

COX HIGH SCHOOL PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE (*Advanced Band*)

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This course gives students the opportunity to develop the highest standards of musicianship. Emphasis is placed on percussion performance through solos, ensembles, and small groups. Students will become acquainted with the techniques of percussion performance on mallet instruments, snare drum, timpani, and auxiliary percussion. After-school rehearsal and performances are required of all students. Students will be split into different performing ensembles based on ability (symphonic band and wind ensemble) and will be expected to perform with those ensembles and attend all of their after school rehearsals. **ALL PERFORMANCES ARE REQUIRED OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Material Requirements (all students expected to have these daily)

- Vic Firth SD1(one) general snare drum sticks (or approved comparable model)
- 8-10 inch practice pad (fits in backpack so it can be taken home daily)
- Music/Method and Etude Books
- Pencil
- Metronome

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:

- **Rehearsal Skills - 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 as stated 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 rehearsal skills count 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. Be recognized before speaking, and leave your seat only with permission.
4. Show RESPECT to *all* people.
5. GUM, FOOD, and DRINKS **are not permitted** in the band facilities (bottled water is allowed).
6. Hall Passes must be signed out and used for the bathroom, etc.
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 also covers your concert uniforms for the year (most groups have to buy their own for at least the cost of this fee). 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.**

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.

Please return with your student: This is your child's first grade.

These signatures signify that you have read and understand all of the guidelines and procedures governing the Cox high School Percussion Ensemble (Advanced Band). 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.

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

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

FRANK W. COX HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM