

Department: Music

Course Title: Band Grade 8

Grade Level: 8

Length of Course: 1 Academic Year

Primary Resources: Wind Band Literature from onsite library, musictheory.net, Google Classroom, US Marine Band Educational Resources (marineband.marines.mil), youtube.com (listening examples), Student/ School Owned Instruments, Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Performance Rubric (pmea.net), Tonal Energy Tuner

Units of Study:

Unit 1 (Nine Weeks): Intermediate Instrument Skills

Unit 2 (Nine Weeks): Holiday Concert

Unit 3 (Nine Weeks): Contest Music

Unit 4 (Nine Weeks): Thematic and Spring Concert

Curriculum-Based Assessments: Daily Interpretation of group performance, Sectional playing of excerpts, Questioning of the group throughout class, Performance Assessment in Lessons, Tests, Quizzes

Standardized Assessments: N/A

Description of Course:

Band 8 is a continuation of the concepts learned in the previous grade. We continue to explore the use of your instrument and how it is played at the appropriate grade level. Throughout the year, advancing techniques will be covered while each student regularly practices these new techniques. As the ability level of the musician progresses, we will play and perform music from many style periods, classical to more modern pieces, suitable for the grade level. With practice, each student will obtain a greater understanding of their instrument, thus maturing as a player. We will cover such topics as maintenance of the instrument, home practice skills, music terminology and spelling, ensemble and performance technique, and music appreciation.