

Brandywine Heights Area School District
200 West Weis Street, Topton, PA

Course Syllabus for 7th and 8th Grade Band

Overview:

Seventh and Eighth Grade Band is an elective program designed to provide students with instrumental performance opportunities. The band program requires students to attend and participate in weekly lessons/sectionals, and scheduled rehearsals both during and after the school day.

Members are also expected to participate in three evening concerts and the Memorial Day Parade.

- **The Winter Concert on Thursday, December 10, 2009**
- **The Music in the Schools Concert on Saturday, March 13, 2010**
- **The Spring Concert on Thursday, May 6, 2010**
- **The Topton Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 29, 2010**

Resources used:

Ability-appropriate instrumental ensemble and solo literature.

Lesson Books

Outline of Content:

Topics: Through band rehearsal, instrumental lessons, and band performance students will:

- Demonstrate responsibility in maintenance and care for their respective musical instrument and equipment
- Be able to read, perform and comprehend music in standard notation at proficiency level of at least one grade level higher than they are able to sight-read
- Demonstrate a high level of consistency and reliability in applying their technical skills
- Play their respective instrument accurately, independently and confidently alone and in small and large ensembles
- Demonstrate the ability to learn music independently
- Demonstrate proficiency needed to play increasingly demanding music
- Demonstrate basic marching skills
- Self-evaluate their performances

Assessments: Students will have two playing tests each semester, one scales playing test and one music playing test to take place during their scheduled lesson time.

Grading Policy:

The grade is based on the school district's grading policy. Attendance is required at all concerts and rehearsals. Any conflicts should be notified to the director no less than 2 weeks before the concert or rehearsal date.