



Advanced Band 2025-2026

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Office Hours: T, W, F, 3-3:30pm

Course Title: Advanced Band

Course Meets: Grade 7, 6th Period
M,T,TH,F

Grade 8, 2nd Period A Days

Office Location: Band Room

Please review the information shared within the following links:

- [2025-2026 Code of Student Conduct](#)

Course Description Advanced Band is for students with at least one year experience of band. This class is for 7th and 8th graders.

Course Grade: .5 Credit for each semester, grade averaged at end of year.

Tests linked to the course: N/A

Goals & Standards: The goal of this course is to create students who are musicians and well rounded humans. The band will also contribute to the community and school culture.

MU.68.S.3.2

Demonstrate proper vocal or instrumental technique.

MU.68.C.2.2

Critique, using correct music vocabulary, changes in one's own or others' musical performance resulting from practice or rehearsal.



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Course Schedule

Semester 1 Units	Semester 2 Units
Warm Up/Fundamentals	Tone Production/Fundamentals
Tone Production	Advanced Techniques
Concert Prep	Concert Prep

Required course materials

- Texts and Media: Band Warm Up by Thomas Singletary
- More to be Added [here](#)

Procedures

- Supplies - Students will need their instrument and any music that is provided to them for each class.
- Homework
 - Students are required to practice their instrument at home outside of class time to supplement what we are doing in class. Students will have playing check ups throughout the year to monitor their progress.

General Expectations

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- Responsible: Students must attend and be on time to class.
- Respectful: Students must show respect for each other and the classroom/school space.
- Resilient: Students are willing to take on challenges and use skills to overcome them.
- Ready: Students are prepared to work and learn everyday.



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Late Work Policy

Late work will ONLY be accepted up to two weeks after the due date. If an assignment is not turned in by the due date/time, a zero will be entered into the gradebook until the assignment is submitted. Students should turn assignments in on time. Points will NOT be deducted for late work.

Communication Protocols

Students can communicate with me through canvas.

Families can communicate with me by emailing me through my email

Electronic Device Policy

Students must come to class every day with their charged Chromebook. During class, the Chromebook should be used only to participate in the class. Students should not have personal electronic devices out during class at any time for any purpose, unless instructed to do so.

Kindergarten-8th Grade

Students may possess a wireless communication device on school property or while attending a school function, but they are not allowed to use it at any time during the school day from the start of the instructional day to the end of the instructional day.

9th-12th Grade

Students may possess a wireless communications device but may only use it outside of class time - or when a teacher gives explicit permission for instructional purposes. Devices must be stored in teacher-designated areas during instructional time.

PK will provide access to telephones for students who need to contact families during times when they are prohibited from using their personal device.

Grading Policy and Assessments

Grading

P.K. Yonge's Grading and Credit system is based on our shared beliefs about the purpose of assessment:



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- Students should have a clear understanding and shared ownership of learning goals
- Grades should communicate what students know and are able to do both within and across disciplines
- Students should have multiple opportunities to practice, receive feedback, and demonstrate their knowledge and skills
- It is critical for students to develop productive habits of work alongside content and skill development

Type	Examples	% of Grade
Habits of Work	Rehearsals and Class Etiquette	5%
Formative	Small Check Ups	20%
Summative	Large Check Ups/Concert Reflection	75%

The chart below outlines the relationship between numerical grades, letter grades, mastery-language, and credit within our mastery-based system.

Mastery-Language	Range (4-point grade system)	Meets Standard Course Credit Earned
Mastery (A)	3.51 - 4.0	GPA Point 4
Proficient (B)	3.01 - 3.5	GPA Point 3
Approaching (C)	2.51 - 3	GPA Point 2
Beginning (D)	2.01 - 2.5	GPA Point 1
Not Meeting (F)	.01 - 2.0	No Course Credit



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No Evidence	0	No Course Credit
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Academic Dishonesty

It is expected that the work you submit in this and all of your courses is your own original work, or if not, contains full acknowledgment of borrowed sources. The following instances are academically dishonest:

- A student submits a playing check up that is not of them playing, but rather someone else playing their assignment for them.

Any academic dishonesty will result in the *failure of that assignment as the minimum consequence*; other consequences range from failure of the course to academic probation to dismissal from P.K. Yonge.

ALL instances of academic dishonesty will be reported to the student's counselor, Behavior Coach, and Administration.

Fundraising

Students have a \$150 commitment for the school year (This is different from the activity fee). Typically we try to have a fundraiser in the fall and one in the spring to help with this. There is no requirement to participate in the fundraisers. Parents can fulfill this commitment by writing a check (Made out to UF) or sending in cash to the business office if they do not wish to participate in fundraisers.

School Instruments

If your child is renting an instrument from the school, there is a \$100 rental fee for the entire school year. This covers any damages and repairs done to the instrument from normal use. If damage is caused to the instrument from improper use or care by the student, the repair will not be covered by the school and will be your responsibility. Please do NOT pay out of pocket for instrument repairs as you cannot be reimbursed.

Concert Attire

Students will need to supply black pants with a belt, and a black dress shirt. No jeans or leggings. Ladies may wear a solid black dress that aligns with the dress code found in the code of conduct. Ladies can also wear flats or small heels. Ladies may choose to wear black dress shirt with black dress pants if they choose to do so. Solid black dress shoes (i.e. no logos, no different colored soles, no designs, plain means plain!) Long black socks, no short socks! We do not want to see ankles if your pants come up when you sit down.



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INSTRUMENT RENTAL AGREEMENT

2025 – 2026 School Year

I hereby agree to accept responsibility for the care of the school instrument being loaned to
(Student name)

_____ for use at PK Yonge DRS.

The cost for the school year is \$100. If a student switches instruments during the school year, only one rental fee will be charged.

I understand that I am to keep the instrument in good playing condition and that I will arrange **and pay** for the repair of any damage or breakage or loss for which my student is responsible.

Parent/Guardian PRINTED Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Address

Telephone



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Please return this form with payment by September 15th.
Check can be payable to UF and turned in to the business office.

Instrument _____
Serial Number _____
UF ID # _____
Dates of Rental _____
Replacement Cost _____