opportunity for musical growth. I expect you to attend all rehearsals and performances and to be prepared at all rehearsals and performances.

Grading Policy, Attendance and Other Requirements:

Grades will be based on attendance and compliance with the schedule of events and performances set by the director. There are no written exams. You may obtain a schedule of events from the calendars page on the band website, www.georgiabridgemen.org. You will also be provided a written schedule within the first two weeks of the semester with all after school rehearsals and performance dates.

Grading:

The director reserves the right to ask any member of the ensemble to demonstrate his/her level of preparation in an individual and private performance. A student's grade may be adjusted based on this individual and private performance. You will submit these recordings via email to your director. If you do not have a way to record your playing test, you may use the back office to record your test.

PLEASE REFER TO CALENDAR FOR AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS, CONCERT, AND COMPETITION DATES. THESE ARE MANDATORY!!!

PARTICIPATION: 40%
PLAYING/UNIT TEST: 20%
PERFORMANCES: 20%
FINAL EXAM: 20%

Mid Terms and Final Exam Grades will be based on Concert and Festival Performances and/or Winter Guard Competitions.

Tardy to Rehearsal:

Arriving late to rehearsal will not be tolerated. A student is considered tardy if he/she is not in their seat when rehearsal begins. The directors expect you to enter the band room quietly and begin to warm up on your own.

Materials for Class:

- Music
- Pencil
- Any mute you may need
- Instrument
- Extra reeds, valve oil, etc...
- All equipment needed for rehearsal (Winter Guard)

Any effort less than your best means you are cheating yourself and the others in the ensemble. Approach each rehearsal as if it were a performance. Take the attitude that you will perform better than your Best!!

Directors can be contacted at the following email addresses:

Jon Bowman - jonbowman@lowndes.k12.ga.us

Michael Thomas - michaelthomas@lowndes.k12.ga.us

Dr. Jeff Grant - jeffersongrant@lowndes.k12.ga.us

IF YOU PLAY A SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENT THERE WILL BE A \$20 RENTAL FEE FOR THE SEMESTER. THIS CAN BE PAID TO MR. BOWMAN AND CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO LHS.#####

