

# Mineral Wells High School Band

## Course Syllabus 2019-19

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### **Courses (Meeting Time):**

Band 1, 2, 3, 4 (Period 1 – 8:20-9:08)

Colorguard 1, 2, 3, 4 (Period 1 – 8:20-9:08)

Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4 (Period 8 – 3:12-4:00)

\*All classes held in the Band Hall (F 4/5)

### **I. Description**

Through rehearsal and performance of a variety of carefully selected wind band and chamber wind literature, students will increase their knowledge and experience base on their individual instruments and with their ensemble skills. The different ensembles are open to all Mineral Wells High School students. Ensemble placement and repertoire/part assignments are determined by audition and faculty recommendations and are intended to provide the most appropriate educational experience for each individual student's development. Students will be required to prepare music outside of rehearsal to facilitate productive rehearsals and high levels of learning.

### **II. Rehearsal Statement**

Rehearsals are not to learn your part – rather they are to learn everyone else's part and therefore, the music. Rehearsals are time to work collectively, not individually. The discovery of how the composition works and creating the most profound and educated recreation of the composer's intent is the focus of rehearsal time. At this level, your part is your responsibility. This minimum standard is important for all to understand because it is the professional standard.

For a more detailed explanation of policies/procedures, please consult **"MW Ram Band Handbook"**

### **III. Grading**

**Daily Work (50%)** Students will be required to attend all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances. All missed rehearsals must be excused with a note from a parent or doctor. Late arrival to any event will also result in a loss of points.

\*Any late arrival to a rehearsal without proper notification will result in a loss of 10 (of 100 total points from the weekly participation grade).

\*Any absence from a rehearsal without proper notification will result in a loss of 25 (if 100 total) points from the weekly participation grade.

Students will be assessed on their preparation for class and active participation in the music making process. The expectation is that students have learned their music on their own and come ready to perform and rehearse in class. Students with a positive attitude and a great work ethic will receive their participation points.

**Tests (50%)** All students will be required to complete a series of music “pass-offs” and or recordings of progress on specified music. The pass-offs will not be private lessons with the directors, but instead individual time to perform the music to ensure practicing at home. Each pass-off will be an individual test grade.

Each performance is also a separate test grade.

\*Any late arrival to a performance without proper notification will result in a loss of 25 (out of 100 total) points from the test grade.

\*Any absence from a performance without proper notification will result in a loss of 50 (out of 100 total) points from the test grade.

### **IV. Tutoring**

The directors are available from 7:00-7:30 and 5:15-6:15 Monday-Friday, and by appointment, for students that would like extra help with their all-region music, solo & ensemble music, or any general music passed out in class.

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## Syllabus Agreement 2018/2019

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the policies set forth in the Mineral Wells High School Band Syllabus. I agree to follow all rules/procedures to stay in good standing and be an active participant in the band program. I also agree to accept consequences for failing to follow these rules/procedures and expectations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the policies set forth in the Mineral Wells High School Band Syllabus that my child must abide by. I also accept consequences if my child were to not follow these rules/procedures and expectations.

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(Parent Signature)

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(Date)

**DUE BY AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> 2018**

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