



## Mike Lane - Advanced Band

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Frank W. Cox High School Course Expectations	
Teacher Contact / Course Information	Required Materials
<p>Instructor: Mr. Lane            Phone: 648-5250 (ext. 58245)            Email: <a href="mailto:Mike.Lane@vbschools.com">Mike.Lane@vbschools.com</a>            Website: <a href="http://www.coxband.org">www.coxband.org</a></p> <p>This course gives students the opportunity to develop the highest standards of musicianship. Emphasis is placed on artistic performance commensurate with the standard of the finest college and professional groups. Students will become acquainted with the great heritage of symphonic literature. <b><i>After-school rehearsals and performances are required of all students.</i></b> The wind ensemble also performs competitively throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.</p> <p><b><i>There is a class fee for this class of \$85. This fee helps cover the cost of music purchases as well as uniform rental and upkeep for the year. This fee is due in full by November 1st but can be paid anytime before the due date. Checks can be payable to Cox Band Boosters or you can pay on our website at <a href="http://www.coxband.org">www.coxband.org</a>.</i></b></p>	<p><b>(all students expected to have these daily)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Instrument</li> <li>- Music/Method and Etude Books</li> <li>- Pencil</li> <li>- Tuner</li> <li>- Metronome</li> <li>- Reeds</li> </ul>
Student Behavior Expectations	Student Attendance Expectations
<a href="#">VBCPS Code of Student Conduct</a>	<a href="#">VBCPS Attendance Policy</a>
Classroom Procedures	
<p>The following obligations will be followed each and every day in the band facilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be in your seat ready to learn when the director steps on the podium.</li> <li>2. Be prepared with all materials each and every day.</li> <li>3. Be recognized before speaking, and leave your seat only with permission.</li> <li>4. Show RESPECT to <i>all</i> people.</li> </ol>	

5. GUM, FOOD, and DRINKS **are not permitted** in the band facilities (bottled water is allowed).
6. BYOD procedures - Devices will not be used during regular rehearsal times, unless otherwise stated.
7. Hall Passes must be signed out and used for the bathroom, etc.

**Fair and Equitable Grading Practices ([click for VBCPS Grading Scale](#))**

Explanation of Zeroes	Class Grading for Assignments and Assessments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assignments that are missing will be zero until they are handed in.</li> </ul> <p>See the column on the right for further information.</p>	<p>All grades in this class will be classified by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Rehearsal Skills - 40%</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Class- Weekly participation grades will be given.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Rehearsals and Performances- 100 pts</b></li> <li>○ <b>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.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tardiness to warm-up, leaving early, not being prepared with necessary materials...</li> <li>▪ 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. <b>There are no exceptions. This will be strictly enforced.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Playing and/or Written Examinations- 30%</b></li> <li>- <b>Concerts/ Performances - 30%</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Includes-District/State Auditions and Participation</b></li> <li>○ <b>During the 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks when there is no performance, playing and written exams count 50% and rehearsal skills count 50%.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Extra Credit	Homework
<p><i>Extra credit is only offered at various times throughout the year. Please stay on top of all grades to ensure you are earning the points that you have worked hard for throughout the 9 weeks.</i></p>	<p>All students are expected to practice regularly for this course. We will have assignments using smartmusic as well as various other practice assignments. Please adhere to all deadlines.</p> <p>All students are encouraged to take private lessons. While this is not required, private lessons give students the opportunity to receive more individualized attention on their instrument and</p>

	become more technically proficient
<b>Make up Work</b>	<b>Late Work</b>
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.	Work that is turned in late will be graded based on the date received and full credit may not be given depending on the circumstances involved in not turning the work in on time.
<b>Reassessment</b>	<b>Tutoring and Remediation</b>
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.	I am available after school for extra help. Please contact me to confirm my availability for extra help outside of the classroom
<b>Gradebook Comment Codes</b>	<b>Parent Contact and Portal Updates</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An <b>Absent</b> comment code in the gradebook represents that the student was absent and needs to submit the assignment, and the grade is currently calculated as a zero.</li> <li>• An <b>Exempt</b> comment code in the gradebook represents that the student is exempt from the assignment, and the grade is not calculated in the overall average.</li> <li>• A <b>Late</b> comment code represents that the assignment has been graded and entered with the penalty calculated (per Late Work policy in Course Expectations).</li> <li>• A <b>Missing</b> comment code in the gradebook represents the assignment was not turned in and currently is calculated as a zero.</li> <li>• A <b>Needs Improvement</b> comment means the assignment was not completed well enough to earn a grade. These will be calculated as zero until completed satisfactorily.</li> </ul>	<p>Communication is key for the success of our program.</p> <p>I will do my best to keep all resources of information up to date. You can find these resources at the following: Cox Band Website (<a href="http://www.coxband.org">www.coxband.org</a>), Synergy, and Schoology.</p> <p>You can also email our band boosters secretary at <a href="mailto:coxbandboosters@gmail.com">coxbandboosters@gmail.com</a> and get added to our email database to receive weekly updates for the band programs.</p>
<b>Honor Code</b>	<b>Student/Parent Acknowledgement</b>
I assume the responsibility of my own actions, and I promise to uphold the honor code of Cox High School by neither giving nor receiving unauthorized help on any quiz, test, exam, or	Please complete the Google Form below to sign the acknowledgement form for you and your student.  <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/5yalrMIPAL7qIK323">https://goo.gl/forms/5yalrMIPAL7qIK323</a>

other academic assignment.	
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