

# Brazos High School Marching/Concert/Jazz Band Syllabus

2023-2024 School Year

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## Course Description:

This course is designed to give the student an enriching and diverse instrumental music education. This class provides a number of performance opportunities for the student in a variety of settings. The daily objective of the course is to foster and promote musical growth through the playing of an instrument by the student. As a member of the band program, group effort and cooperation is necessary to a successful program. Band is a skilled effort in which each student is expected to show technical and musical growth throughout this course.

## Required Materials:

- Pencil
- Instrument
- Supplies necessary
- Music folder, music, flip book and lyre
- Appropriate shoes for marching band

## Classroom Rules:

- No food in band hall unless having a meal as a group
- No gum, candy, soft drinks, or ear buds in the band hall. Only water bottles are allowed
- Be on time
- Be prepared with all necessary things: including a pencil!
- Respect people and this band hall at all times
- Observe all other rules during school year in band hall, including the ones in school handbook

## Attendance:

Your attendance during class and at performances has a **direct effect on your grade**. Band is a participation/performance based course. **Attendance is mandatory to all rehearsals and performances unless otherwise noted.**

Excused Absences Include:

- Extreme personal illness with Doctor's Note (or absence from school) **Parent notes are no longer valid for a band class excuse.**
- Family Health emergencies verified by family
- Approved Academic conflicts
- Required Religious observances (with notice)
- Extra-Curricular School conflicts approved by the director in advance.

Again, communication with the director is crucial when an absence is known. **The director should know about any conflicts at least ONE week prior to the event in question.** The best method of communication would be via e-mail or through phone contact, preferably by the parent or guardian of the student. Absences that are excused will be subject to a make-up assignment. **Note: Even if the director is informed about the conflict with ample time, it does not guarantee that the absence will be approved.**

## Grading Policy:

Grades for band classes will be based on Participation, Quizzes, Performances, Overall Attendance, and Tests (very infrequent).

Participation: This is worth 30%. Students will receive 100 points for a week's worth of rehearsals. If a student is prepared, on time, participates, and follows classroom rules and school policy, they will receive the full 100 points. Failure to be prepared, tardiness, and inappropriate behavior will result in loss of points to the Participation Grade.

Quizzes/Tests: These are worth 20%. These are worth 100 points each. They can be performance-based (frequent) or written (infrequent) and will take place during class.

Performances: These are worth 50%. This includes all public performances (Football Games, Parades, Concerts, Contests).

## **Performance Guidelines:**

- Be early for report times.
- Come prepared physically and mentally
- Have equipment and/or materials ready to go before report time.
- No jewelry will be worn with marching band uniform during UIL Contest.
- Hair must not touch the neck of the uniform (long hair must be tucked under the hat during marching band performances).
- Before performances, there will be a brief uniform inspection. Failure to follow performance guidelines will result in a lower performance grade.

## **Important Dates and Events:**

A Calendar will be included with all important dates for the school year.

### **Please detach below section and return to director.**

I have read the course syllabus for the Brazos High School Band, and understand the expectations and guidelines of the class. I am also aware of the scheduled practice and performance dates throughout the school year.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fall 2023 Brazos Band Event/Rehearsal Schedule

8/16-First Day of School!!  
8/21-Fall Kickoff 6:00pm  
8/22-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
8/25-Football Game vs Yorktown 7:00pm-1st Movement of show on the field!!  
8/28-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
8/29-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
9/1-Football Game vs Kountze 7:00pm  
9/4-Labor Day: No School or Rehearsal  
9/5-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
9/8-Football@Louise 7:30pm-2nd Movement of show on the field!!  
9/11-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
9/12-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
9/15-Football@Nixon-Smiley 7:30pm  
9/18-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
9/19-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
9/22-Football@Van Vleck 7:30pm-Entire Show on the field by this game!  
9/24-Band BBQ Fundraiser 1:00-4:00pm@Orchard Park  
9/25-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
9/26-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
9/29-Football Game vs Rice 7:30pm  
10/2-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
10/3-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
10/6-Football@East Bernard 7:30pm  
10/7-Edna Marching Contest  
10/9-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
10/10-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm  
10/12-Austin County Fair Parade  
10/13-Football Game vs Tidehaven-7:30pm  
10/14-UIL Region Marching Contest@El Campo High School  
10/16-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm(If we advance to Area)  
10/17-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm(If we advance to Area)  
10/20-BYE Week(No football game)  
10/23-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm(If we advance to Area)  
10/24-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm(If we advance to Area)  
10/27-Football Game@Danbury 7:30pm  
10/28-Area Marching Contest-Site TBD  
10/30-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm(If we advance to State Marching Contest)  
10/31-After School Rehearsal 6-8pm(If we advance to State Marching Contest)  
11/3-Football Game vs Boling 7:30pm(Last Regular Season Game/Parents Night/8th Grade Band Night)  
11/6-11/8-State Marching Contest@Alamodome San Antonio, TX  
12/9-ATSSB All Region Band Auditions@Wharton High School

**All scheduled events are subject to change. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Garcia via email at [agarcia@brazosisd.net](mailto:agarcia@brazosisd.net)!**

