



Symphonic Band

Grand Haven High School



Course Number: J46
Grade Level: 9, 10, 11, 12
Credits : 1
Prerequisite Courses :

Course Description

Open, by audition, to those students with a reasonable to intermediate proficiency on a band instrument. Symphonic band members are expected to participate in marching band including: summer band camp, parade and show performances, as well as sectionals. After marching season, the marching band will divide and meet in a concert setting for the remainder of the school year. Objectives include the continuation of the development of correct playing habits, sight-reading, performance standards, intonation and phrasing. All bands participate in MSBOA festivals and other activities. In addition to traditional concerts, concert band members will be required to participate with the pep band at athletic events. Instructor will conduct Spring auditions for Fall placements.

Course Objectives

1. To perform varied repertoire on your instrument by yourself and with others.
2. To learn the techniques necessary to become an independent musician capable of further study and performance on your instrument and/or other instruments.
3. To gain experience performing in front of an audience.
4. To learn how to work together as a team.
5. To gain understanding in music theory, specific performance styles, and develop an understanding of a band's "sound".

Student Expectations

All band students are expected to bring a great attitude and work ethic to each class, rehearsal or performance. Members of the band are also required to be at all concerts, scheduled band events and extra rehearsals. Band is a team effort and participation of each person is vital for the success of all. The band calendar is posted online in May of the previous school year and passed out during the first week of school. Students and parents are expected to schedule around concerts, scheduled band events and any extra rehearsals. Please see the band handbook for additional expectations.

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TEAM GH ... One Team, One Family, One Grand Haven. Be Kind. Always.

It is our expectation that ALL GHHS students, staff and parents will ... always give their best **EFFORT** in everything that they do, work hard to be **INCLUSIVE** of each other, show **RESPONSIBILITY** in class, the hallways, cafeteria and at events, and **WORK TOGETHER** at all times!

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Communication

Charmsoffice.com: Manages all student account activity including trip finances, transfers, charges, and inventory including uniforms and instruments. Log in/create an account using your child's name and school ID #. School code: GrandHavenHSBand

Sendmoneytoschool.com: Online payment resource used in conjunction with GHAPS Food Service. All payments can be made through this site. Log in/create an account using your child's name and school ID #. Sales from SMTS entered into Charms weekly.

Grandhavenbands.org: Your primary resource for communication and official documents/ information regarding the Bands of GHHS. Use this site to explore the band program, send email, sign up for various activities, and stay informed. Subscribe to RSS feeds and sign up for email blasts to keep connected.

Facebook.com: fb pages: "Grand Haven Bands" and "Grand Haven High School Marching Band". Join these pages to keep updated and post comments.

Remind.com: Texting/email service for up-to-the-minute changes/reminders of upcoming events. Used to remind students of performances, call times, equipment, tests, homework, etc. Two ways to sign up:

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Text: text @ghbmb to 616.223.6345

Email: email ghbmb@mail.remind.com

GHBA: Every band parent is automatically a member of Grand Haven Band Boosters Association! We have an elected Executive Board in place, but there are many ways you can become involved and volunteer. You will receive information throughout the year and hear more about our Boosters and opportunities to help at Bucs Last Blast and other events.

DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Grading Policy

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DAILY MUSICIANSHIP 35%

- posture
- proper use of the instrument/equipment
- music, folder, pencil
- score marking
- attitude and attentiveness

This grade is determined by the quality of participation on a daily basis.

WRITTEN WORK 35% (First Semester, 25% and 10% for Tuesday Rehearsals)

Homework

- marking music
- theory worksheets
- concert critiques
- writing assignments

Quizzes/Tests

- playing tests
- sight reading tests
- theory quizzes/tests

PERFORMANCE 30%

- All concerts/performances
- MSBOA and SMB Events (festival, competitions)

This grade is determined by the quality of participation on a performance basis.

Scope and Sequence

Performances: Four home football games, four competitions, Bucs Last Blast, GHHS Holiday Spectacular, Prefestival Concert, Festival Performance, Recruitment Concert, Spring Concert, Graduation, Memorial Day.

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING ALL PROGRAM INFORMATION, PLEASE REFERENCE THE GHHS BANDS HANDBOOK AND www.grandhavenbands.org.

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