

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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ConVal High School's Mission

At ConVal High School, we embrace our opportunities to grow and learn, both individually and as an inclusive community. We strive to be respectful and show compassion for others. We work to be creative thinkers and problem solvers. We communicate and collaborate in an effort to take responsibility for our learning. As we build resilience in a safe school environment, we commit to developing skills and tools to become civic-minded citizens.

CONCERT BAND

Welcome to the ConVal Band! You are part of a thriving music program that is a source of pride for our school and community.

Course Description: Concert Band teaches a wide variety of musical repertoire that includes all genres of music from marches to Pops and romantic to modern. Students typically play brass, woodwind, percussion, and some string instruments.

Learning Objectives/Competencies: Music notation, instrument technique, relevant information to your instrument, rehearsal procedures, practice technique, relevant background to the music, and performance procedures.

Course Requirements and Assignments: Appropriate participation and preparation for all things related to the course are integral. This also means that there is a great reward in performing! Performances can include formal concerts, pep bands, parades, field trips, and more. Rehearsals happen daily. Playing assessments will be a chance for students both individually and in a group, to demonstrate they have grown musically. Folder checks will be used to demonstrate the student's responsibility for their music and instrument. Important: all students are required to participate in performances.

Grading Procedure:

Playing Assessments, Performances, and Reflections ... 50%

Folder Checks, Sectional and Rehearsal Expectations ... 50%

Letter grades will be assigned using the ConVal grading scale.

Communication Protocols: You are welcome to contact me via email, Google Chat, or by phone with any questions or concerns. Be sure you are on the band email list to receive important schedule updates and reminders from the music department. To add an email, please message Mr. Wickham. Never hesitate to speak with me in person or by email with a question, thought, or concern. We will use Google Classroom.

Required Texts and Resources: ConVal will supply a uniform, music, concert folder, and flip folder. All instrumentalists are required to keep and organize their folders. You are responsible for your concert attire, personal instrument, lyre, cleaning supplies, and basic maintenance supplies (i.e. oil, grease, and reeds). In some cases, ConVal will also supply your instrument. Please speak with Mr. Wickham if you need any materials. Although we may not use Chromebooks daily, please bring them charged to class.

Attendance Policy and Procedure: As you can see by the grading procedure, the importance of being present (in mind and body) for both rehearsals and performances is equivalent and integral for success in the course. A performance calendar will be provided. Classroom tardy procedures will follow the [student handbook](#).

Electronic Device Procedure: Cell phones and other personal devices are not permitted during rehearsals. Please let Mr. Wickham know if you have any questions. Students are permitted to use cell phones as digital tuners. Cell phone policies will follow the [student handbook](#).

Hall Passes: Barring emergencies, students are allowed one pass per class through E Hall Pass. Students may use this pass after the first ten minutes of class and before the last ten minutes of class. Hall passes must be requested during a transition period and avoid interrupting direct instruction.

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism: Please reference ConVal's [student handbook](#).

Additional Required Resource: Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the [ConVal Band Handbook](#) available on our Google Classroom.

Signature and Date: _____