



Naperville Central High School – Fine Arts Department  
(2014 - 15)  
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Course Title: Intro to HS Band - Concert Band

Office Hours: 7:15 – 7:35 Daily or by Appointment  
Room 83 – Band Room

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1. **Course Description:** Concert Band is the starting place for most freshmen at Naperville Central and is taught by both Mr. Alstadt and Mr. Estes.

2. **Objectives:** The purpose of this course is to provide a structured instrumental performance ensemble for growth and development in the concert band idiom. Students selected for this ensemble must include daily practice in their lifestyle in order to maintain the necessary level of musical proficiency. A significantly high percentage of students study privately, and are encouraged to do so, to maintain the necessary skill level necessary to perform the repertoire that is selected.

3. **Performance Expectations:** This ensemble is an excellent opportunity for students to improve in the basics of tone, rhythm, scales, technique, and leadership. Students are encouraged to study privately and actively participate in pep band and chamber ensembles. Concert Band students are **required** to participate in Solo and Ensemble for a grade.

*Note: All curricular band students are expected to participate in the annual Naperville Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Monday May 25, 2015. Please plan accordingly.*

4. **Instructional Materials:**

- A. Instrument in proper playing condition  
- Instrument Rentals are available for *most* instruments at the district rental rate. Please see the Band Directors for more information.
- B. Music and Music Folder – Provided by Band Director
- C. Pencil and paper for note-taking (daily)
- D. CHARMS Office access: [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) (school code: nchsmusic)
- E. Smartmusic access: [www.smartmusic.com](http://www.smartmusic.com)
- F. Infinite Campus access: [www.infinitecampus.naperville203.org/campus/portal/naperville](http://www.infinitecampus.naperville203.org/campus/portal/naperville)
- G. Canvas access: [www.naperville.infrustructure.com](http://www.naperville.infrustructure.com)

5. **Assignments:** Students will receive both written and playing assessments each quarter which will factor into their overall coursework grade. Many playing assessments may be assigned using the Smartmusic technology as well as live performance assessments with a director.

*Note: All District 203 music students will perform a district-wide performance assessment once per semester. This assessment will **not** factor into their curricular grade.*

6. **Grades:** The grade for this course will be determined by the student's participation during band classes including having their instrument, individual assessments, class written assignments and participation of rehearsal and concert performances. Students will be prepared to complete a basic theory assessment as their Final Exam at the end of the semester. **Grading Categories:** Coursework (80%), Final Exam (20%).

7. **Concert Attire:**
- Gentlemen: Conservative black tuxedo/suit (black trousers and jacket)  
 Front pleated, wing-collar tuxedo shirt  
 Black bow tie  
 Black socks  
 Black shoes (no athletic shoes or flip flops)*
- Ladies: Conservative black ankle-length dress, which must be ordered through the NCHS band uniform coordinator (to download a copy of the dress order form, please visit [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com))  
 Black nylons  
 Black shoes (no athletic shoes or flip flops)*

8. **Attendance Policy:** Attendance will be reported daily via Infinite Campus. Regular on-time attendance is expected. It is the student's responsibility to determine the appropriate amount of time needed to arrive, gather instrumental materials and be seated. Student tardiness will be subject to the NCHS and District 203 PLASCO attendance system.

9. **Academic Honesty:** District 203 students are challenged to address the academic process enthusiastically, diligently, and most importantly, honestly. It is the responsibility of our students, teachers, and administration to uphold the fundamental academic values of honesty, responsibility, fairness, respect and trust. The integrity of our district's academic programs is built upon these principles. [Redbook, pg. 113] Cheating in any form may result in disciplinary action by the school as outlined in the NCHS Redbook.

10. **Disability:** If a student has a disability which might interfere with that student's ability to function in this course, it is the responsibility of that student to notify the instructor at the beginning of the course. Any accommodations will be made as necessary.

11. **Dress Code:** Student attire will be enforced in accordance with the district dress code policy. Shorts and skirts must provide sufficient coverage – mid-thigh length is recommended. In addition, cleavage should not be visible and all undergarments must be covered. [Redbook, pg. 133]

For more information regarding the NCHS Bands and Policies, please download our Band Handbook, available on CHARMS ([www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com), school code: nchsmusic).

**Important Curricular Band Dates:**

- IMEA Auditions: October 7, 2014 (Juniors and Seniors Only)
- **Concert 1:** November 12, 2014 (Concert, Symphonic and Wind Symphony Only)
- **Concert 1:** November 13, 2014 (Southside Band Festival – Wind Ensemble Only)
- **Concert 2:** December 10, 2014 (Holiday Concert-All)
- Solo & Ensemble: February 28, 2015
- **Concert 3:** March 12, 2015 (NYC Send-Off Concert-All)
- NYC Trip: March 14 – 17, 2015 (Wind Ensemble and JSO Only)
- **Concert 4:** May 13, 2015 (Final Concert-All)
- Memorial Day Parade: May 25, 2015

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Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

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Student Signature and Date