

Tuloso Midway HS Band Course Syllabus 2025-2026

Students are able to enroll Band/Color Guard I, II, III, IV. Students are also able to enroll in Band I Honors, Band II Honors, Band III Honors or Band IV Honors which are considered “weighted” courses. Individual music appreciation and performance will be the main focus of the class. Other important character traits to be taught are punctuality, responsibility, accountability among others. A student that chooses to enroll in an Honors Band class must audition for Region Band and participate at Solo & Ensemble Contest.

Marching Band:

Marching Band season begins in late July and ends in early November. All band members must participate in marching band in order to receive credit for the class. In the event that a student has a documented health issue, an alternate marching band responsibility will be assigned to that student. Marching band rehearsal schedule will be shared the first week of school. All rehearsals are mandatory for all students to attend. Students with a high number of absences may be placed in the JV section of the marching band. These rehearsals are in preparation for football game and marching contest performances. All football games and marching contest performances are mandatory and a Major Grade is assigned to each performance.

Audition & Solo:

Audition and solo/ensemble season begins in late November and ends in mid February. Students that choose to audition for a region band or participate in Solo & Ensemble contest will be asked to attend afterschool sectionals and invest extra time at home. Students that place at a high level at these contests are eligible to participate in the Texas All-State Band or the Texas Solo & Ensemble Contest.

Concert Band:

Concert Band season will begin in January and end in May. All students will audition for placement into one of three concert bands. Students will be placed into one of the concert bands based on playing and sight-reading ability. All rehearsals and performances are mandatory for all students to attend and a Major Grade is assigned to each performance. Students with a high number of absences may be placed in a different performing band.

Grading Policy:

Minor Grades (50%) – will be issued based on daily class participation and daily in class music pass-offs. A student’s grade will be affected if they do not have their instrument, reed/mouthpiece, music or any other supply/item that prohibits a student from actively and completely participating in class. Excessive tardiness will also impact the student’s participation grade.

Major Grades (50%) – will be issued for all performances (games, contests & concerts). It is the responsibility of the student to arrange a time (within 5 days of the absence) to make up the major grade that was missed. The highest grade on a performance make-up is a 70. **Unexcused absences** for Pre-UIL and UIL performances cannot be made up and a grade of a 0 will be posted in the gradebook.

Please contact a high school director if a conflict arises or if you have any questions.

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