



Lowndes High School Band
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**LOWNDES HIGH BAND FALL SYLLABUS
INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE BRASS 1-4, INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE WOODWIND 1-4, INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE
PERCUSSION 1-4 AND AUXILIARY CLASS**

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES:

The LHS Band Department provides ensemble performing experiences in a wide range of musical styles and periods. It also provides instruction in dance and various techniques on flag, rifle and sabre. 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 will be asked throughout the semester to demonstrate proficiency on your instrument or equipment. 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.

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. IF YOUR LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE IS NOT SATISFACTORY, IT MAY RESULT IN YOU NOT BEING ALLOWED TO PERFORM AT FOOTBALL GAMES AND/OR CONTEST.

PLEASE REFER TO CALENDAR FOR AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCE DATES. THESE ARE MANDATORY!!!

DAILY PARTICIPATION: 20%
PERFORMANCE PARTICIPATION: 40%
PLAYING TEST: 20%
FINAL EXAM: 20%

IF YOU HAVE AN UNECXUSED ABSENCE FROM A PERFORMANCE YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE BAND.

IF YOU MISS A THURSDAY REHEARSAL, EXCUSED OR UNECXUSED, YOU WILL NOT PERFORM FRIDAY FOLLOWING THE REHEARSAL. (The only way this does not apply is if you miss due to a school field trip.)

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 and Technique Book
- Pencil
- Instrument
- Gloves and Towel for Brass Players
- All Equipment for Auxiliaries
- Extra reeds, valve oil, etc...

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!!
