



Crandall High School Band Syllabus

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Philosophy

The instrumental music program at Crandall High School is based on excellence. Members strive for excellence in group and individual performance. The utmost standard is held in our conduct and academic standings as well as our leadership and reputation as a campus organization. The end result of our program is more than great musicians. We desire to produce well-rounded students who can apply the concepts of discipline, teamwork and leadership in a wide cross-section of their lives for years to come.

Materials

- Instrument
- Music/Book/Playing Materials/Pencil
- Uniform
- All needed accessories

Classroom Expectations

- Enter the room and prepare for class
- Check the board for instructions
- Take care of personal needs after preparing for class
- Be in your seat, ready, promptly at the start of class

Grading Policy

Students are expected to have all equipment and materials necessary for quality playing available daily in class. This equipment includes but is not limited to instruments, music, uniform, mouthpieces, reeds, oil and grease. Exceptions will be made when instruments are being repaired.

Students are expected to participate fully in rehearsal.

Alternate assignments may be given when instruments are being repaired or when an injury prevents participation.

Daily Grades – Students will be given two daily grades per week. One daily grade will be based on equipment and materials. The other daily grade will be based on participation and performance. The grades will be based on the cumulative results for the week.

Quizzes – Quizzes may be given at the discretion of the director. Quizzes are to be counted as a daily grade.

Test Grades – Students will be given at least three tests per grading period. Tests will be based on information we cover in class, and advanced notice will be given to students.

Performance Grades – Students will earn a test grade for performances. When academic eligibility affects student participation in a performance, an alternate assignment will be given. Uniforms are required for most performances, thereby impacting performance grades.

Other Grades – Directors may add additional assignments throughout each grading period.

Expectations

- Members are expected to actively attend all band events listed in the yearly calendar.
- Band performances are included as grades in the band class. Students missing a performance due to a director-approved emergency will be given an alternate assignment. *See Eligibility*
- Members are required to have all equipment, instruments, music, and necessary accessories for class. Not having all materials in class could reflect on their grade.
- Members are required to practice individually in addition to group rehearsals to ensure each student upholds their part in the ensemble.
- Members respect other members. This applies to teachers, sponsors, guest clinicians, and the student leadership chain of command (Drum majors, Section leaders, Squad leaders).
- Members are required to abide by all Crandall ISD policies both on and off campus.
- Members are expected to maintain all materials: instruments, music, equipment, uniforms, etc. Any fees assessed due to lack of maintenance must be paid before students regain access to said materials.
- Members that miss rehearsal time (excused or otherwise), may be asked to refrain from performances.
- Throughout the season, audio recordings, videos and photos of the band and individuals will be taken and published both online and on various media.

Eligibility

All band events and competitions fall under the UIL rules of eligibility. Students must maintain a 70 in all classes to participate in band. Students who are ineligible may not ride the bus with the band, or participate with the band at football games and other off-campus trips. Students will participate in co-curricular activities like local concerts and school-based events held during school hours. Ineligible students are expected to attend tutorials in an effort to regain eligibility.

In the event that a student cannot participate in a performance due to eligibility requirements, an alternate assignment will be given.

Communication

As a band staff, we use current communication technology and encourage students to do so as well. District email is the best way to reach a director for details questions and concerns. The Band App is the best resource for quick answers and help from the members.

The Crandall Band website and Band App are always the best sources for information about band events. Students should check the website first before contacting directors with questions

Notification

Director Phone and Email Information

- Mr. Hamilton Phone: 972.427.6150 ext. 54040 Email: ghamilton@crandall-isd.net
- Mr. Lazuka Phone: 972.427.6150 ext. 54042 Email: dlazuka@crandall-isd.net
- Ms. Jackson Phone: 972.427.6150 ext. 54041 Email: pjackson@crandall-isd.net

Regarding Attendance

When a rehearsal or performance has to be missed, please let a director know at least 24 hours in advance via email or phone. Please avoid notifying directors of attendance through other students.

Website

Crandall Bands is a large organization. We strive to maintain a system of easily accessible information to serve the needs of its many members and parents.

The website contains the following:

- Announcements and important band information
- Calendar of band events
- Digital copies of letters that we send home with students
- Information on contacting directors
- Band booster club information
- Other helpful information and resources

Students are responsible for the information on the website. Members of Crandall Bands make a commitment to check the band website, along with the Band App, often for information on upcoming events.

Parents may also join the Band App, with links on the band website.

www.crandallband.org