

EK High School Band 2022 Syllabus

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Course Descriptions

Marching Band – Marching band is an extension of concert band and will serve to provide much of the in class curriculum during the first 9 weeks of the school year. The marching band performs at all Varsity Football Games and other events as dictated by both the school and director. All 9th – 12th graders who are signed up for band are required to participate in marching band unless they are playing football or cheerleading in the fall. These students are still welcome and encouraged to participate, but not required.

Concert Band – The High School Concert Band is the primary performing ensemble at East Knox High School and will serve to provide the curriculum for the class for the remainder of the year after football season ends.

Concert Season will begin on October 21st, 2022.

Pep Band – Pep Band performs for several of the high School Varsity Basketball games. Music for pep band is selected from the marching band season and other student favorites.

Pep Band schedules will be given closer to basketball season.



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Grading

Participation:

In class-students will receive 10 points on a daily basis for having all necessary materials and participating in band class in an appropriate way. These points can be lost for misbehavior, failure to participate and/or not having all required materials.

After school/ summer rehearsals – Students will receive 10 points for attendance, materials, and appropriate participation. An unexcused absence will result in complete loss of points.

Performances – students will receive 300 points for attending and participating in **ALL** required performances. Any student receiving an unexcused absence from a performance will lose those 300 points. Any student who has an excused absence from a performance may be given a written assignment to earn their performance credit. ***Much like the attendance policy, Band Camp will be graded as a performance instead of a rehearsal (300 x 5 = 1500 total points)***

Music Memorization - All students in grades 9-12 are required to memorize the Star Spangled Banner, Fight Song, Parade Music, and Show Music. Sr. High band students will have memorization tests on all Fridays until the end of the 1st nine weeks. If the student has 100% of the piece memorized, they will receive a 100% in the grade book. If they do not have 100% memorized they will receive a 0 in the grade book, **BUT** will retry every week until the end of the nine weeks. Once the piece is memorized the grade will turn to a 100%. Jr. High students are not required to memorize their music, but it is highly encouraged.

Attendance Policy – A calendar will be provided for each student outlining performances/practices. These dates are always subject to change. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to know the calendar and make the necessary adjustments to their own personal schedule. This includes providing the schedule to the student's employer as **work is not an acceptable excuse for being absent.**

If a performance or practice must be added, the director will always strive to give at least 2 weeks notice before the calendar change. In these circumstances, the attendance policy will still be enforced, but the director will consider all extenuating circumstances.

Unexcused absences from practice or performances can and will negatively affect both the student's grade and their performance privileges. To qualify as excused, absences must be reported from a parent or guardian, at least **24 hours in advance for rehearsals and two weeks in advance for all performances.** Written notice of the absence via email, note, or Remind message must be provided for it to count as excused. In the case of an emergency, every effort to contact the director before the event that will be missed should be made. If that is not possible a phone call or email at the earliest convenience will suffice. A written explanation **MUST** still be provided upon the student's return for the absence to be considered excused. An absence can only be excused if it is due to severe illness, family emergencies, or previously scheduled school or family activities that are cleared with the director. **Due to the fact that most performances**

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normally only occur once (the exception being Friday nights during the fall), any student who has an excused absence from a performance may be required to make-up the performance grade through a written project. All other circumstances will be considered an unexcused absence. The director reserves the right to consider each situation on a case by case basis.

Any unexcused absence may affect a student's ability to perform at a concert, competition, festival, or halt time. **After 3 unexcused absences a student will automatically lose 1 performance privilege: the student will still be expected to attend but will not perform.**

Examples of Unexcused Absences

Work, SAT or ACT Testing, Driving School, In Cars, Family Stopped for a Visit, Birthday party, No Ride

Behavior Expectations

1. Respect everyone and everything.
2. Cell phones will not be out during rehearsals. Cell phones will be confiscated until the end of rehearsal. During the school year, phones will be sent to the office.
3. Keep a positive attitude at all times

Daily Needed Supplies

Pencil

Instrument

Instrument Specific Supplies

Clarinets/ Saxophones – 2 reeds at all time

Trumpet/ Baritone/ Tuba – Valve Oil

Trombone – Slide Oil

Percussion – Any necessary sticks/ mallets

Above supplies can be purchased from pellegrino.com or amazon.com

Music/ Charts in a binder with page protectors

Markers (anything flat to mark their spot during drill. **NOT CRAYOLAS**)

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School Owned Instruments – East Knox Local Schools currently provides several instruments to students. These instruments are normally larger or specialty instruments that are often too expensive for a student to buy. Any student (and their parent) using one of these instruments are responsible for any damages while the student is using the instrument.

Third Quarter Privilege – After every football performance, students are given third quarter off to enjoy with friends, family, or get snacks. This is a privilege and will be taken away if students do not follow directions, have their materials, wear the proper uniform, or do not return from Third Quarter on time. If students have this privilege taken, they will stay at the bleachers with the director.

Bleachers - During football games, all marching band students must stay in the bleachers. This includes all majorettes, color guard, wind players, and percussionists. There will also be no food or personal objects in the bleachers **INCLUDING BLANKETS AND PERSONAL BAGS. STUDENTS WILL NOT MARCH IN AND OUT OF GAMES HOLDING PERSONAL BELONGINGS.**

Dress Code

Marching Band

Summer Uniform – this will be worn during the first few games and events of the marching band season. It consists of purple shirt with logo (purchased through boosters), black mesh shorts (purchased through boosters), **SHORT BLACK SOCKS**, and black marching shoes (purchased through boosters). The summer uniform **MUST** be worn under the winter uniform.

Winter Uniform – This will be used for a majority of performances during the marching band season and in all parades. This uniform consists of Jacket, Pants, Hat, Plume, Marching Shoes (purchased through boosters), and **LONG BLACK SOCKS**. The summer uniform **MUST** be worn underneath the fall uniform.

UNIFORM CLEANLINESS EXPECTATION: It is the student's responsibility to keep their uniform clean and free of all dirt throughout the season. Any small patches of mud/ dirt on pant legs should be allowed to dry and then wiped off with rags/ water. Gloves **MUST** be clean/ free of dirt every week. It's recommended that they go home after football games and be washed. Uniform inspections will take place before each game and a student failing to have a clean uniform must clean it or purchase new clean materials. Failure to have a clean uniform may result in loss of third quarter privilege.

Third Quarter Privilege will be taken if the student is not in the correct uniform.

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Communications – The director will hand out information in class and will use the following electronic resources to communicate with parents and students.

Facebook – East Knox Bands

Remind App - text @eksmarch to 81010 or enter our code (eksmarch) on the app.

for concert band our code is eksconcert

Band Blurbs - this is a weekly electronic communication with important notices, dates, and information on upcoming events. This is usually sent out via the Remind app. If you are unable to have the Remind app, please contact the director so they can send it through email.