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

Beginning Band is an elective class that meets two days a week for one quarter. The class is designed and intended for students that have little to no understanding of reading music, as well as having little to no knowledge on how to play an instrument. The focus of the Beginning Band class is to teach the student the basics of reading musical notation, understand the physics of playing a brass or woodwinds instrument, and proper care and assembly of the instrument.

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, drum sticks)

Yamaha Band Student: Band Method, Book 1 Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.

TEACHER MATERIALS:

Yamaha Band Student: Band Method, Book 1 Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.