

Advanced Band

Jefferson School
2025-2026 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.



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Supplies/Websites

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

Classroom Expectations

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

Grading Policy

The grading scale is as follows:

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

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.

In class participation 60%
Playing Tests 20% Performances 20%

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.

Concert Information

There are two **required** concerts this year-

Winter Concert (exact date TBD)- December- 6:00pm, 5:15pm call time.

Spring Concert (exact date TBD)- May- 6:00pm, 5:15pm call time.

Marching Band

Marching Band is now **mandatory** for 7-8th grade students. Marching Band will be held Tuesdays and occasionally Thursdays DURING the Advanced Band period(s).

The events we will be attending this year are as follows:

Tracy Homecoming Parade

Almond Blossom Festival