

# West Clermont Symphonic Band I

- Course Syllabus -

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www.wcwolvesband.com

Mission Statement: Provide an opportunity to promote excellence through music. Students embody three core attributes of integrity, empathy, and humility through personal accountability.

## About the West Clermont Symphonic Band:

The West Clermont Symphonic Band is made up of the finest musicians at West Clermont High School. The goal of the ensemble is to perform the most respected and revered literature at the highest levels to give students a truly world class musical experience.

## Behavior Expectations:

Be Your Best - Show Respect - Be Prepared - Be On Time

Students are expected to practice at home daily, 45 minutes.

## Grading Policy:

Daily Performance (30%) - Having all class materials & classroom professionalism

Concert Attendance (20%) - Attire, Behavior, On-time, clean-up

Playing/Written Quiz (25%) - Shorter excerpts based on concert music of fundamentals.

Playing Test (25%) - Longer excerpts.

## Learning Materials: NEEDED DAILY!

1. Instrument – Including Necessary Accessories:
  - Brass – oil, grease, metal straight mute for trumpet and trombone
  - Woodwinds – 2 performance ready reeds, reed case, cork grease, cleaning swabs, mini screw driver.
  - Percussion – concert style snare sticks, general yarn mallets, stick bag, practice pad with stand.
2. Music Folder – music and books
3. Pencil – each member must have a pencil (Daily Performance Grade)
4. Metronome/Tuner – (available from local music store, or may use an app on a mobile device in “airplane mode”.)

## Tardy Policy

You must be in the band room by the beginning of class bell, and you must be seated by two minutes after the bell. If you need to use the restroom, you must set up your instrument & stand first, then you may go. Please communicate with us so that we do not mark you absent. Consequences for tardy or leaving before bell will be consistent with WCHS code of conduct.

West Clermont High School Instrumental Music Department Attendance Policy:

1. Membership in a performing ensemble automatically requires attendance at all scheduled performances & rehearsals.
2. An absence due to illness or accident will be honored. If at all possible contact the director by e-mail prior to the performance.
3. Specific arrangements must be made with the director to resolve conflicts with other school activities.
4. Written excuses for performance absence, tardiness, or early leave are honored by the director, pending the legitimacy of the case presented.
5. An unexcused absence from an extra scheduled rehearsal will result in a lowering of the student's grade for the quarter.
6. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in a failing grade for the quarter and possible dismissal from the ensemble. A make up assignment will be provided for students with an excused absence.

Private Lessons:

The West Clermont Band is proud to offer students the opportunity to take private lessons in cooperation with Willis Music. Private lessons are one of many ways to enhance the student experience of band. Students should contact lesson teachers listed on the band website to schedule lessons.

**After school expectations** - Students cannot be in the band room without a teacher present after school. Tuesdays and Thursdays, students will need to leave by 3:15.

**BAND DEPARTMENT DATES**

Required Concert Band events in **bold**

Full calendar www. <http://wcwolvesband.com/charms-calendar>

**After school rehearsals are TBD at this time.**

Friday, August 23

"WCMB Parent Preview" (WCMB ONLY)

**Thursday, October 24**

**Fall Concert**

Monday, November 18

D14 Honor Band Auditions @Princeton HS

**Thursday, December 12**

**Winter Band Concert**

January 10-12

OMEA District 14 Honor Band (Princeton HS)

Saturday, February 8

OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest - Anderson HS

Early February

Land of Grant Weekend

**Friday + Saturday Feb 21+22**

**Concert Band Camp Weekend**

**Saturday, Feb 22**

**February Concert**

**Saturday, March 7**

**Music for All Regional Concert Band Festival**

**Tuesday, May 26**

**Band Fest**

**Thursday, May 28**

**Spring Concert**

**Thursday, June 4**

**Commencement (2020-2021 Symphonic Band I)**