

Autrey Mill Middle School Band Program
6TH, 7TH, 8TH Grade Band Course Syllabus 2024-2025

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a performance-oriented class. Each student works on the development of general music skills and specific technical aspects of his/her instrument through a variety of varied, quality music selections based on the level of difficulty for each grade level. Skills such as sight-reading, breathing techniques, tone, articulation, and posture will also be stressed. This class, along with rehearsals outside of school, helps prepare each student and the class for concerts and performance evaluations. Students will be challenged to progress as an individual on their instrument mastering skills and techniques throughout the course.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Classes will be structured using the *Fulton County Standards Mastery Framework Curriculum and Georgia Performance Standards for Music* as our focus:

1. Singing alone, and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
2. Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
3. Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments.
4. Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines.
5. Reading and notating music.
6. Listening to, analyzing, and describing music.
7. Evaluating music and music performances.
8. Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts.
9. Understanding music in relation to history and culture.

The Fulton County Standards Mastery Framework Curriculum also supports the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards. This course is further designed to support statewide literacy standards and challenge students to become more effective communicators and consumers of information by applying skills and vocabulary learned to other subject areas and real-life scenarios.

OBJECTIVES:

Exhibit a thorough knowledge of performance practices by showing continuing improvement in tone production, intonation, balance and blend, articulation, techniques, interpretation, scales, and scale patterns, as well as ensemble awareness (both musically and socially).

GRADING POLICY

Orchestra is a year-long connections course. Both formative and summative assessments will be given throughout each semester. We will be following FCS grading guidelines listed at fultonschools.org.

Calendar:

Our full calendar is listed on the website and is on the Band App.

Instruments and Materials:

All students will be responsible for having an instrument, their method book, and all school supplied sheet music. The best option is to rent from a local shop. Alternately the school does have a few instruments available on a first come, first served basis for those with financial or transportation difficulties. A full list of local shops is available at www.ammsband.org.