

W.T. Woodson Band Syllabus 2011-2012

Woodson Band Mission Statement It is the mission of the Woodson Band to provide a structured environment for learning the fundamentals and value of music through performance in Band. Most importantly, Band students will learn that they are a part of an organization where dedication and accountability to the group is the key, not only for individual success, but also for the Band as a whole.

Honor Code and Honor Council

Woodson High School strives to produce students who act, at all times, in a manner that demonstrates honor and integrity. Any suspected incidents of cheating, plagiarism, or fraud will be referred to the Honor Council. Students found guilty of Honor Code violations will be subject to consequences as outlined in the Honor Code. For more information, please refer to the Honor Code and Honor Council Procedures at:

http://www.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/guidance/academics/ai_honorcode.html

Learning Seminars

Learning Seminars are intended to provide opportunities for clarification, enrichment, intervention, and review. Under no circumstances should teachers use this time to introduce new material.

Learning Seminars are not intended to be used as a time to assign additional homework, nor as a time to give new quizzes/tests.

Band learning seminars may be used in a variety of ways but primarily as sight-reading opportunities or to run through the program for up-coming performances. They may also be used to listen to judges' critiques when appropriate.

Required performances for Band 2011-2012

Marching Band

Game Dates: 9/1, 9/16, 9/30, 10/21, 11/4

Elementary Tour: 9/9

MB Competition Dates: 9/24, 10/15, 10/22-23, 10/29

Concerts/Events:

8/27	Uniform Day (all Bands)
9/10	Tag Day (all Bands)
11/3	Frost/Woodson Concert @ Frost 7:00pm (Symphonic only)
11/30	Tiny Tots concert (Symphonic only) (Gym) 10-11am (Symphonic only) Tiny Tots Night Show (auditorium) 7:00pm (Symphonic only)
12/1	Tiny Tots concert (Symphonic only) (Gym) 10-11am (Symphonic only)
12/14	Band Winter Concert 7:30pm
2/15	Pre-CBDNA/NBA Concert 7:30pm
2/22-2/24	CBDNA/NBA Performance – Atlanta, GA (Symphonic only)
3/7	Band Pre-Festival Concert 7:30pm
3/8-3/10	District Band Festival @ Centreville H.S. TBA
4/26-4/29	Band Spring Trip Gatlinburg* * students depart Thursday 4/26 and return 4/29 in the early am
5/23	Band Spring Concert 7:30pm
6/14	Graduation @ Robinson (12-13 Sym Band plays) 2:30

Grading

1st Quarter grading performance expectations

Athletic Exemption (see Athletic Exemption Regulations and Forms on the Band website)

Performance/Playing test	50%
Participation	50%

Marching Band (only)

- 25% **Dot Book** - The Dot Books are due after the last page of drill is taught (date TBA).
A – Complete (Measure #'s, Counts, Drill spots)
F – Incomplete
0 – Not done at all (Not turning in the dot book will drop you at least one letter for the quarter)
- 30% **Performances (Games/Contests)**
Attendance and Inspection grade (Uniform, pep music, lyre)
- 25% **Rehearsals**
Attendance/On time
Materials for rehearsal (Instrument, Dot Book, Pencil, lyre and music if not passed off)
- 20% **Music Pass off**

2nd Quarter

- Fall Auditions
- Winter Concert
- District Band/Scale Test

3rd Quarter

- Festival Music preparation
- Music numbering
- Sectionals
- Pre-Festival Concert
- District Band Assessment

4th Quarter

- Spring Concert
- Seniors are graded heavily on class participation and attendance in the 4th quarter. There is no place for “*senioritis*” in an organization like this.
- Graduation

General Grading percentages

Performance (30%):

- Scales – All Major Scales, Chromatic Scale (full range) and Minor Scales (TBA)
- A Rhythm-A-Day excerpts
- Marching Band (See above)
- Assigned sheet music or etudes
- Fall chair auditions (these will be graded).
- Final Exam (to be averaged into the 4th quarter grade): *Students selected for the Symphonic Band for the following year will perform at the commencement as their final exam. Anyone not in this situation will do a playing exam with material to be assigned by the director.*

Co-curricular Attendance (40%): (See attendance policy)

- Attendance at any co-curricular after-school or night rehearsals.
- Attendance at any performances (competitions or concerts).
- Attendance at any required outside events

Class Participation (30%): Any of the following will result in a lowered participation grade for that class period:

- Excessive absences.
- Any unexcused absences (i.e. no parent notification).
- Tardy to class.
- Any disruptive behavior, display of bad attitude, disrespect or gum or food in class.
- No materials for class (e.g., instrument, music, pencil, sheet music or other). See Band Handbook for specific items needed for class.

FAQ's

1. *How do I turn in money? Any trip payments, forms, etc. should be placed in "The Black Box." Any money should be in an envelope with your name, date and what it is for on the front. Do not put forms in the envelope.*
2. *What if I become ill and cannot make a rehearsal? Contact the band director (703-503-4665 or mmhall@fcps.edu) before the rehearsal begins. Do not have another student relay the message – do it yourself. Bring a parent signed note the next day. You should never, ever just not show up regardless of the reason!! Remember that we are counting on you!*
3. *What if I am out of school and there is an after-school or night rehearsal on that day? Am I automatically excused? No. You should make every effort to be there. If you are feeling okay, come to the rehearsal. If not, re-read FAQ #2.*
4. *What if I find that I have a conflict with a scheduled performance? You have all performance dates well in advance. Any conflicts should be communicated to the band director well in advance as well. See Band Handbook for specifics.*
5. *What if I forget my instrument or music for class? Be honest and tell Mrs. Hall before class starts and take your grade deduction. If you don't, and are discovered later, the consequence is a double grade deduction as an Honor Code violation.*
6. *What if my instrument is in need of repair? If it is a school-owned instrument, bring it to Mrs. Hall immediately and she will send it out for repair. If it is your own, take it to a recommended repair person ASAP. You must have a parent-signed note or a repair ticket in order to be excused.*
7. *What if I lose my music? Fill out a music request and the librarian for your Band will get you new copies @ .25 per page. The Music request box is in the entry way to the band hall by the Band Director office.*
8. *What if I leave my instrument out? You will have to pay a \$1.00 fine to reclaim it.*
9. *What is the consequence if I have gum or food in the band room? Grade deduction and you will stay after class/school for Band room clean-up on that day.*
10. *Does my conduct in class affect my grade? Yes, because it is a performance class and your actions can prevent you and others around you from learning.*
11. *What if the weather looks to be inclement? Where do I go to get up to date Band information? www.woodsonband.org. Do not assume that a rehearsal is cancelled. Always check the website.*

Technology statement:

Cell phones, I-pods, electronic game devices, etc. have no place in the band rehearsal or performance for a performer or a listener. They will be confiscated.

Facebook is becoming a popular method of communication in society today. Remember that anything you say or post to *Facebook* becomes public knowledge and can be hurtful to others. Any use of Facebook for the purpose of making negative comments about other students will be considered “cyber-bullying” and will be dealt with by the administration. Membership in the *Band family* is an honor and a privilege and any negative comments about the band program and its endeavors on Facebook are highly discouraged. If you have a question or a concern about the band, it is desirable to go to the Band Director directly.

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Band Syllabus and Handbook

We have read the 2011-2012 W.T. Woodson Band Syllabus and have taken note of its contents and all commitments and responsibilities as members of the Woodson Band program. We have noted that the Woodson Band Handbook may be found on the Band website at www.woodsonband.org.

Student Name ***Date***

Parent/Guardian Name ***Date***