

Marching and Concert Bands, 2024-2025

Murphy High School

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Course Description

This course is designed to give the student an enriching and diverse instrumental music education. This class provides a number of performance opportunities for the student in a variety of settings. The daily objective of the course is to foster and promote musical growth through the playing of an instrument by the student. As a member of the Band program, group effort and cooperation is necessary to a successful program. Band is a skilled effort in which each student is expected to show technical and musical growth throughout this course.

Important Dates

Please see murphyhsband.com/calendar for a complete calendar.

Materials

- Instrument with all necessary accessories
- Binder or folder for music
- Any music given to you
- Pencil (grab one from the pencil drawer if you forget yours)
- Marching Band rehearsal and performance attire as outlined in Murphy High Band Handbook
- Concert Dress (Concert performances only) as outlined in Murphy High Band Handbook
- Access to Schoology
- Any other materials specified by the Director

Grading

- 60% Major Grades
 - Examples include playing tests, performances, written tests, etc.
- 40% Minor Grades
 - Examples include bell ringers, quizzes, etc.
- Performance grade breakdown
 - 50% - Performance
 - 50% - On time, with all appropriate equipment, and correct attire
- Rehearsal grade breakdown
 - 50% - Rehearsal etiquette, involvement, and improvement
 - 50% - On time, with all appropriate equipment
- Pass-offs
 - Students will perform pass-offs with student leaders and Mr. White throughout the year; students who do not pass will be given a second chance to pass-off with Mr. White when applicable.

Classroom Rules, Procedures, and Disciplinary Policies

Please refer to the Murphy Band Student Handbook on murphyhsband.com for a full list of rules and procedures. All students must always follow Murphy High School and MCPSS rules and procedures. Rules not explicitly stated in this syllabus but stated by the instructor must also be followed.

- Rules
 - Only water is allowed in the Band Facility – NO OTHER DRINKS, FOOD, OR GUM IS ALLOWED
 - Only touch and use items designated by the instructor – DO NOT TOUCH INSTRUMENTS, SMARTBOARDS, OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU DO NOT OWN
 - Only use cell phones, headphones, AirPods, and electronics at designated times
 - Stay at the designated area of the Band Facility – DO NOT GO TO THE OTHER ROOMS WITHOUT PERMISSION
 - Only talk at designated times
 - Follow all Murphy High School and MCPSS rules, including uniform policies
- Procedures
 - At the beginning of class, come to the Band Facility; before the late bell rings, sit in your assigned seat, and begin working on any Bell Ringers or assignments
 - Use the restroom at designated times only
 - Only leave the Band Facility once the dismissal bell rings
 - Fire Drills – exit the facility through the large band room and go to the band field
 - Severe Weather Drills – proceed to the uniform room at the back of the large band room
 - Lock Down Drills – proceed to the uniform room at the back of the large band room