Arroyo Seco Junior High School
Advanced Band Syllabus 2022/2023

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Course Description

The Advanced Band at Arroyo Seco Jr. High is viewed as "the premier instrumental ensemble" at Arroyo Seco Junior High School. Advanced Band offers students the opportunity to extend beyond the beginning levels of instrumental performance and participate in a performing concert ensemble. Given the reputation and the talent level of the advanced band, students are held to higher expectations. The instructional emphasis is on both individual performance technique and the principles of ensemble performance. The Advanced Band performs at school and community events and participates in professionally adjudicated festivals. Participation in these performances outside the school day is a necessary opportunity to grow as musicians, performers, and young adults. Members of the advanced band are encouraged to seek private lessons and grow individually through solo performances and auditioned ensembles. Music is truly an art where the more you invest in yourself, the more you will feel rewarded. Make that wise investment in yourselves like I do in you and we will have a wonderful year of musical growth and fun!

Course Content

Students will learn/ develop:

1. Extended range and greater technical facility on their instrument.
2. A better understanding of world cultures, history, and other forms of art through music.
3. More advanced concepts of musical expressions such as dynamics, phrasing, and articulation.
4. Concert band literature in a variety of styles and difficulty.
5. Sight-reading skills.

Student Expectations

Standards for Music Rehearsals:

- Always show respect for each member of our ensemble, including the director or other adult leaders.
- Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak. You miss out on what is being taught and so do the people around you if you are talking during class and/or rehearsal time.
- Gum, food, and sugary drinks are not to be consumed during class time for both instrument and performer safety.
- Use appropriate language.
- Do NOT play your instrument without permission. It is a distraction for you and those around you.
- Be in your seat with your instrument and materials no more than three minutes after the bell rings.

- Make sure that you ALWAYS have your materials for rehearsal and/or class. This include your instrument, music, method book, folder, pencil, reeds, valve/slide oil and a good attitude. If you are in need of something, let the Director know as soon as possible.
- Always check the board for important assignments or announcements.
- Take care of the music room. Keep it clean and orderly.
- Do NOT touch instruments or materials that do not belong to you.
- You must bring your instrument to school every day you have rehearsals.
- Be prepared to play the day's music. You must practice at home to make consistent progress. We are as strong as our weakest player. When one person does not practice, it hurts the entire ensemble's progress. Don't let others down! Do your part to always play your best.

Concert/ Festival Behavior

Students are expected to:

- Listen while other groups are performing to support other programs and enjoy hearing great music.
- Refrain from playing your instruments while waiting for instruction or sitting in the audience.
- Stay in your seats while the concert is in progress.

Talking or playing while another group is performing is not only rude and disrespectful, but it is also unacceptable. Hanging out in the halls or bathroom is not permitted. Students are representing Arroyo Seco and should be the best ambassadors the school has to offer. School policy is always enforced on and off school campus.

Consequences

If any of the classroom rules or expectations are violated, the following consequences will occur:

1st Offense- Verbal warning

2nd Offense- Student conference with Mr. Fulleman

3rd Offense- Referral and phone call/email sent to the parents

4th Offense- Student/ Parent/ Teacher Conference will be scheduled

5th Offense- Student will be sent to the office for escalated consequences

Tardy Policy

In order for students to be marked on time, the student must meet the following expectations:

1. Students are expected to enter the room quietly and prepare the necessary materials for class prior to the ringing of the tardy bell.

2. Students are expected to have their instrument, folder/sheet music, and music stand set up three minutes after the bell has rung. If the previously listed items are not set up by the end of the three minute timer, the student will be marked tardy.

Assignments

Students are responsible for the 5 types of assignments that constitute their grade in the class:

1. Weekly Practice Log (10 points each): Students are expected to practice *for a minimum of 120 minutes per week*. Students will receive a semester practice chart packet. The practice chart must be turned in every Monday for full credit. One point will be subtracted every day that the sheet is turned in late. **Only practice charts with a parent signature will be accepted.** Any extra time spent practicing over 120 minutes will be given extra credit. Students also have the opportunity to practice during brunch or lunch to earn time. In order to count this time, have Mr. Fulleman sign you out. Extra copies of the practice plan can be found online on the Arroyo Seco music website <arroyosecomusic.weebly.com>

2. Playing Tests (20 points each): Students will periodically be asked to perform an individual playing test to demonstrate their progress during the previous week's playing assignment. These playing tests will be performed either in person or in video submission to google classroom depending on the assignment. All playing tests will be given advance notice for appropriate time to prepare.

3. Participation Record (5 points per week): Participation begins with being prepared. Students will receive 1 point for participation each day if the student has **ALL** the items necessary to succeed:
    b. Working Instrument
    c. Method Book
    d. Sheet Music in Music Folder
    e. Pencil

*If a student chooses to not participate or comes to class without any one of the above materials, the student will receive zero participation points that day.

4. Concert Performance Attendance: Every student in the music program will have a fun and exciting opportunity to perform various concerts throughout the year. **Attendance is mandatory for all performances.** Included in the course syllabus is a schedule of this year's performance calendar. Please review the days, mark them in your calendar, and notify Mr. Fulleman immediately if you foresee a scheduling conflict. Concert- -performances are considered **Final Exams**. Students who choose not to participate in a performance will drop one complete letter grade (e.g. A => B, B=>C, etc.)

*We understand that life happens and there are unforeseen accidents, and so if a family, medical, or personal emergency arises, please contact Mr. Fulleman as soon as possible to discuss possible solutions.

5. Other Assignments and Tests: Students will receive in-class music assignments, journal entries, and music theory tests occasionally. These assignments will need to be completed as homework if it is not completed in class.

Extra Credit Opportunities

Students may earn extra credit by doing the following:

1. A maximum of 20 points per quarter may be given to students who participate in after school sectionals led by a Saugus High School Section Leader or Mr. Fulleman. Additionally, students in the advanced band may coach a beginning band student for extra credit.
2. Attend a professional or college-level concert that showcases their classroom instrument such as a recital, concerto performance, or a free master class. 15 points of extra credit will be given to the student upon writing a reflection of the performance with proof of attendance such as a ticket stub or a program. Mr. Fulleman may guide you with finding events to attend and can help if there are any financial restraints.

Late Work Policy

All assignments turned in after the due date will drop one letter grade. For example, an "A-" becomes a "B-." If a student misses a day that the assignment is due, no penalty will apply but the assignment will be expected upon return to receive full credit. If an assignment was given during the student's absence, the student will be given the same amount of class days as his or her absence to complete the work. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain and complete all materials given in the days absent from class.

Grade Scale

The cumulative grade of the student will be based on the following point system:

A+ 97-100	**B+ 87-89**	**C+ 77-79**	**D+ 67-69**	
A 93-96	**B 83-86**	**C 73-76**	**D 63-66**	
A- 90-92	**B- 80-82**	**C- 70-72**	**D- 60-62**	**F 0-59**

Cell Phone and Electronic Devices

Learning is our biggest priority. Electronics not only distract the student using the device, but also neighboring students. As a sign of mutual respect, all cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off before the student enters the classroom. At times, cell phones and technology may be used to enhance classroom learning when directed by Mr. Fulleman.

Instrumental and Financial Responsibility

Students in advanced band will play the instrument that the student has had previous playing experience whether it be in beginning band or private lessons. Once a school instrument has been "checked out" to a student (all school instruments are numbered and recorded), ***students and parents assume financial responsibility for damage, loss, or any repair needed of school instruments due to misuse.*** All 8th grade and non-returning students will turn in their instruments at the end of the school year. The instrument will be checked for dents, broken parts, and condition at this time. School instruments will be assigned and a loan agreement will be given to be signed at a future date.

Students are expected to bring their school instrument home to practice and bring the instrument back to class the next day. Woodwind instrument reeds for clarinets, bass clarinet, saxophone, oboe, and bassoon will not be provided for the students. Woodwind players must have at least three functional reeds at all times. They can be purchased from a local music store.

Renting Your Own Instrument

The benefits of renting your own instrument are as follows:

1. Your rented instrument will be newer than a school instrument.
2. The rented instrument will, in most cases, be of better quality than school instruments.
3. A rent-to-purchase plan can be used to purchase the instrument to use in high school.
4. Repairs are usually covered through the insurance policy.
5. Students are guaranteed a fully functional instrument to give the student the best chance to succeed.

For instrument rentals go to:

***Nick Rail Music**
25868 McBean Pkwy, Valencia, 91355
(661) 288-2345
Hours: Monday- Friday 11:00 AM- 7:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Impulse Music Co.
21515 Soledad Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita, 91350
(661) 259-5397
Mon - Thurs, 10am - 8pm
Friday, 10am - 6pm
Saturday, 10am - 5pm
Sunday, 12pm - 6pm

Instrument Storage

A safe space will be provided for the student to keep their instrument during the school day so that they do not need to carry the instrument from class to class. Instruments are to be stored before school and picked up after school.

MATERIALS

Having the right equipment can make a big difference in the success or failure of a music student. In some cases, having the necessary supplies can affect the life or death of a musical instrument! Protect your investment. The following is a list of accessories that students will need for their instrument. These items will help prolong the life of all instruments, school or privately owned. The items can be found at local music stores, see below for a list of music stores surrounding our school area. Financial

assistance will be available for students who need it and will be allocated on a case per case basis. Contact Mr. Fulleman with any questions.

*Students needing financial assistance to provide the necessary supplies to be successful in class are encouraged to ask Mr. Fulleman.

IMPORTANT SUPPLIES:
FLUTES: cleaning swab
CLARINET: swab, cork grease, box of reeds (Size 2 or 2.5 for 2nd year players), reed guards.
OBOE/BASSOON: multiple working reeds (soft or medium soft), cork grease, cleaning swab
SAXOPHONE: swab, cork grease, box of reeds (Size 2 or 2.5 for 2nd year players and Size 2.5), reed guards.
TRUMPETS, EUPHONIUMS, TUBAS: valve oil, tuning slide grease, cleaning snake, and mouthpiece brush
FRENCH HORNS: rotary oil, tuning slide grease, cleaning snake, and mouthpiece brush
TROMBONES: tuning slide grease, cleaning snake, mouthpiece brush
PERCUSSION: Snare drum sticks, 5A in size
STRINGS: rosin, chin rest, cleaning cloth
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: metronome, wire music stand, tuner

Concert Performances
Included in the course syllabus is a schedule of this year's concert performances. Please review the dates and add them to your calendar. Please notify Mr. Fulleman immediately if you foresee any scheduling conflicts. **Concert performances are considered final exams.** Not attending a concert performance without prior permission from Mr. Fulleman will result in a drop of one letter grade. A donation of $5 or more per person to attend the concert is encouraged at the door. Concessions will also be sold before the concert, intermission, and after the concert. All proceeds will benefit the music program.

Concert Performance Attire
To match the high performance standard, musicians in the advanced band are encouraged to wear semi-formal attire for all performances. Students are asked to dress as stated below:

Option 1- White long-sleeved button up dress shirt, black dress pants, black dress shoes, black socks, and a black belt. Ties are encouraged.

Option 2- A black dress (must be all black, no white, grey, or any other color) and black dress shoes. Students may also wear black pants and a dressy black or white blouse, or a white long sleeve dress shirt.

***Tennis shoes, jeans, and t-shirts are not appropriate.**

Honor Band Auditions

The District Honor Band is composed of students who have auditioned in front of a panel of judges and have earned a spot in this prestigious ensemble. Students selected to participate will have the enriching experience to perform with the best musicians from throughout all the junior high schools in the district and learn from a master conductor. Additional rehearsals are scheduled for all participating musicians. It is expected that all members of the Arroyo Seco Advanced Band will audition for this superior ensemble. This academic year, auditions will be held on **January 27th and 28th, 2023**. It is the intention of Mr. Fulleman to prepare you for an enriching and pleasant audition experience.

Student Help/Parent Consultation

It is the goal of Mr. Fulleman to provide the highest education possible for all students. Mr. Fulleman is excited to collaborate with students and parents to achieve success for each student. Prior arrangements can be made to meet before school, during lunch, and after school to achieve the goals of the student. The best way to contact Mr. Fulleman is via email at kfulleman@hartdistrict.org.

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Important Dates

Advanced Band 2022-2023

Fall Semester 2022			
Activity	**Date**	**Time**	**Location**
Back to School Night Performance	September 1, 2022	TBD	Arroyo Seco Amphitheater
Music Family Movie Night	September 2, 2022	6:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Arroyo Seco Knutson Hall
Start of Jazz Band Rehearsals	September 13, 2022	2:25- 3:30 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays	Arroyo Seco Band Room
Music Family Game Night	September 17, 2022	6:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Arroyo Seco Knutson Hall
Saugus Football Game Night	October 7, 2022	5:00PM- 9:30 PM	College of the Canyons
Winter Concert	December 8, 2022	Call time: 6:30 PM Performance: 7:00 PM	Arroyo Seco Knutson Hall
Spring Semester 2023			
Activity	**Date**	**Time**	**Location**
District Honor Band Auditions	January 27/28, 2023	Varies by Instrument	La Mesa JHS
District Honor Band Concert	March 5, 2023	7:00 PM	Hart HS Auditorium
Collaboration Festival Concert with Saugus HS	March 17, 2023	7:00 PM	Saugus HS
SCSBOA Band Festival Performance	March 29, 2023	1:30-6:00 PM	West Ranch HS
Disneyland Trip	April 21-22, 2023	7:00 AM- 9:30 PM	Disneyland Resort
Incoming Saugus Student Informational Meeting	TBD (May)	TBD	Saugus HS Band Room
6th Grade Family Night Performance	TBD (May)	TBD	Arroyo Seco Amphitheater
Spring Concert	May 24, 2023	Call time: 6:30 PM Performance: 7:00 PM	Arroyo Seco Knutson Hall
Band Banquet	May 26, 2023	5:00-9:00 PM	Arroyo Seco Knutson Hall

Bolded events are mandatory concerts that are part of the student performance curriculum.

Event times and dates are subject to change with as much notice as possible given.

Donations

Students have the privilege of using an Arroyo Seco instruments and services for free. According to the law, students are entitled to a "free and public education", however, the cost of maintaining a high quality program is tremendous! Without the financial support of Arroyo Seco families, services and necessities like instrument repair, sheet music purchases, festival fees, transportation, and replacing old and damaged instruments would not be possible. **A donation of $50 or more would be greatly appreciated to keep the music program successful.** The amount of donations determines the grandeur of the program. **Donations directly benefit the students in the program.** Please help keep music at Arroyo Seco triumphant by making a payable check to Arroyo Seco ASB or a cash donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

> ***** *It is important to note that no student will be excluded from any activity based on whether they contribute.*

Please return this page to Mr. Fulleman by Friday, August 12th

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules, expectations, and performance dates as outlined in this syllabus agreement. I also agree to respect and take care of all school property. I will come prepared and ready to contribute to class and expect nothing less than excellence of myself every day.

Student Name (Printed)_____

Student Signature _____

Parent Name (Printed) _____

Parent Signature_____