
COURSE DESCRIPTION**Subject: BAND****Grade: 7 – 8****OVERVIEW:**

Band is a class for selected students that meet three days a week for an entire year. The class is designed and intended for students that already have basic to advanced understanding of musical notation, as well as having an understanding of the physical coordination to play a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument of their choosing. The focus of the Band class is to perform various styles of music (ranging anywhere from classical to popular), while also building upon and expanding their musical knowledge by introducing them to new rhythms, articulation, dynamics, notations, and meters.

BIBLICAL INTERGRATION:

1. "Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments." - I Chronicles 15:28
2. "The priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord...and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord..." -Ezra 3:10-11

UNIT DESCRIPTION:

1. NOTATION AND METERS: Understanding how to read the notes and keep a basic beat.
2. RHYTHM: Understanding the musical symbols that identify the specific length and time to play each note
3. ARTICULATION, DYNAMICS, ACCIDENTALS, AND TEMPOS: Understanding the musical symbols that help create a certain audible expression
4. PERFORMANCE: Taking all the learned musical concepts and expressing them in a prepared song

STUDENT MATERIALS:

Musical instrument

Musical accessories (i.e. valve oil, cork grease, reeds, drumsticks)

TEACHER MATERIALS:

Scale Builders for Developing Bands, James Curnow: Curnow Music Press, Inc

Various music selections