
Mastery Band

Wind Symphony

Program Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Hillgrove High School Band Program to create functionally literate, independent musicians, who continually exhibit the highest level of character as school citizens.

Student Mission Statement

We believe that individual and collective achievement drives new standards of excellence. By working as a family, we will accomplish our goals of improving as musicians, gaining confidence, and developing new friendships. We will continually better the community and ourselves for years to come.

Goals

The mastery band serves as positive learning environment for advanced musicians to grow. In these classes we will work on fundamentals (literacy, technique, tone, etc.), music theory, music history and musicianship. This ensemble is intended for students who have a good understanding of their instrument and would like to continue furthering their skills.

Requirements

1. Students in the advanced bands will prepare and present multiple concerts per year, as notated in the Hillgrove Bands' Calendar on Charms.
2. Students in the advanced bands will participate in before/after school sectionals, as determined by the Directors.
3. Students in the Symphonic 1 band will prepare the GMEA District and All State Materials.
4. Students in the advanced bands will participate in the annual Concert Band Camp in February, and at Large Group Performance Evaluation in March.
5. Students in the Symphonic 1 band will prepare a solo or small ensemble for presentation at the Spring Solo and Ensemble Event.

Evaluation

Every day is an audition. Students will be evaluated daily on their individual musical skills and personal contributions to the ensemble. Formal playing assessments will be held periodically via Smart Music and live playing. Placement Auditions will be held toward the end of the semester.

2018 - 2019 School Year
3rd block:

Instructor: Patrick Erwin
Email: hillgroveband@gmail.com
Phone: 678-331-3961 x050
Room: 2402

Materials

All Students must bring the following to all rehearsals:

- Instrument
- Necessary Instrument Accessories
- Music
- Pencil
- Good attitude & willingness to learn

Grading Standards

Skills and Techniques/Performance
–25%

Rehearsal Preparation – 20%

Habitudes - 15%

Flip the Classroom Teaching - 15%

Instrument Inspection – 15%

Student Growth Measure – 10%

IMPORTANT DATES

Attendance is required at all events listed unless otherwise noted.

December 8 th	All-state/honor band 1 st round auditions @ Marietta HS
December 10-11 th	Winter Concert @ Hillgrove HS
February 1-2 nd	Concert Band Camp @ Hillgrove HS
March 14-16 th	LGPE @ McEachern HS
May 4 th	Taste of West Cobb @ Hillgrove HS
May 4 th	District 12 Solo & Ensemble @ Allatoona HS
May 7 th	Spring Concert @ Mable House Amphitheater
May 31-June 1 st	Marching Band Spring Camp

The events below are required ONLY if you earn a spot.

January 5 th	All-state auditions 2 nd round @ Houston Co. HS
February 8-10 th	District Honor Band @ North Cobb HS
February 28 th - March 2 nd	All State Band @ Athens Classic Center



Grading Standards 2018-2019

Skills and Techniques/Performance –25%

Skills and techniques of performance represents all playing and written assessments assigned to students throughout the semester. These can vary from 1-2 measure ‘check ins’ on progress to a full-fledged chair placement audition.

Habitudes - 15%

Each Tuesday of first semester, all Hillgrove band students will go through a course entitled “Habitudes: The Art of Self-Leadership” in first semester. The curriculum is aimed at helping students build better Habits and Attitudes (Habitudes) as school citizens and community members.

Flip the Classroom Teaching - 15%

On Thursdays, students will be given ‘flipped classroom’ assignments and projects in which they are the teachers. Using an inventory of their personal strengths and personality types, we will assign individuals and groups tasks in which they must plan lessons, teach the class, plan events, help section members grow as musicians, etc. This will help build their metacognitive skills.

Instrument Inspection – 15%

At Least once a month, students’ instruments will be inspected for proper care and maintenance. After an initial instructional period on proper habits and maintenance practices, students will be expected to keep their instruments in proper working order or take corrective steps.

Student Growth Measure – 10%

Mandated by Cobb County, Students will undergo a pre-test and post-test in one area of musicianship. We will assess growth and use the data to plan future teaching strategies.

Rehearsal Preparation – 20%

- At no point should a student distract another student’s ability to learn
- At no point should a student’s shoulder or head be down or directed to the floor or another student
- The only sounds allowed during rehearsal are musical sounds from instruments, or the director giving feedback. Students are to speak when spoken to, or to raise their hands with pertinent questions.
- The time in between agenda items should be silent and should require minimal movement from the percussionists.
- Percussionists may sit during announcements. That is the only time.
- ALL Students must have their own music, instrument, and pencil each day.

Students are given 50 points per week (10 pts. per day) for rehearsal preparation. These 10 points per day will be used to assess the above policies. Any violation of the above policies will deduct points from the daily grade. These policies are the same expectations of a professional musical ensemble. This should be viewed as an effort to prepare students for a future in music after high school.

Financial Contributions for the 2018-2019 Concert Bands

We do ask for minimal monetary contributions to the band program specifically for the concert band classes of \$200.00 per student. These contributions are split into two payments:

Payment 1 (Fall): \$100.00 - Due September 1st

Payment 2 (Spring): \$100.00 - Due February 1st

Concert Band Fees cover the following costs that HBBA incurs throughout the school year:

- All-state band/district band audition fee
- Clinicians
- Sectional instructors
- School owned instrument use
- Instrument repairs
- Sheet music
- Concert band camp instructors
- Meals during concert band camp
- Concert band camp staff recital

To make a payment:

1. Bring a check or cash and place it in the drop box in the band hall. The black box is located in the lockers on the left of the room under the large trophies. (Do not hand your funds to the directors, they will not handle them.) Your cashed check will serve as your receipt. In the case you choose to pay in cash, please contact a treasurer for your receipt.
 - a. **All checks should be made out to HBBA.**
 - b. **Please make sure student name is indicated on the check.**
2. Pay via credit card on PayPal in Charms or on www.hillgroveband.com
 - a. *All pay pal payments are subject to a 3% convenience charge*
3. Mail a check to the HBBA PO Box:

3600 Dallas Hwy
Ste. 230 Box 155
Marietta, GA, 30064

CONCERT UNIFORM INFORMATION

Hillgrove band members are required to own their own formal wear for use in all concerts during the school year.

Purchasing from Hillgrove

There is a limited amount of used formal wear that we still have in stock. This is available for a discounted price depending on condition. Students will NOT have the opportunity to be fitted and purchase these during the normal school day. We will provide several Saturdays for students to purchase them as well as before and after school based on appointment.

Purchasing on your own

Young Ladies:

Formal wear is defined a black full-length concert dress. Ladies coming from a middle school where black dresses were worn in concert may continue to wear the dress so long as it fits properly.

New dresses may be purchased at one of the links below (your choice):

<http://www.swbandproducts.com/store/angelina-concert-dress.html>

<http://www.swbandproducts.com/store/angelina-concert-dress-youth.html>

Young Gentlemen:

Formal wear is defined as a full tuxedo for gentlemen, with bowtie and cummerbund.

New Tuxedo Packages may be purchased at the following link:

<http://www.swbandproducts.com/store/mens-concert-tuxedo-stefan-package.html>

<http://www.swbandproducts.com/store/youth-concert-tuxedo-package.html>

Please order a WINGTIP shirt

*** Uniforms that are not to specifications will not be worn on stage at concerts. ***

Financial Assistance:

In cases of significant financial hardship, families should reach out directly to Mr. Erwin at hillgroveband@gmail.com for assistance.

STUDENT/PARENT SYLLABUS VERIFICATION

We have read and understand all policies set forth in this band class syllabus. The student will be present at all rehearsals and concerts, with any exceptions being reported well in advance on www.hillgroveband.com via the absence request form. We also understand the financial commitment needed to maintain the highest quality of music education at Hillgrove and will do our best to pay in full on due dates and/or fundraise to support the program and its parts.

Student Name: (print) _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Homework assignment #1: Charms Access

At the beginning of each year, all students should log in to their Charms account and check their contact information to verify accuracy. We do the majority of our communications via email, so having correct information is essential. Even if you're a SENIOR – please go ahead and check your charms account personal information.

To do this:

1. Go to www.hillgroveband.com
2. At the top of the page click CHARMS
3. Your Student Area Password will be your Student ID #

Once logged in, please verify and update all information. If you cannot log in, please contact us at hillgroveband@gmail.com as soon as possible.
