



Muscatine School District

Course Syllabus

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Course Name	MUS100 Varsity Band
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Course Description	Students in this class will participate in The Muskie Varsity Marching Band as well as concert band during 1st semester. Students will gain an understanding of music and improve their playing ability. Topics include lessons, marching, concert, jazz and pep band, festivals and competitions, concerts, and solo and ensemble performances. Students who sign up for this class will also be expected to participate in the summer parade and band camp week. Auditions will be held for the more advanced concert group at the end of the semester. This class is open to freshmen who are committed to an active experience that includes marching band. Students who are in this ensemble will be expected to perform in two concerts per semester, a solo/ensemble contest during the spring semester, and at least 4 pep band performances. Freshmen may take this course with the permission of high school instructors and an understanding that early bird marching band and numerous commitments outside the school day is a required part of this class. Contact Mr. Heid at jeff.heid@mcsdonline.org for further information. • Web information: www.muskiebands.org • Facebook: Muscatine High School Band • Twitter: @MuskieBands
Objectives	By the end of this course, students should be able to: • Play a musical instrument alone and with others

	• Interpret musical notation as written from a variety of composers and styles • Have tools to help them learn new music • Be capable of continuing to participate in musical ensembles beyond high school.
Instructional Materials	• Concert Band music selections • Marching Band music selections • Pep Band music selections • Jazz Band music selections • Solos and ensembles from varying time periods and styles based on student interests. • Rubank Elementary/Intermediate/Advanced Lessons Books • Instruments (some instruments may be provided by the school for a fee such as Percussion, tuba, Baritone Sax, French Horn, Etc.) • Instrumental supplies (reeds, Drum Sticks, Slide Oil, Valve Oil)
Communication Protocols	Students and parents are encouraged to join the band.app group: https://band.us/n/a2a5831dX6E8D This group will be our primary communication group for our class. Students will be expected to check emails regularly, as well as Google Classroom for specific playing assignments.
Grading Information	Students will be graded on the following categories a) Participation 10% b) Summative Assessment 70% c) Final 20% Learning activities are weekly lessons. Students will be expected to attend weekly lessons with an instructor to show growth and gain individual instruction on their instrument. Participation is defined as simply being present, on-time, and participating in class. Students who are tardy, or forget their instruments/music will lose points in this category. Summative Assessments are periodic assessments of student

	knowledge. Throughout the year, students will be required to complete playing exams and written assessments of concerts which will be graded as summative. The Semester final is a student designed final. We strongly encourage all students to complete a performance based final with their instrument. We allow students to complete other projects, but each project is expected to demonstrate the connection to the band class. See Semester Final Guidelines for further information.
Assignment List	Throughout the year, students will be expected to complete playing exams, individual lessons, and performance evaluations. See Grading information above for additional information.
Academic Policies and Procedures	Students will be able to redo or make-up an assessment up to two weeks after the assessment grade is posted. ACADEMIC DISHONESTY Plagiarism is the use of another writer's words or ideas without acknowledgement. It is literary theft. Academic dishonesty is the use of cheating by using other's work and claiming it as your own. Both are considered a severe violation of academic integrity and apply to all phases of the learning process (homework, assignments, projects and assessments). If a teacher or administrator concludes that a student has plagiarized, or has cheated, the consequences will consist of the student taking a "zero" on the assignment or assessment in which the student violated academic integrity. Cheating can be any activity where a student unfairly gains an advantage in their work by using another student's information and work as their own.
Course Calendar	The full band calendar can be found here. <u>June and July</u> • Student section leaders are announced at the end of year banquet in May. Student section leaders email students in their sections to get together during June and July for team building and orientation activities. New marching band members: you receive your very important "purple shirt" free of charge from your section leader. This is the shirt to be worn in the July 4th parade and for other activities). Replacement shirts cost \$10. • Parade practice July 3rd, MHS band room 8:00am-about 11:00am. Wear hats, sunglasses,

sunscreen, and athletic shoes. Bring your water jug. You will need a lyre if you don't have the music memorized. A lyre is a clamp-on device that holds your music.

- Parade July 4th, gather at Iowa and 6th street at 4:00pm. Your uniform is: khaki shorts, purple band shirt, and athletic shoes. NO SUNGLASSES OR HATS. Be professional. It's usually hot. The Muskie Band Boosters provide water and popsicles for the band at the end of the parade route.

August

- Marching Band Camp 8:00am-5:00pm the first week of August (See calendar link for specific dates as some years will include the last couple days of July). Bring comfortable shoes and a water jug. It's usually hot and you'll be thirsty. Refreshments will be provided by the Muskie Band Boosters mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Band parents are encouraged to contribute and always remember, **NO NUTS OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS**. A family preview performance by the marching band will be held at 5:30pm in the stadium on the last day of band camp.
- Marching band uniform fittings will be done by Band Booster parents during Marching band Camp. A group picture of the marching band will also be taken this week. **The purple band shirt and gym shorts should be worn under marching band uniforms.**
- Purchase Dinkles and gloves this week. Dinkles are special shoes. The shoes are in the music department at the high school. They are available through the MHS music program. About \$35. These will also be worn with formal wear for concerts. All marchers will also need to purchase gloves which are about \$5. These are also in the music department at the high school.
- Order forms for OPTIONAL Muskie sweatshirts, short sleeve shirts, and long sleeve shirts with the season's Marching Band show name and design will be available during band camp week.
- If your child would like an OPTIONAL Muskie Band jacket, orders are due around mid-September. Information will be given to students after school starts.
- The band performs at the Fall Sports Kick Off Event. Khaki shorts and purple band shirt. This is usually close to the first day of school.

- If you'll be trying out for All State, the music required for mid-October auditions will be released approximately August 1st. Contact Mr. Heid for more information.

September-October

- Daily 7:00am morning marching practice and a couple of evening full dress rehearsal practices in September. See the calendar.
- Band booster parents will be needed to work concessions during a home football game.
- Marching band performs at Home Football Games. Mr. Heid and the Band Boosters will send out information emails with specific information. The Band Boosters host tail-gating (food and drink) for kids to get something to eat before getting into uniform. Parents contribute items.
- Several marching band competitions. Mr. Heid will send out the dates, times, and locations. Band Booster parents accompany students to competitions and assist students with looking good and ready to take the field to compete. See also www.muskiebands.com Marching competitions are usually on Saturdays in September and up through mid-October.
- The Marching Band participates in the MHS Homecoming Parade which is usually on a Thursday evening in mid-September. Line up occurs on Barry Avenue near Grant Elementary School. Informational emails will be sent out in advance by Mr. Heid.
- The first concert of the school year is the MHS Band "Spooktacular" at the High School Auditorium.
- Band Boosters provide food, drink, chaperones for a "Trunk or Treating" social event.
- Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band start practicing in October soon after the Marching season ends. Mr. Plummer directs the Jazz Ensemble; Mr. Heid directs the Jazz Band. If your child is interested in jazz or for more information, please contact Mr. Heid. Competitions start in January. Jazz groups are optional.

November-December

- Fittings for tuxedos and dresses are held in early November. For those who did not march, you need black shoes. Men will purchase a tuxedo shirt. Choose a wing collar, ¼ inch pleats. Women must purchase concert band shoes (approx. \$30).

- The Muskie Band Booster **nut sales** kick off this month on the Monday following the end of marching band season. More information to come from the Boosters. This is a **major fundraiser** benefiting the band.
- Band members perform at HyVee for the annual Veteran's Day breakfast.
- The All-State music festival is mid-November for those students who made All State.
- Muscatine High School basketball games usually start in December. Band members are encouraged to participate in Pep Band which plays from the bleachers.
- Band members perform at several venues during Muscatine's Holiday Stroll which is very early in December.
- A holiday band concert is mid-December.
- The Band Boosters support the holiday breakfast in the band room which is usually a day or two before final exams start in advance of the holiday break. Parents contribute food items. Again, **NO NUTS OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS.**

January-February

- SEIBA (Southeast Iowa Bandmasters Association) auditions for honor band and for jazz honor band are early January (usually first Saturday). This is optional. This is open to all students not selected for All State. The SEIBA honor band concert is later in January.
- Pep band continues
- Jazz ensemble and Jazz Band competitions start late January, continue through February.
- Wind Ensemble Showcase concert is usually end of January
- Muskie Cake Auction event early/mid-February. **Each band section should submit a cake for the event. This is a fun event!**

March

- Pops Concert is usually early March
- Symphonic Band Concert early March
- All City Swing Dance in late March
- Band Trip (if a year for Band to go)
 - o March 2025 Band (New York)
- Band Trips are BAND BOOSTER EVENTS, NOT SCHOOL DISTRICT EVENTS.

	<u>April</u> • Iowa High School Music Association (IHSMA) Solo and Ensemble Competition early April. Optional • Coe College Honor Band Performance (if accepted) is usually mid-April. • Iowa Jazz Championships (if Jazz Ensemble invited to compete again) early April. • Pit Orchestra Practices in evenings this month. Musical usually opens at the end of April. Pit orchestra participation is by invitation from Mr. Heid-not for all. <u>May</u> • Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble Concert, Senior Recognition in May. • An email will go out early in May inviting parents to submit pictures to Mr. Heid for the slideshow. The FULL calendar can be accessed through the band app or here.