

Bolton High School Honors Band Course Description

Honors Band is open to woodwind, brass, and percussion players in grades 9 through 12. Students in the Honors Band Program will be expected to perform at significantly high performance standards as determined by the Band Director. All assignments and performances will be assessed by the Band Director during class instruction. Additional and advanced assignments, beyond the standard Band experience, will be required. Assignments will graduate with difficulty as the student matriculate through the curriculum.

Honors Band Curriculum Requirements

Scales:

9th Grade: Perform all 12 major scales memorized Quarter note, eighth note rhythms

Perform all 12 relative minor scales memorized, using the natural minor form, with quarter note, eighth note rhythms

10th Grade: Perform all 12 major scales memorized eighth note, sixteenth note rhythm with arpeggios

Perform all relative minor scales memorized, using the harmonic minor form, with eighth note, sixteenth note rhythms

11th Grade: Perform all 12 major scales memorized eighth note, sixteenth note rhythm including arpeggios

Perform all relative minor scales memorized, using the melodic minor form, with the eighth note, sixteenth note rhythms

12th Grade: Perform all 12 major scales memorized eighth note, sixteenth note rhythm including arpeggios

Perform all 12 relative minor scales using all three forms of the minor scale: natural, harmonic, melodic, memorized with eighth note, sixteenth note rhythms

Concert, Marching, Concert Festival Music:

9th Grade: Perform all ensemble music to the Superior Standard (minimum Grade 3) includes: Pitch, Tone, Rhythms, Technical Accuracy, Musicality, and Diacritical Markings (memorization required for Marching Music)

10th Grade: Perform all ensemble music to the Superior Standard (minimum Grade 4) includes: Pitch, Tone, Rhythms, Technical Accuracy, Musicality, and Diacritical Markings (memorization required for Marching Music)

11th Grade: Perform all ensemble music to the Superior Standard (minimum Grade 4) includes: Pitch, Tone, Rhythms, Technical Accuracy, Musicality, and Diacritical Markings (memorization required for Marching Music); Peer tutoring for younger students; Demonstrating improving Musical Leadership skills and modeling throughout rehearsals and performances; Performing with the Symphonic Band

12th Grade: Perform all ensemble music to the Superior Standard (minimum Grade 4) includes: Pitch, Tone, Rhythms, Technical Accuracy, Musicality, and Diacritical Markings (memorization required for Marching Music); Peer tutoring for younger students; Demonstrating the highest standards of Musical Leadership skills and modeling throughout rehearsals and performances; Performing with the Symphonic Band and assisting with the Concert Band

All-West TN Bands, Orchestras and TN All-State Bands:

9th Grade: Students will audition for the All-West TN Jr. High Band.

10th Grade: Students will audition for the All-West TN Sr. High Bands and Wind Ensemble

11th Grade: Students will audition for the All-West TN Sr. High Bands and Wind Ensemble

12th Grade: Students will audition for the All-West TN Sr. High Bands and Wind Ensemble

West TN Solo & Ensemble Festival:

9th Grade: Students will perform a Solo and in an Ensemble, Grade 3 or higher earning a minimum Excellent Standard

10th Grade: Students will perform a Solo and in an Ensemble, Grade 3 or higher earning a minimum Superior Standard

11th Grade: Students will perform a Solo and an Ensemble, Grade 4 or higher earning a minimum Excellent Standard

12th Grade: Students will perform a Solo and an Ensemble, Grade 4 or higher earning a minimum Superior Standard

Additional Assignments for all Students 9th through 12th Grades:

Observe or participate in two performances outside the required performances of this class (example: Bartlett Community Band, U of M Honor Bands, BHS Choir Concerts, BHS Musical Theater Performance, All-West Regional and / or TN All-State Concerts, area middle school band concerts) per semester. Must be director approved prior to attending event. Must turn in completed synopsis form and turn in a program of the event.

Tutor area middle school band students (10th Grade and above). Must complete written reflection form signed by cooperating teacher.

Throughout all areas of the Honors Band Curriculum, students must demonstrate positive attitudes and model advancing and improving leadership skills.
