

Concert Band / Symphonic Winds / Percussion Ensemble
Statesboro High School
Joe Ferguson, Director

Course Syllabus: 2008-2009 School Year

Band is a performance-based class in which students will prepare and perform challenging and appropriate music for a variety of audiences. Key concepts and theoretical concept are incorporated and taught through performance music.

Students enrolled in band classes will also have the opportunity to compete in various interscholastic competitions throughout the year.

Content Covered (incorporated relevant to music being rehearsed):

- **Demonstration of Correct Instrumental Pedagogy**
 - o Care of Instruments and Equipment
 - o Breathing Techniques
 - o Characteristic Tone Production
 - o Articulation
 - o Dynamic Control
 - o Intonation
 - o Posture and Carriage
 - o Common and Alternate Fingerings
- **Group Rehearsal and Individual Practice Skills**
 - o Practice Techniques
 - o Playing Within the Section / Ensemble
 - o Solo Performance
 - o Small Ensemble Performance
- **Theoretical Concepts Relevant to Performance Literature**
 - o Musical Counting Structures
 - o Terminology / Vocabulary
 - o Major / Minor / Modal Scales and Chord Structures
 - o Compositional Form
- **Use of Music Technology to Enhance Performance**
 - o SmartMusic Studio
 - o Recording Media
 - o Chromatic Tuner / Metronome

Grading Scale

A	90 – 100
B	80 – 89
C	70 – 79
F	69 and below

Grade Weighting

50%	Performances / Examinations
35%	Participation / Daily Grades (Written / Performance)
15%	Mid-Term / Final

Expectations

- Students must all required materials to class EVERY DAY.
- Participation is expected each day. If you are well enough to be at school, you are well enough to participate in band class. Chronic health issues should be submitted via a physician's note to the school nurse.
- Disruption and disrespect will not be tolerated.
- Office and Storage areas are off-limits. The instrument storage room is available at the beginning and end of class only.
- No student should leave his / her assigned area without permission.
- Play only your assigned instrument when told to do so.
- Students should arrive on-time, collect their equipment, and be seated within a reasonable amount of time. Students loitering in any area will be marked tardy – school tardy policies (and applicable punishments) apply.

Disciplinary Consequences

- 1 – Verbal Warning
- 2 – Seating Change / Relocation / Alternative Assignment
- 3 – Parent Contact / After School Detention
- 4 – In-School Suspension
- 5 – Disciplinary Meeting with Administrator
- 6 – Administrative Referral

Supplemental Commitments (outside normal school hours)

The nature of performance requires a limited number of after-school commitments. These dates will be published as far in advance as possible. All information will be posted on the band website, announced in class, and written on the board in the band room. Travel may be involved. Attendance at these obligations is *part of your grade for the course*. Excessive absences from rehearsals or performances can jeopardize the student's chance of successfully completing the course.

Marching Band Information

We will spend a considerable amount of class time rehearsing and perfecting techniques and music for performance at football games and band competitions. Band is a performance-based class: all students enrolled in Fall Semester classes are required to participate in marching band in some fashion. Performance involvement and options are at the discretion of the director, and may include the following:

- Performance in the stands at all Home Games (required for all students)
- Performance in the stands at Away Games
- Involvement in Halftime Marching Presentation
- Halftime Show Equipment Crew / Front Ensemble Duties

Our Halftime Presentation is designed for a specified number of players per instrument. All students enrolled in band classes are considered ALTERNATES for these spots. Should an opening occur, during the season, the director will first ask for volunteers to fill the position; if no one volunteers for duty, the director reserves the right to assign a student to that spot. Academic / athletic conflicts will be taken into account when determining an individual's participation requirements. Please note that any student missing a performance or rehearsal for any reason will be required to complete an alternative assignment assigned by the director to receive academic credit. This assignment may be written or performance-based.

Band Uniform / Equipment / Fee Information

The SHS Band Program is partially funded by the Bulloch County Board of Education and Statesboro High School. Thanks to their support, we do not charge a “participation fee” for students wishing to enroll and participate in classes. However, there are expenses that are not covered by the Board of Education or the school that must be taken care of either through fundraising or the billing of these fees to appropriate parties. Our Band Boosters work hard to raise the majority of the funds for these expenses throughout the year, keeping our band fees among the lowest in the region.

Students who wish to perform only at Home Football Games (no travel) : \$35

Includes :

- Uniform Cleaning / Maintenance (Pants / Jacket / Tuxedo / Dress)
- Band T-Shirt

Students who choose to participate in all Fall Band Activities : \$100

Includes :

- Uniform Cleaning / Maintenance (Pants / Jacket / Tuxedo / Dress)
- Band T-Shirt
- Travel Expenses to Away Games / Playoff Games
- Travel Expenses to Band Competitions
- Contest Entry Fees
- Halftime Show Design Expenses (Music / Drill / Other Instructors)

Students cannot be issued a Band Uniform until uniform fees are paid. A uniform is required for admission to all football games and band events. Students missing practices or performances for any reason will be required to complete an alternative assignment to receive academic credit for the event missed. The first performance is August 29.

Required Equipment

Students are required to maintain their instrument in good working order so that they may use it to perform to the best of their ability. The following list of supplies and materials are required and may be checked at any time for an inspection assignment:

- Instrument
- Supplies (Oil / Grease / Reeds / Sticks / Stick Bag)
- Pencil
- Music

The following materials are required for performance, and should be acquired no later than August 22:

- Flip Folder (1st Folder is available for free from Mr. Ferguson)
- Lyre (Purchased from Portman’s Music – Price Varies by Instrument)
- Band Uniform Shoes - \$25 (Purchased from SHS Band Boosters)
- Band Gloves - \$3 per pair (Purchased from SHS Band Boosters)
- BLACK Socks

Band Handbook and Additional Information

In the interest of saving paper, the band handbook is accessible online in PDF format. You can access this information from the band website (www.statesboroband.com). You are responsible for the information and policies contained in the handbook. If you would like a printed copy, please notate your wish on your information sheet – one will be provided for you.

Please keep this syllabus for your records.

**Statesboro High School Band
Participation Information / Consent to Online Disclosure
2008 – 2009 School Year**

Instructions: Please fill out this form in its entirety. PRINT CLEARLY.

STUDENT INFORMATION			
Student Name :			
Instrument :		ID # :	
Mailing Address :	, GA		
Phone Number :		Grade Level :	
Date of Birth :		Age :	
PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION			
Parent Name :			
Parent Work Phone :			
Parent E-Mail :			
Parent Cell Phone :			
INSTRUMENT INFORMATION			
Instrument Brand / Model :			
Instrument Serial Number :			

I have read and agree to be bound by the policies and procedures outlined in the syllabus and band handbook, and understand the consequences outlined for failure to comply. I understand that calendar information and other pertinent parent information will be provide to my electronically (via website or E-Mail).

Online Disclosure Statement : I understand that the band handbook is accessible via the band website (<http://www.statesboroband.com>). I have the right to request a printed copy at any time. I also understand that information concerning performances, rehearsals, and activities will be announced online.

_____ I would like a printed copy of the band handbook for my reference.

Parent / Guardian Signature	Date

Student Signature	Date

*****MANDATORY Parent Meeting : Thursday, August 7, 7:00 PM – SHS Cafeteria*****

**We want you to be informed about our band program and all it has to offer!
We have scheduled a mandatory parent meeting for Thursday, August 7 at 7:00
PM in the SHS Cafeteria. Each student should plan to have at least 1 adult
representative at this meeting. We will complete required health and safety
paperwork at this meeting, so please bring any health insurance information that
you may have. We look forward to seeing you there!**

Band Fees and Equipment Order Form 2008 – 2009 School Year

Please use this form to place an order for any supplemental equipment your child may need in order to complete his / her uniform. You are always free to order this Equipment from any supplier you choose – our Boosters have made arrangements for discounts from our usual suppliers if we make ONE bulk order.

- Checks / Money Orders should be made payable to SHS Band Boosters.
- Receipts and fees paid will be available in CHARMS as soon as your order is processed.
- Equipment cannot be ordered until it is paid for!
- Equipment Prices include tax and Shipping. The Band Boosters are a non-profit organization - your price is their price.

2008 – 2009 Band Fees (please check one)		Cost	Total
Already Paid !	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	
Limited Participation – Home Games Only	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35	
Full Participation – Travel Included	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100	

Equipment	Qty.	Cost	Total
Bando Classic Shoes - Black		\$25	
Circle One - Men / Women - Size _____			
Band Gloves – Black Extra Long SureGrip		\$3	
Circle Size - XS / S / M / L / XL			

GRAND TOTAL :	
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*** RETURNING BAND MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE ***

We are using a different style and color of glove this year! EVERYONE needs to order at least 1 pair!

We have found a more COMFORTABLE Band Shoe this year. The same pair of shoes works with both concert and marching uniforms all year, and should last all 4 years at SHS if properly cared for. These shoes are manufactured in the USA (in Georgia!).

If you have shoes from previous years, you may continue using them, or you may purchase a pair of Bando Shoes. We will wear marching shoes to practices during contest months.