

COX HIGH SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE (*Advanced Band*)

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This course gives students the opportunity to develop the highest standards of musicianship. Emphasis is placed on artistic performance commensurate with the standard of the finest college and professional groups. Students will become acquainted with the great heritage of symphonic literature. ***After-school rehearsals and performances are required of all students.*** The wind ensemble also performs competitively throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Material Requirements (all students expected to have these daily)

- Instrument
- Music/Method and Etude Books
- Pencil
- *STUDENT PLANNERS*
- Tuner
- Metronome
- Reeds

Honor Pledge: I have neither given nor received unauthorized help on this assignment and pledge to uphold the Frank W. Cox High School Honor Code.

I rarely, if ever, allow for any extra credit work, so be on the ball with all assignments at all times. Please be aware of the grading scale for VBCPS.

Range	Letter Grade	Points
93 - 100	A	4.0
90 - 92	A-	3.7
87 - 89	B+	3.3
83 - 86	B	3.0
80 - 82	B-	2.7
77 - 79	C+	2.3
73 - 76	C	2.0
70 - 72	C-	1.7
67 - 69	D+	1.3
64 - 66	D	1.0
Below 64	E	0.0

Grading System

All grades in this class will be classified by the following:

- **Participation- 40%**
 - **Class- Weekly participation grades will be given.**
 - **Rehearsals and Performances- 100 pts**
 - **Partial rehearsal or performance- 10 pt deduction every 10 minutes. Until 70, then a grade of 65 after 30 minutes late. Missing a full rehearsal is a zero. Communication is essential. Work is not an excuse, but I do my best to work with student athletes.**

- Tardiness to warm-up, leaving early, not being prepared with necessary materials...
 - Performances are not complete until the last performer or group is finished performing and all items used are returned to their proper place. Leaving a concert early will result in the grade above. **There are no exceptions. This will be strictly enforced.**
- **Playing and/or Written Examinations- 30%**
 - **Concerts/ Performances - 30%**
 - **Includes-District/State Auditions and Participation**
 - **During the 1st 9 weeks when there is no performance, playing and written exams count 50% and participation counts 50%.**

Classroom Obligations

The following obligations will be followed each and every day in the band facilities:

1. Be in your seat ready to learn when the director steps on the podium.
2. Be prepared with all materials each and every day.
3. When I step on the podium, you are immediately quiet and ready to begin.
4. Be recognized before speaking, and leave your seat only with permission.
5. Show RESPECT to *all* people.
6. GUM, FOOD, and DRINKS **are not permitted** in the band facilities (bottled water is allowed).
7. BYOD procedures - Devices will not be used during regular rehearsal times, unless otherwise stated.

Activity Fee

This year, there will be the following activity fee:

\$85 for **ALL** symphonic band, jazz band, percussion ensemble, and wind ensemble members. This is essential to fund the cost of additional music, as well as bringing in clinicians/instructors to work with the groups before performances. This fee is only a fraction of what it costs to run this organization. These fees should be turned in to the Cox Band Boosters (placed in the box inside my office door) before November 1st. Checks can be made payable to the Cox Band Boosters.

Make-up Work Policy

All students will be required to make-up any assignments missed while absent from school. Within three days of returning back to class, all work missed must be completed and turned in. Rehearsals and concerts are impossible to duplicate, therefore if a concert is missed, expect to perform all of your music for a grade by yourself and if you miss a rehearsal, expect to spend at least an hour playing what we covered in rehearsal for a grade. **DO NOT MISS REHEARSALS OR CONCERTS.**

- **In-School Suspensions (ISS)**
 - The student will be given the work while in ISS.
- **Out of School Suspensions (OSS)**
 - The student will be given the work to do at home.

Office Hours: Mr. Lane's schedule is as follows:

1A: Music Theory – Distance Learning	1B: Intermediate Brass – Band Room
2A: Intermediate Woodwinds – Band room	2B: Percussion Ensemble - Room 110
3A: Wind Ensemble – Band Room	3B: Jazz Ensemble – Band Room
4A: Planning – Band Office	4B: Planning – Band Office

Mr. Lane will be available for additional help during 4A and 4B in the band office.

Re-Do / Re-take policy

I typically allow students to re-take tests or quizzes on their own time as scheduled by the director up until one week prior to the end of the nine weeks. If a test is given during the last week of the grading period, the student will need to make up the work within two days or prior to the VBCPS grade submission deadline for teachers.

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These signatures signify that you have read and understand all of the guidelines and procedures governing this ensemble. You also understand that all performances are graded and late arrival/ early departure/non-attendance to a rehearsal, performance, or activity will result in a grade reduction.

This is your child's first grade. ☺

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ **DATE:** _____

Student's Signature: _____ **DATE:** _____