Symphonic Band Syllabus

Mr. Harrel, Director - shawn.harrel@lsr7.net

Class Procedures

Daily Procedure and Expectations

Bell rings. You must be **in the room** when the bell rings or you'll be marked tardy.

60-seconds of Concert F from the speaker. At the end of this tone, you should have your instrument together and have played a Concert F to check pitch.

8 counts from the metronome, then begin the long tone warm-up indicated on the schedule (or see below), followed by a pause, 8 more counts and the flexibility exercise.

- Long Tone: Concert F descending
- Flexibility: Warm-up 1, set 1

Brief pause, followed by 8 counts from the metronome, then:

• Technique: all 12 major scales

Tuning and chorales will complete our sound warm-up, where we'll focus on tone, pitch, characteristic individual and ensemble sound, phrasing, articulation, posture, etc...

- Tuning: Chord Tuning 1
- Chorale: Chorale 5

<u>Music Rehearsal:</u> An effective music rehearsal occurs when ensemble moments can be constructed out of *already learned* individual parts.. *Please spend time at home preparing your individual part. Playing tests will be assigned to facilitate this.*

Your time to: straighten chairs/stands, put away instruments

General Information

This class will meet every day during 3rd in room 1060 from 9:14 to 10:01 (or on Wednesdays from 10:06 to 10:49). Students are expected to the class procedures above. If a student is tardy, the teacher will sign the student's tardy card. If you come to class without your student handbook, you can be

sent to STAD. Equipment necessary for each rehearsal: pencil, instrument/stick bag, reeds (clar and sax), music, and folder.

Goals

Our goal will be to make music together. To achieve this goal, you must come to class prepared with your music. This means regular practice outside of class is essential to the growth of the ensemble. Make sure you carry your weight and defend the spot you have earned.

Playing Tests

Playing tests will occur regularly throughout the year. Tests are expected to be turned in on time, or your grade and chair will be affected. You may record your test at home, or at school. Mr. Harrel is available if you need technical assistance.

On these recordings, I am expecting your absolute best at playing the selected excerpt. I do not want to listen to you practice, so please prepare the material before you record. I encourage you to record several (10 or more) takes and select the best one to send me.

Performances listed on: http://titanmusic.org/events/

Make sure you add these dates to your calendar NOW to prevent conflicts. It is required for you to be at all performances.

Goals

1. ... improve breathing and lung capacity

2. ...master individual attention to balance, blend and intonation

- 3. ...achieve ensemble-wide attention to pulse
- 4. ...match ensemble articulation
- 5. ...match ensemble dynamics
- 6. ...understanding and mastering technical demands in all 12 keys
- 7. ...achieve fluency of sight reading rhythm
- 8. ...move beyond all of these aspects and create emotionally-powered music

Expectations

1. Play together

 Start rehearsal on time, be ready to start each downbeat together, cut-off together, have the necessary equipment and music, listen to ensure proper balance, blend and intonation.

2. Engage in rehearsal

 Listen and respond, use good posture, come prepared, listen even when your section isn't being addressed, work every moment to ensure proper balance, blend and intonation.

3. Make music

• The highest level of achievement for any performing ensemble occurs when notes, pitch, dynamics, fingerings, rhythm, technique, balance, blend and intonation become automatic and secondary to the act of creating music and emotional response.

Students not meeting these expectations are creating an environment in which the people around them struggle to be as successful as possible. In short, the ensemble quality is suffering because of individuals. Students with problems understanding these expectations will be addressed quickly so they can make the necessary adjustments for the benefit of the ensemble. Students who are unable to support the ensemble success will be addressed as follows:

After loss of 40 points – Conference after class with Mr. Harrel Next loss of 40 points – Call home to inform parents of the problems and steps that will follow Next loss of 20 points – Detention served in music department, behavior contract Next loss of 20 points – Green slip issued Next loss of 20 points – Green slip and conference regarding your continued participation in band

ARTICULATION AND DYNAMICS

		Alticulatio	on Glossary		
	Normal	Legato	Staccato	Accented	Marcato
Example					
Syllable	Dah	Doo	Dah	Dah	Dah
Description:	Default articulation. Note played for full value and without extra emphasis.	Smoother front end of note, full duration and connection to following note.	Played the same as normal articulation but with half the duration.	Twice the emphasis of the normal note, tapered to normal and connected.	Twice the emphasis and half the note duration.

Articulation Glossary



- **Dynamics** are always relative to what else is going on. The ensemble may play a Level 3, but the clarinets may have to play 6 and the trumpets may have to play level 2 to achieve correct balance. This holds true in each part throughout the section, you should always be listening for correct *balance, blend*, and *tuning*.
- <u>*Level 1*</u> = the softest sound you can create on your instrument with good tone quality and a consistent air stream. Buzz and reed vibration should stay consistent.
- *Level 5* = the midpoint in your dynamic range. The "M" is a generic symbol for "mezzo" or "medium."
- <u>*Level 10*</u> = Represents the loudest sound you can achieve on your instrument **without distortion** and **without unpleasant edge** or uncharacteristic sound.

CONCERT BAND CLASS PROCEDURES

Daily	<u>Wednesday</u>	Expectations
9:22	9:54	Bell rings. You must be in the room when the bell rings or you'll be marked tardy.
9:23	9:55	60-seconds of Concert F from the speaker. At the end of this tone, you should have your instrument together and have played a Concert F to check pitch.
9:23-9:25	9:55-9:56	 8 counts from the metronome, then begin the long tone warm-up indicated on the schedule (or see below), followed by a pause, 8 more counts and the flexibility exercise. Long Tone: Concert F descending Flexibility: Warm-up 1, set 1
9:25-9:28	9:56-9:59	Brief pause, followed by 8 counts from the metronome, then:Technique: all 12 major scales
9:28-9:33	9:59-10:04	 Tuning and chorales will complete our sound warm-up, where we'll focus on tone, pitch, characteristic individual and ensemble sound, phrasing, articulation, posture, etc Tuning: Chord Tuning 1 Chorale: Chorale 5
9:33-10:12	10:04-10:30	<u>Music Rehearsal:</u> An effective music rehearsal occurs when ensemble moments can be constructed out of <i>already learned</i> individual parts <i>Please spend time at</i> <i>home preparing your individual part. Playing tests will</i> <i>be assigned to facilitate this.</i>
10:12-10:13	10:30-10:31	Your time to: straighten chairs/stands, put away instruments

Class Expectations

"WE ALL WANT JELLY BEANS."

Start together: be on time for rehearsal, have the correct equipment (including pencil) and be ready for each downbeat.

Stop together: listen for instruction after each cut off, take care of your equipment, chair and stand at the end of rehearsal.

Rehearse: Quietly, attentively and effectively.





Your cue to focus your attention is when Mr. Harrel is on the podium. Your grade is constantly being checked throughout the rehearsal. Mr. Harrel's seating chart has a box that looks like this for each student:

Your Name				

The boxes under your name represent a day of the week. If you're not completing the rehearsal expectations you'll receive a mark in

the box for that day and loose half of your rehearsal points:

Your Name				
/				

If you have a second issue during the same day's rehearsal, you'll receive a **second** mark and loose all of your rehearsal points for the day:



The sequence of events for students who have consistent problems with rehearsal techniques will be as follows:

Marks	First 6	Next 4	Next 4
Result	Conference	Music Detention	Green Slip
Likely Grade for the week	40%	60%	60%
Likely Total grade for 4 weeks: 55			

CONSISTENTLY EFFECTIVE REHEARSALS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS.

Student Responsibility for Balance, Blend and Intonation

- 1. To determine **balance**, the silent thought is: *If you hear yourself above all others in your section or band, you are overpowering or over-blowing*. Make an adjustment to your volume by playing softer; lose your identity by making your tone become a part of the section and/or ensemble.
- 2. To determine **blend**, the silent thought is: *If you still hear yourself and you made the volume adjustment, you are playing with poor tone quality.* Adjust the embouchure, breath support, posture, or equipment (instrument, mouthpiece, reed). Poor tone quality will not blend with your section or band; lose your identity by blending your tone, as it becomes a part of the section and/or the ensemble.
- 3. To determine **tuning**, the silent thought is: *If you still hear yourself and you made the adjustments to balance and blend, you are playing out of tune.* Adjust the length of your instrument as outlined by the "Six-Step Tuning Process" below.

Six Step Tuning Process

This process is designed to connect the ear with the subtle feeling of embouchure pressure or relaxation when listening.

- 1. As you play F concert with your section leader, listen for the beats. Are the beats fast or slow? Adjust the barrel, mouthpiece, or slide. (Move the slide/barrel in or out.)
- 2. If the beats become faster, you moved the barrel, mouthpiece, or slide in the wrong way. Adjust the length of your instrument in the opposite direction.
- 3. If the beats became slower, you moved the barrel, mouthpiece, or slide in the correct direction. Continue in this direction until all beats are eliminated, or until you are hearing the pitch as a straight line.
- 4. If you are pinching your embouchure to eliminate beats, your instrument is too long and must be shortened.
- 5. If you are relaxing your embouchure to eliminate beats, your instrument is too short and must be lengthened.
- 6. When you and your section play the same pitch without any unnecessary embouchure adjustments and no individual sound or beats are hear (you lose your identity), you and your section are perfectly in tune. Tuning can't be any better than this.

A - D - G 3 2 1 - 1 that particular scale.	Group 4	Bass Clarinet Bassoons Bari Sax	Group 4	Baritone Euphonium Tuba String Bass	Tympani
The number above or below each pitch indicates the number of flats: $\begin{array}{c} \text{Order or Sharps and Flats:} \\ \text{Sharps \rightarrow F - C - G - D - A - E = B + Flats} \\ \text{Circle of Aths} \\ Circle$	Group 3	3 rd Clarinet Tenor Sax Brass Choir	. Group 3	3 rd Trumpet 3 rd Trombone 3 rd and 4 th Horn	Percussion Marimba (soft mallets)
$E^{3} - E^{3} - A^{4} - C^{CCC}$	Group 2		Group 2	2 nd Trumpet 2 nd Horn 2 nd Trombone	Xylophone (soft mallets)
C L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L	Group 1	Piccolo Oboe 1 st Flute 1 st Clarinet 1 st Alto Sax	Group 1	1 st Trumpet 1 st Horn 1 st Trombone	Vibraphone (soft mallets)

Major Scales



Major Scales







4 minutes for Conductor's Remarks and air playing .5 minute for questions and comments

INSTRUMENTAL LARGE GROUP ADJUDICATION FORM

Festival: Lee's Summit West High School - 2nd Bands & Percussion Orchestras

Time of Performance	Name of School	Classification		No. of performers
Event:	Ensemble		,	a
Selection:		Accompanist:	128. 	
Seie	ctions in each category below may not be cum	ulative to a final rating.	•	

1. SUPERIOR	2. EXCELLENT	3. GOOD	4. FAIR	5. WEAK
CONSISTENTLY	FREQUENTLY	SOME TIMES	INFREQUENTLY	SELDOM
DEMONSTRATES PROPER	DEMONSTRATES PROPER	DEMONSTRA TES PROPER	DEMONSTRATES PROPER	DEMONSTRATES PROPER
Fundamental Technique	Fundamental Technique	Fundamental Technique	Fundamental Technique	Fundamental Technique
Intonation	Intonation	Intonation	Intonation	Intonation
Tone Quality	Tone Quality	Tone Quality	Tone Quality	Tone Quality
Breathing	Breathing	Breathing	Breathing	Breathing
Articulation/Bowing	Articulation/Bowing	Articulation/Bowing	Articulation/Bowing	Articulation/Bowing
Rhythm	Rhythm	Rhythm	Rhythm	Rhythm
Note Accuracy	Note Accuracy	Note Accuracy	Note Accuracy	Note Accuracy
Position/Posture	Position/Posture	Position/Posture	Position/Posture	Position/Posture
Tempo	Tempo	Tempo	Tempo	Tempo
Musical Effect Interpretation/Style Phrasing Dynamics Ensemble/Precision Balance/Blend	Musical Effect	Musical Effect	Musical Effect	Musical Effect
	interpretation/Style	Interpretation/Style	Interpretation/Style	Interpretation/Style
	Phrasing	Phrasing	Phrasing	Phrasing
	Dynamics	Dynamics	Dynamics	Dynamics
	Ensemble/Precision	Ensemble/Precision	Ensemble/Precision	Ensemble/Precision
	Balance/Blend	Balance/Blend	Balance/Blend	Balance/Blend

Fundamental Technique Comments

LARGE GRE		ICATION FORM		Rating
estival: Lee's Summit West H ime of Performance vent:			Classification Accompanist:	No. of performers
	······································	egory below may not be cumu 3. GOOD	lative to a final rating.	5. WEAK
1. SUPERIOR CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	2. EXCELLENT FREQUENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	SOMETIMES DEMONSTRATES PROPER	INFREQUENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	SELDOM DEMONSTRATES PROPER
Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time	Group Presentation instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time
Fundamental Technique Note Accuracy Rhythmic Accuracy intonation/Key Center Tone Quality	Fundamental Techniqu Note Accuracy Rhythmic Accuracy Intonation/Key Cent Tone Quality			
Musical Effect Articulation/Bowing Dynamics				

Group Presentation Comments

____(

LARGE (Rating			
	High School - 2nd Bands & Per Name of Schoo			No. of performers
Time of Performance			Classification	
Event: Selection:	Ensemble		Accompanist:	
P	Selections in each ca	tegory below may not be cumu	lative to a final rating.	-
1. SUPERIOR	2. EXCELLENT	3. GOOD	4. FAIR	5. WEAK
CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	FREQUENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	SOME TIMES DEMONSTRA TES PROPER	INFREQUENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	SELDOM DEMONSTRATES PROPER
Fundamental Technique Intonation Tone Quality Breathing Articulation/Bowing Rhythm Note Accuracy Position/Posture Tempo				
Musical Effect Interpretation/Style Phrasing Dynamics Ensemble/Precision Balance/Blend	Musical Effect Interpretation/Style Phrasing Dynamics Ensemble/Precision Balance/Blend	Musical Effect Interpretation/Style Phrasing Dynamics Ensemble/Precision Balance/Blend	Musical Effect Interpretation/Style Phrasing Dynamics Ensemble/Precision Balance/Blend	Musical Effect Interpretation/Style Phrasing Dynamics Ensemble/Precision Balance/Blend

Fundamental Technique Comments

Music Effect Comments

STRENGTHS:	AREAS TO IMPROVE :
Adjudicator's Signature	

LARGE GR	Rating			
Festival: Lee's Summit West I Time of Performance Event:			Classification	No. of performers
	Selections in each ca	tegory below may not be cum.	Accompanist:	
1. SUPERIOR	2. EXCELLENT	3. GOOD	4. FAIR	5. WEAK
CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	FREQUENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	SOME TIMES DEMONSTRA TES PROPER	INFREQUENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	SELDOM DEMONSTRATES PROPER
Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time Fundamental Technique Note Accuracy Rhythmic Accuracy	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time Fundamental Technique Note Accuracy Rhythmic Accuracy	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time Fundamental Technique Note Accuracy Rhythmic Accuracy	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time Fundamental Technique Note Accuracy Rhythmic Accuracy	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time Fundamental Technique Note Accuracy Botthmic Accuracy
Intonation/Key Center Tone Quality Musical Effect Articulation/Bowing Dynamics	Intonation/Key Center Tone Quality Musical Effect Articulation/Bowing Dynamics	Musical Effect Articulation/Bowing Dynamics	Musical Effect Articulation/Bowing Dynamics	Rhythmic Accuracy Intonation/Key Center Tone Quality Musical Effect Articulation/Bowing

Group Presentation Comments

Fundamental Technique Comments

Music Effect Comments

STRENGTHS:	AREAS TO IMPROVE :
Adjudicator's Signature	

	UP SIGHT READING ADJUD				
Festival: Lee's Summit West Hi	gh School - 2nd Bands & Perc	cussion Orchestras			
Time of Performance	Name of School		Classification		No. of performers
Event:	Ensemble		Accompanist:		
	Selections in each cat	egory below may not be c		g.	
1. SUPERIOR	2. EXCELLENT	3. GOOD	4. FAIR		5. WEAK
	EDEOUENTLY	SOMETIMES	INFREQUEN	TLY	SELDOM

CONSISTENTLY	FREQUENTLY	SOMETIMES	INFREQUENTLY	SELDOM
DEMONSTRATES PROPER	DEMONSTRATES PROPER	DEMONSTRATES PROPER	DEMONSTRATES PROPER	DEMONSTRATES PROPER
Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time Fundamental Technique Note Accuracy Rhythmic Accuracy Intonation/Key Center Tone Quality Musical Effect Articulation/Bowing Dynamics	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time Fundamental Technique Note Accuracy Rhythmic Accuracy Intonation/Key Center Tone Quality Musical Effect Articulation/Bowing Dynamics	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time Fundamental Technique Note Accuracy Rhythmic Accuracy Intonation/Key Center Tone Quality Musical Effect Articulation/Bowing Dynamics	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time Fundamental Technique Note Accuracy Rhythmic Accuracy Intonation/Key Center Tone Quality Musical Effect Articulation/Bowing Dynamics	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time Fundamental Technique Note Accuracy Rhythmic Accuracy Intonation/Key Center Tone Quality Musical Effect Articulation/Bowing Dynamics

Group Presentation Comments

	DUP SIGHT READING ADJUD			Rating
Festival: Lee's Summit West H Time of Performance Event:	Name of School	l 	Classification Accompanist:	No. of performers
	Selections in each cat	egory below may not be cumu		
1. SUPERIOR	2. EXCELLENT	3. GOOD	4. FAIR	5. WEAK
CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	FREQUENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	SOMETIMES DEMONSTRATES PROPER	INFREQUENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	SELDOM DEMONSTRATES PROPER
Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time	Group Presentation Instructions Attention to Task Evidence of Preparation Efficient Use of Time
Fundamental Technique Note Accuracy Rhythmic Accuracy Intonation/Key Center Tone Quality	Fundamental Technique Note Accuracy Rhythmic Accuracy Intonation/Key Center Tone Quality			
Musical Effect	Musical EffectArticulation/Bowing	Musical Effect	Musical Effect	Musical Effect Articulation/Bowing

______Dynamics

Group Presentation Comments

Dynamics

Dynamics

Rating

Dynamics

Dynamics

INSTRUMENTAL LARGE GROUP ADJUDICATION FORM

Rating

Rating

Festival: Lee's Summit West High School - 2nd Bands & Percussion Orchestras

Time of Performance	Name of School	Classification	No. of performers
Event:	Ensemble	Accompanist:	
Selection:		underline to a final ration	

Selections in each category below may not be cumulative to a final rating.

1. SUPERIOR	2. EXCELLENT	3. GOOD	4. FAIR	5. WEAK
CONSISTENTLY	FREQUENTLY	SOME TIMES	INFREQUENTLY	SELDOM
DEMONSTRATES PROPER	DEMONSTRATES PROPER	DEMONSTRATES PROPER	DEMONSTRATES PROPER	DEMONSTRATES PROPER
Fundamental Technique	Fundamental Technique	Fundamental Technique	Fundamental Technique Intonation Tone Quality Breathing Articulation/Bowing Rhythm Note Accuracy Position/Posture Tempo	Fundamental Technique
intonation	Intonation	Intonation		Intonation
Tone Quality	Tone Quality	Tone Quality		Tone Quality
Breathing	Breathing	Breathing		Breathing
Articulation/Bowing	Articulation/Bowing	Articulation/Bowing		Articulation/Bowing
Rhythm	Rhythm	Rhythm		Rhythm
Note Accuracy	Note Accuracy	Note Accuracy		Note Accuracy
Position/Posture	Position/Posture	Position/Posture		Position/Posture
Tempo	Tempo	Tempo		Tempo
Musical Effect	Musical Effect	Musical Effect	Musical Effect	Musical Effect
Interpretation/Style	Interpretation/Style	Interpretation/Style	interpretation/Style	Interpretation/Style
Phrasing	Phrasing	Phrasing	Phrasing	Phrasing
Dynamics	Dynamics	Dynamics	Dynamics	Dynamics
Ensemble/Precision	Ensemble/Precision	Ensemble/Precision	Ensemble/Precision	Ensemble/Precision
Balance/Blend	Balance/Blend	Balance/Blend	Balance/Blend	Balance/Blend

Fundamental Technique Comments

INSTRUMENTAL LARGE GROUP ADJUDICATION FORM

Festival: Lee's Summit West High School - 2nd Bands & Percussion Orchestras

 Time of Performance
 Name of School
 Classification
 No. of performers

 Event:
 Ensemble
 Accompanist:
 No. of performers

Selections in each category below may not be cumulative to a final rating.

4 01050100	2. EXCELLENT	3. GOOD	4. FAIR	5. WEAK
1. SUPERIOR CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	FREQUENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	SOME TIMES DEMONSTRA TES PROPER	INFREQUENTLY DEMONSTRATES PROPER	SELDOM DEMONSTRATES PROPER
Fundamental Technique	Fundamental Technique	Fundamental Technique	Fundamental Technique	Fundamental Technique
Intonation	Intonation	intonation	Intonation	Intonation
Tone Quality	Tone Quality	Tone Quality	Tone Quality	Tone Quality
Breathing	Breathing	Breathing	Breathing	Breathing
Articulation/Bowing	Articulation/Bowing	Articulation/Bowing	Articulation/Bowing	Articulation/Bowing
Rhythm	Rhythm	Rhythm	Rhythm	Rhythm
Note Accuracy	Note Accuracy	Note Accuracy	Note Accuracy	Note Accuracy
Position/Posture	Position/Posture	Position/Posture	Position/Posture	Position/Posture
Tempo	Tempo	Tempo	Tempo	Tempo
Musical Effect	Musical Effect	Musical Effect	Musical Effect	Musical Effect
Interpretation/Style	Interpretation/Style	Interpretation/Style	Interpretation/Style	Interpretation/Style
Phrasing	Phrasing	Phrasing	Phrasing	Phrasing
Dynamics	Dynamics	Dynamics	Dynamics	Dynamics
Ensemble/Precision	Ensemble/Precision	Ensemble/Precision	Ensemble/Precision	Ensemble/Precision
Balance/Blend	Balance/Blend	Balance/Blend	Balance/Blend	Baiance/Blend

Fundamental Technique Comments

