

Masconomet Regional High School Curriculum Guide

Course Title: Concert Band

Course Number: 8121

Department: Music

Grade Level and Phase: 9-12 CP

Length of Course: Year

Course Description:

This course is designed to afford high school instrumentalists an opportunity to perform music composed or arranged for concert band. The instruments used in the concert band include standard woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. Other instruments such as guitars, violins, pianos, or electric keyboards are not used in the concert band. During the school year the Concert Band performs at school concerts, community parades, as well as for school and community events at which band music is requested. Students enrolled in Concert Band are encouraged, but not required, to participate in the Football Pep Band during the fall semester. All students interested in enrolling in Concert Band are required to audition for the music director for the purpose of seating placement and must demonstrate an ability to read standard musical notation. Auditions may be played for the music director anytime prior to enrolling into the class.

Objectives:

Students enrolled in Concert Band will:

- A. demonstrate an appropriate level of proficiency on their chosen band instrument
- B. demonstrate a minimum level of proficiency at reading standard music notation on their chosen band instrument
- C. demonstrate a desire to explore a variety of recorded performances through the use of internet technology such as YouTube as well other online services
- D. demonstrate an appropriate level of proficiency at playing in a large ensemble with emphasis on intonation, rhythmic precision, steady tempo, and dynamic contrasts
- E. demonstrate a positive attitude and a willingness to contribute to the band

These objectives support the following **Learning Expectations from the Masconomet High School Mission Statement: A1, A3, A4, S1, S2, S3, C1, C2, C3**

Materials and Activities:

Music performed by the Concert Band is selected to address specific yearly goals outlined in the four year Concert Band curriculum (see "Scope and Sequence" section). In addition the Concert Band will perform the following music:

- appropriate service music for the various parades, school assemblies, and community events that the concert band is contracted to perform at during the academic year
- newly published music that may not necessarily meet the requirements of the four year Concert Band core curriculum, but may be deemed educationally important by the music director

Scope and Sequence:

The Concert Band core curriculum is organized in a four year non-sequential curriculum.

- Year A (2010): music composed for the concert band by composers from Europe and Great Britain
- Year B (2011): music composed for the concert band by composers from Russia, Asia, and countries from the Pacific rim
- Year C (2012): music composed for the concert band by composers from the Americas (north and south)
- Year D (2013): music composed for genre other than the concert band but arranged for the concert band

Assessment:

Based on:

- attendance and attitude
- rehearsal preparedness
- performance decorum
- semester exams
- additional credit may be earned for the successful completion of the following quarterly projects:
 - individual playing jury
 - written paper on subject assigned by music director