

2018-2019
Bangor Area High School
Instrumental Instruction

Marking Periods Q1-Q2, Q3-Q4
Cycles M-F
Block 2 (Q1-Q2, Q3-Q4), Block 3 (Q1-Q2)
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Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide current and prospective band members individual and small group instruction on their primary and/or secondary wind or percussion instruments. This course is not designed to teach guitar or vocal skills. Emphasis is placed on the higher-level performance techniques associated with each instrument. Students are assessed via weekly individual lessons and periodic performances. Students who wish to audition for PMEA District 10 Band/Orchestra, perform in the Bangor Area High School Jazz Band or Pit Orchestra, or audition for college music programs should enroll in this course.

Classroom Expectations

1. Student attendance is expected at all class meetings.
2. Students are expected to be prepared with their instrument(s), music, and a pencil.
3. Students are expected to have a tuner and a metronome (may be an app).
3. Students are expected to respect the equipment present in the rehearsal room, the director, the students around them, and themselves.
4. Students are expected to fulfill the practice/performance assignments for the course.
5. Students are expected to audition for PMEA ensembles if appropriate.

Grading

1. A daily grade will be awarded to all students based on their attendance, preparation, participation, and behavior.
2. Daily assessment of each student's playing ability and improvement will be completed via individual lessons held during scheduled class time. Students will be expected to perform techniques exercises such as scales, intervallic studies, articulation studies, intonation exercises, and vibrato exercises as well as repertoire and lessons book excerpts as assigned.
3. Midterm and final performance assignments will be assessed through which students will demonstrate their musical ability and growth.