

# Advanced Band

Jefferson School  
2024-2025 Syllabus  
Ms. Growcott

## Course Description

Advanced band is for students who have completed two years of band or more, or proof of proficiency on their respective instrument. Advanced Band students will get the opportunity to perform higher "grades" of music, and perform said music both on campus, and at several events. Advanced Band students are considered leaders of the band program at Jefferson, and represent a long legacy of musical excellence.



## Contact Me

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## Grading Policy

The grading scale is as follows:

- A: 90-100
- B: 80-89
- C: 70-79
- D: 60-69
- F: 59 and below

Lack of Participation: Band students are expected to play their instruments every day of band unless the lesson does not require playing. Students who do not provide valid reason (absence, illness) for not participating will have points removed from their overall grade if the issue is recurring.

## Supplies/Websites

- Primary Instrument
- Pencil
- Band Folder
- Music (provided)

## Instruments

Every student should have a working instrument to bring to class. It is encouraged for those who play smaller instruments (flute, clarinet, trumpet, alto saxophone) to rent or own their instruments. Percussionists should own a practice pad, and their own set of drumsticks. School Instruments are available in limited supply, and are given out with a contract stating expectations for instrument care.

## Classroom Expectations

- Materials (instrument, music) are set up promptly
- Be respectful of each other and equipment
- Follow the Jefferson Creed

## **Concert Dates (Tentative)**

There will be (guaranteed) a Winter and Spring concert, required for students to attend and perform at. The dates decided so far are as follows:

December 11th, 2024: Winter Concert, 6:00pm at Jefferson

May 13th, 2025: Spring Concert, 6:00pm at Jefferson

## **Marching Band**

Marching Band is now voluntary for 6-8th grade students. Marching Band will be held Wednesdays after school, from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_pm. We will be attending two events:

Tracy Homecoming Parade

Almond Blossom Festival

## **Ms. Growcott**

Hello!

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Thank you, and here is to a fantastic year of playing.

# Intermediate Band

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