



Band & Orchestra Syllabus

Windham Center School



Teachers:

Mrs. Amy Boccia - 6th Grade Band/Orchestra
Mr. Brady Santin - 5th Grade Band/Orchestra
Ms. Michaela Kosta - 5th/6th Band/Orchestra

Overview:

Welcome to the WCS instrumental program! We are looking forward to making music with you again this year! Band and orchestra are year-long courses in which students work to enhance their skills individually and as an ensemble. These ensembles provide students an opportunity to enhance their musicianship, develop team-building skills, and promote citizenship. Through performing, musical literacy and theory, and diverse repertoire, students are expected to bring their best effort, learn new skills, and have fun.

Materials:

Students are asked to bring the following to each class period:

1. All music provided in class
2. Sharpened **pencil**
3. **Instrument**
4. **Essential accessories**
 - Clarinets - [Vandoren strength 2.5 reeds](#)
 - Saxophones - [Vandoren strength 2.5 reeds](#)
 - Trumpets - [Valve oil](#)
 - Trombones - [Slide oil](#)
 - Violins - [Size ½ - ¾ shoulder rest](#) & [rosin](#)
 - Violas - [Size 15-16.5" shoulder rest](#) & [rosin](#)
 - Cellos - [Rosin](#)
 - All strings - [Tuner](#) (optional, but highly recommended)

Expectations:

As a member of the band or orchestra, I will...

- 1) Come to class **prepared**
- 2) Have a **growth mindset** - our music will take time to learn and that is okay!
- 3) Stay **focused and on task** during lessons and rehearsals
- 4) Understand that being in an ensemble is like being on a **team** - we perform our best when we work together!
- 5) **Practice** challenging sections of music outside of rehearsal
- 6) Work to become a **responsible and mature leader** within the school's community
- 7) Strive for **quality performances**. All performances listed below are mandatory, unless a parent has notified your classroom teacher and the absence has been excused in advance.

Concert Attire:

Every student is required to wear **professional clothing to concerts. Wearing either all black or a white top with black bottoms.** Dresses and skirts must be knee length or longer, and must be worn with black tights or leggings underneath. Shoes must be black as well. Please no sneakers, sweatpants or jeans.. If your student has questions about attire or needs help attaining any of these items, please let me know.

Parent/Guardian Support:

In order to support my student, I can...

1. Listen to, and support, at home practice!
2. Attend scheduled concerts (*dates and times listed below*)
3. Consider enrolling your child in one-on-one, private lessons
Russell Ryan (rryan@windhamsd.org) - Trumpet/Brass
Elizabeth (Betsy) Thorpe (ethorpe@windhamsd.org) - Woodwinds
Bryeton Evarts (bevarts@windhamsd.org) - Violin/Viola
Serenity Newton (snewton@windhamsd.org) - String Bass
Michael Crowley (mcrowley.@windhamsd.org) Percussion
Tyler Nadeau (tnadeau@windhamsd.org) Low Brass
Laura Chicarello (lchicarello@windhamsd.org) French Horn
Julia Horaj (jhoraj@windhamsd.org) - Voice/Piano
Sheila Cuneo (scuneo@windhamsd.org) Voice/Piano
4. Consider joining and becoming a member of the Windham Music Arts Association.
<https://www.windhammusicalarts.org/>

Concert/Event Dates:

There are typically two concerts a year, usually in January and May performed at the WHS Auditorium.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the following teachers:

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