

Instrumental Ensemble Syllabus

What is Instrumental Ensemble?

Instrumental Ensemble IS:

A course taken concurrently with Band, Orchestra, or Choir.
A course used to improve your musical skills in the above large ensembles.
A course for improving practice skills.
A course for practicing region, state, large ensemble, and private lesson music.
A course to perform music for your peers and instructors.
A course to receive feedback from peers and instructors.
A course for musical self-reflection and assessment.

Instrumental Ensemble is NOT:

A course to use as a study hall for other academic classes.
A second lunch period.
Nap Time.
Off campus or wandering the campus time.
Playing instruments other than your own instrument.

Expectations:

1. You will check in for attendance with Mrs. Nguyen daily and indicate where your practice for the day will take place (orchestra room, practice rooms, band hall, choir hall).
2. You will be in that place when Mrs. Nguyen comes to check on progress.
3. You will fill out a weekly goal and summative progress report.
4. You will submit videos of your practice and performance progress.
5. All of the above is mandatory and for a grade.

Grading:

Formative grades 50% - these are daily grades for completing practice. You will earn 20 points a day X five days a week for a grade of 100. Points will be taken off for failure to participate, and failure to come to class prepared. Daily grading will be based on practice habits such as: musical progress and demonstration of good posture, hand position, musicality, and technique.

Summative grades 50% - these are test grades for goal sheets, rubrics, and videos submitted. The grade is based on the student's knowledge of music worked on in class, conduct, intonation, dynamics, and rhythm, good posture, hand position, musicality, and technique. Conduct refers to being on time to class, being quiet during instruction and performance, and responding promptly and appropriately to instruction.