



Naperville Central High School – Fine Arts Department
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Course Title: Intermediate/Advanced HS Band - Wind Symphony
Office Hours: 7:15 – 7:35 Daily or by Appointment

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1. **Course Description:** Wind Symphony is a select group who intend to make a serious commitment to the performance of music at Naperville Central. It is under the direction of 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:** Members of this group are expected to make a 100% commitment to the ensemble, including participation in curricular concerts, pep band, festivals/competitions, and sectionals. Wind Symphony students are **required** to participate in Solo and Ensemble and also weekend competitions and festivals.

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 (school code: nchsmusic)
- E. Smartmusic access: www.smartmusic.com
- F. Infinite Campus access: www.infinitecampus.naperville203.org/campus/portal/naperville
- G. Canvas access: 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%).

