

WARREN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND SYLLABUS

2019-2020 School Year

Class: Marching Band/ PE

Enrollment: All grade levels by audition

Purpose: The purpose of this class is to give students an opportunity to perform in a highly visible, hard-working performing ensemble that focuses on being a competitive group and providing spirit and pride to the school, district and community. The marching band has the most rigorous schedule of all ensembles at Warren High School with many after school commitments. However, this ensemble is also probably one the most exciting ensembles to be a part of due to the intense performance schedule. See handbook for all procedures, rules, etc. This class only exists during the Fall semester.

Instructor: Mr. Niemeyer

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Office Hours: 12:45-2:45pm

Grading Criterion:

- Participation – 50%
- Assessments – 50%

PARTICIPATION 50% of grade

- Rehearsals = 5 points (late 2.5 points; absent 0 points)
 - Competitions, Football Games and other Performances/ Attire = 20 points (late 10 points; absent 0 points)
- *to be excused from a rehearsal or performance, it requires a 2 week prior notification **along with Mr. Niemeyer's approval.** Just because you request to be excused does not mean you will be excused.*

Rehearsals: 5 points per rehearsal/sectional (Tuesday and Thursday Night)

These rehearsals are posted on the calendar. Students are expected to be early and prepared at every practice. Homework, babysitting, doctor appointments are not excusable forms of absence. If student is too ill to be at school or is at a funeral, they will be excused. All other reasons for absence from rehearsal must be cleared with Mr. Niemeyer two weeks prior to absence.

Competitions, Football Games and other Performances/ Attire: 20 points for every performance

Students and families must make the effort to make sure students can participate in these activities. Please visit the online calendar to see dates, times and locations. To receive full credit, students must have all appropriate uniform materials with them such as socks, shoes, bibbers, under attire, polo shirt, etc. The band and color guard will only be successful with 100% of the membership in attendance at performances. Again, any expected or anticipated absence must be cleared with Mr. Niemeyer two weeks prior to the date of absence.

ASSESSMENTS: 50% of grade

All students will be assessed on their ability to perform their field show music and or choreography. This will either be done in person by Mr. Niemeyer, staff or section leaders...or through a recording submission. Testing will end on November 1st.

CITIZENSHIP: ATTITUDE + CHARACTER

This will be reflected in the student's citizenship mark.

REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS:

See the hand book.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO BE ON TIME AND PREPARED?

1. In rehearsal arc or warm up block 5 minutes prior to formal start time.
2. Instrument and equipment is present and in good working order.
3. Student is wearing appropriate rehearsal attire.

TUESDAY and THURSDAY EVENING REHEARSALS: (5-9pm)

The marching band and color guard practice on Tue/Thur evenings during the months of August, September, October and November. All students need to be in the proper rehearsal attire for these rehearsals. Students earn points for attending these rehearsals. Students need to be present and ready to rehearse by 4:55pm. Students will be let out of rehearsal at appx. 8:50pm each evening and are expected to leave campus as quickly as possible. Parents need to make sure they arrange for their child to be picked up in a timely manner. Note the attendance for these rehearsals are also entered into Zangle.

***Note. The band room will be open and available for students to use as a study hall from 3-5pm on Tuesday and Thursdays throughout the duration of the marching season. Students are allowed to eat in the band room so long as they are studying. If they are simply eating and hanging out, they will be asked to leave the room. Again, the intention is that this a study environment.

WHAT DO I NEED TO OWN TO BE PART OF BAND?

- See suggested list in the hand book!
- Color guard will need to own show make up. Also reference hand book.

Performances/Events for 2019-2020 as of 8/14/2019

- Decal Drive – August 12,13,14 5-7:30pm each night
- Sat. August 17th – Saturday practice 8am-Noon
- Sat. August 31st – Saturday practice 8am-Noon
- Sat. September 7th – LA County Fair Performance Noon
- Fri. September 13th – Football game vs. Culver City
- Sat. September 14th – Saturday practice 8am-Noon
- Fri September 20th – Football game vs. Mayfair
- Fri September 27th – Football game vs. La Serna
- Sat. September 28th – Field Tournament @ West HS in Torrance
- Thur. October 3rd – Open House Performance 7:30pm in Justice Stadium (FREE to attend)
- Sat. October 5th – Field Tournament @ Warren (fundraiser and performance)
- Fri. October 11th – Football vs. Lynwood (middle school band night)
- Fri. October 18th – Football vs. Paramount (homecoming)
- Sat. October 26th – Field Tournament @ Wilson HS in Hacienda Heights
- Fri November 1st – Football game vs. Downey
- Sat. November 2nd – Field Tournament @ Chino HS in Chino
- Wed. November 6th – Field Tournament @ Westminster HS in Westminster
- Sat. November 9th – Field Tournament @ Vista HS in North San Diego County
- Thur. November 14th – 4th Annual DUSD Fall Band Spectacular @ Downey HS 7pm (FREE)
- Sat. November 16th – Marching Band Championships @ Warren HS all day
- Sun. December 1st – Downey Holiday Parade 1:30pm (call time 12pm)
- Holiday Caroling December 6,7,13,14 4:45-7:30pm each day