



I53Q Symphonic Band

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Symphonic Band (period 5B) will meet regularly in room I307 on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 11:50am—12:40pm, and Thursday, 11:24am—12:54pm.

Symphonic Band (1 year—1.0 Fine Arts credit) is a dynamic, performance-based, highly participatory instrumental music ensemble for Interlake students grades 10 through 12. Students will be challenged to grow all areas of their musicianship including performance experience, facility on their musical instrument, ear training, knowledge of music theory and history, and rehearsal skills. In addition to performances at band festivals, after-school concerts and musical events, the members of Symphonic Band fully participate in the Interlake Marching Band and Pep Band. **Prerequisite: successful completion of Concert Band or equivalent experience. An audition is required.**

Students who meet the prerequisite requirements for Symphonic Band are eligible to enroll in the Honors Symphonic Band option. While fully participating in Symphonic Band students enrolling in the honors option will 1) prepare and record an audition for All-State or All-Northwest, 2) participate in the district Solo and Ensemble Festival or teacher approved alternative event, 3) demonstrate competency in music theory, ear training and music history district assessments, and 4) plan, research and develop a term final music project.

Classroom Rules and Behavior Expectations for Symphonic Band

- All school rules apply.
- Always demonstrate and practice courtesy, respect, and responsibility.
- Be prompt. Be on time. Rehearsal will start at most 5 minutes after the tardy bell.
- Be prepared with your instrument, music, pencil and supplies.
- Always demonstrate on-task behavior—do not unnecessarily talk or play your instrument.
- Remain in your seat unless otherwise necessary or permitted by Mr. Gillespie or Mr. Kim.
- With the exception of water contained in water bottles, no food, drinks, or chewing gum will be allowed during class.

Basic Classroom Procedures

1. Students will be in the rehearsal room absolutely no later than the tardy bell.
2. Students will seat themselves promptly with their instrument, music, pencil and supplies.
3. Mr. Gillespie will take attendance.
4. Announcements will be made.
5. Mr. Gillespie will conduct rehearsal, give instruction, ask questions, and provide explanations and answers to student questions.

As a community at Interlake, we reinforce the following guidelines for success:

Integrity: All members of the Interlake community are principled; we operate in an environment that supports truth, respect, and honor. Members of the Interlake community take ownership of their work and for their actions, even when it is inconvenient to do so.

Humanity: All members of the Interlake community treat others as they would like to be treated. Students and staff inspire each other through selfless actions, empathy, compassion, and kindness. Students and staff remain focused on developing into caring balanced and open minded global citizens.

Scholarship: All members of the Interlake community believe that scholarship is an internal desire to know more developed through collaborative and independent learning. Interlake students show perseverance when challenged with rigorous coursework appropriate to their unique abilities. All Interlake programs empower students to be life-long learners.

Expectations for Symphonic Band Students

- Students will be on time for all Symphonic Band rehearsals, performances and activities.
- Students will accurately prepare their individual parts for all Symphonic Band music outside of class time.
- Students will consistently model courteous, respectful and responsible behavior during all performances, band festivals, athletic music events, and class field trips.
- Students will handle all musical instruments and equipment with upmost care, respect and responsibility.
- Students will participate in at least eight sectionals held outside of class time per quarter.
- Students will fully participate in the Interlake Marching Band and Pep Band and attend all athletic music events.
- Students will assume the responsibility for keeping track of all Interlake music performances and events posted on the Interlake Bands website and classroom calendar.
- Students will support, assist, and teach each other in a positive fashion at appropriate times.

Musical Expectations for Symphonic Band Students

- Students will always strive to achieve a meaningful, beautiful, sonorous, quality tone on their instrument.
- Students will put something of themselves into every musical situation.
- Students will learn an individualized approach to practicing their musical instrument, develop learning strategies and, through regular practice sessions, actively work toward achieving individual and group goals and objectives outside of class time.

Attendance Policy for Interlake Bands

- Attendance is mandatory for all rehearsals and performances.
- Every unexcused absence will result in a loss of points toward your grade.
- Every unexcused tardy will result in a loss of points toward your grade and might result in an assigned detention.

Grading Policy for Symphonic Band

Grading for Symphonic Band is determined by an earned-points system consisting of the following criteria:

1. Participation and Attendance

Students earn points for each class session for, among other areas:

- Exhibiting classroom/rehearsal behavior expectations (including on-task behavior)
- Attendance
- Practicing good citizenship
- Preparation (having pencil, instrument, music and supplies)

2. Concerts and Performances

Students earn points for participating in each concert or performance and exhibiting the Interlake High School Band Performance Expectations. This section of the grading notably includes marching band and pep band performances.

3. Playing Tests

4. Written Assignments and Class Projects

5. Sectionals

6. Bellevue School District Assessments

Extra Credit points may be earned in any of the grading areas and will be determined and made available by Mr. Gillespie's discretion.

Letter grades will be assigned for the following cumulative points percentages:

A = 90—100%, B = 80—89.9%, C = 70—79.9%, D = 60—69.9%

Interlake High School Band Performance Expectations

1. Be at all performances: Performances include football games, home concerts, competitions, festivals, and other scheduled events. Some performances will occur at locations other than Interlake High School. Grade penalties will result for an unexcused absence or unexcused tardy from a rehearsal or performance.
2. Be on time: To be early is to be on time To be on time is to be late ... To be late is unacceptable. If you are late to a rehearsal or performance your grade will be lowered.
3. Be properly dressed: If you arrive to a performance out of uniform, your grade will be lowered, and you may also be asked to sit out of the performance, which will serve as an unexcused absence. For required uniform and concert attire, please see the IHS 2008-2009 Band Handbook.
4. Listen to other groups: Students may be asked to evaluate other ensembles with emphasis pertaining to their performance. You may be asked to critique performances on paper.
5. Before and after performance duties: Students will be given before and after performance duties. Your grade will be lowered if neglected.
6. Take proper care of instruments and music: Instruments and equipment must be put away following performances. If an instrument is damaged due to neglect, the student is responsible for repair costs.
7. Take proper care of uniform/tuxedo: Our uniform is an important sign of our school and community pride. Take care of your uniform – especially if it is school-owned!

Tentative Performance Dates for Symphonic Band

Please note that this information may be subject to change and performances may be added at a later time. You are responsible for keeping track of updated information posted on the Interlake Music website or announced by Mr. Kim or Mr. Gillespie. Please note that these events are in addition to marching band and pep performances.

October 3	Salmon Days Parade, Issaquah, TBD
November 27	Macy's Holiday Parade, Seattle, 7am
December 10	Interlake High School Winter Concert, 7:30pm
January 30	KingCo Eatshore Solo/Ensemble Festival
February 10	Bellevue School District North Zone Concert, 7pm
March 22	King-Co Band II Festival, Sammamish High School
March 23	Interlake High School Spring Concert, 7:30pm
June 2	Interlake High School Year-end Concert, 7:30pm
June 7	Interlake High School Music Department Awards Night, 7pm
June 14	Interlake High School Graduation