

2017-2018 Rochester HS Bands Course Outline

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Required Materials

1. Instrument, music, technique books, folder, oil, grease, reeds, **PENCIL**
 - a. All music will be provided to you
 - b. Technique books will be provided to you
 - c. Concert folder will be provided to you
2. Concert Uniform
 - a. Wind Ensemble – Tuxedo/dress provided to you
 - i. Student provides – black dress shoes & socks, white tuxedo shirt
 - b. Symphony Band – Tuxedo/skirt provided to you
 - i. Student provides – black dress shoes & socks, white tuxedo shirt
 - c. Concert Band
 - i. Student provides – black dress shoes & socks, black pants, white dress shirt
 - ii. Boys – Solid-colored black neck tie

Required Events

To preserve the integrity of this performing ensemble, attendance at ALL rehearsals and performances is MANDATORY in order to receive credit for this course. You can also find an updated calendar on the RHS Bands website (www.rochesterbands.org). If a new event is added, Mr. Uhrig will IMMEDIATELY add it to the calendar in the band room, the website, send notification home, and announce the event to the ensemble. You are responsible for adding it to your current schedule. You will have ample time to make any arrangements with your work and sports schedules, etc. The performances currently scheduled for the 2017-2018 school year are listed below.

Wed., Oct. 25	Collage Concert	RHS Mall	7 PM
Tue., Dec. 19	Winter Concert	RHS Auditorium	7 PM
Sat., Jan. 13	Chamber Ensemble Festival	RHS	All Day
Mon., Jan. 15	S&E Clinic Night	RHS	6 PM
Sat., Jan. 20	Solo & Ensemble Festival	RHS	All Day
Fri.-Tue., Feb. 16-20	NYC Trip	NYC	
Thu., Feb. 22	Pre-Festival Concert	RHS Auditorium	7 PM
Thu.-Sat., Mar. 8-10	District Band Festival	TBD	TBD
Sat., Mar. 17	State Solo & Ensemble Festival	SCHS	All Day
Wed., Mar. 21	6 th Grade Concert (SB only)	RHS Mall	7 PM
Mon., Mar. 26	All City Concert (WE only)	RHS Gym	7 PM
Wed., May 16	Spring Concert	RHS Auditorium	7 PM
Mon., May 21	Recognition Night	RHS Mall	6:30 PM
Tue.-Thu., June 5-7 (TBD)	Commencement (WE, SB only)	OU O'Rena	7 PM

Attendance Policy

Attendance at ALL performances is required for membership in the band program. Absences are permitted in the event of extenuating circumstances (i.e. personal illness, death in the family). Excessive absences, even for these reasons, will make it extremely difficult for a student to learn the material and prepare for performances.

All necessary absences should be presented in writing in advance, if possible. Failure to appear at a scheduled performance without proper notice in advance will result in a “0” grade for that performance. It is impossible to “make up a performance” and the other members must carry an extra burden because of someone

else's inconsideration. Extenuating circumstances should be discussed with the director prior to the event. Performance dates are given in the beginning of the school year and plans should be made around them. Please remember that having a job is NOT an excused absence from any performance. Band members who work should take their band schedule to their employer and request not to be scheduled to work on these days.

Absence Policy

A list of required performances for the year is provided for each student to help prevent potential scheduling conflicts with your family activities. However, I realize and understand that there are certain circumstances that could prevent some students from attending a scheduled event (i.e. personal illness, death in the family). Under these circumstances, I will consider the absence EXCUSED and will result in a "no grade." **All excused absences should be presented in writing in advance**, if possible. Absences for any other reason will be UNEXCUSED. Any unexcused absence from a performance will result in a "0" grade for that performance. We all want to be successful this year. If you choose to skip performances, the rest of the band suffers.

Grading Policy

In-Class Participation – 45%

This includes timeliness, level of preparedness, practicing, and having all your materials. When the bell rings, you have 4 minutes to get your materials together, warm-up, and be ready to play. Rehearsals are not the time for you to practice. Practice outside of class so that you are prepared prior to rehearsals.

Performances – 40%

See the attendance and absence policies

Tests – 10%

Playing and chair placement tests will contribute to this portion of your grade.

Assignments – 5%

Assignments will consist of taking important information home, reading it over with your parents, and returning it to class signed and dated.

Remind Text Messages

Sign up to receive text message reminders from Mr. Uhrig by
texting the message: *@rhsbands1*
to the number: **81010**

Facebook

Please like the RHS Bands facebook page, which is called:
Rochester High School Bands

Please read, sign, and return this page to Mr. Uhrig by Friday, September 8

We have read the 2017-2018 Rochester HS Bands Course Outline. We understand the band member's responsibilities for participation, the attendance policy, the absence policy and the grading policy. This signature also provides permission to attend all performance-related field trips.

Student Name (printed): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please fill out your most up-to-date contact information, especially all cell phone numbers and email addresses. Please write neatly and legibly.

Fall 2017 - Contact Information

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Student Cell _____

Instrument _____ Student Email _____

Parent Names _____

Parent Cells _____

Parent Emails _____