

Warren Band & Color Guard

Syllabus Addendum updated January 5, 2020

GENERAL

Restroom: Any student that is in the restroom or waiting to use it during warm ups will be marked Tardy. The only acceptable time to use the restroom is before and after class. During rehearsal (aka class time) If a student has a emergency then using the restroom is acceptable.

School Policies:

1. Tardy – first 3 tardies warning – 4th or more = Deans Office
2. Dress Code (no hats, hoodies, beanie's on in band room)
3. Electronic Device – phones must be turned off and out of sight.

Professionalism:

Appropriate time to play instrument: It is annoying when students play their instruments at inappropriate times.

1. Do not play in storage room.
2. Do not play while walking to and from band room.
3. When playing in band room be professional about it. This means don't play loudly or out of character.

Appropriate behavior in rehearsal is nothing less than a completely quiet and focused environment. Mr. Niemeyer may give students a chance to talk during class when appropriate. When Mr. Niemeyer is on the podium there is no excuse for talking despite what is going on in the rehearsal. Students who are talking will be given warning card. It is not appropriate to study for other classes while in rehearsal. (warning card) It is not appropriate to have your cell phone on your music stand, not even for tuning. (warning card and phone goes in phone jail box)

Storage Room:

1. Open daily at 6:55am-12:00pm. This is so students can practice before school. Students not practicing will be given warning card. (Monday's 8:00am-12:30pm)
2. Closed daily from 12:00-2:43pm. Will reopen from 2:45-3:30pm and then close again.
 - a. Do not keep your lunch in the storage room or books from other classes, that is not the purpose of the lockers. It will not be opened for you if you forget something in your locker.
3. Only instruments should be stored in instrument lockers, nothing else. If locker is not locked, a master lock will be placed on that locker and no longer available to use.
4. Do not leave your case on the ground...put your case back in the locker or bring it upstairs and put under your chair if it is small enough.
5. Do not leave your case open in your locker with your instrument in it. Close your case.
6. Percussion room is for percussion only.
7. Guard room is for guard only.

Quarter Participation Points: 50 points per quarter

1. For every time you are not prepared (no folder/music, pencil, instrument) = 10 points off
2. For every time a student plays their instrument outside of the band room or in the storage room = 15 points off

Warning Cards

When a student chooses to act unprofessionally they will receive a warning card where they will write why they are receiving a warning. Upon receiving third yellow index card said student will call their parents and inform them that they have broken class policy three times and will be given a referral for each infraction thereafter.

Weekly Video Practice Assignments (Jazz Band I, Jazz Band II, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band)

Most weeks students will have video assignments due through Google Classroom. Video assignment will be announced on Monday and students must post video by Sunday at 9pm of that week. For example week of January 6th video assignment will be due January 12th by 9pm. All assignments will be graded on a 5 point scale: 5 superior, 4 excellent, 3 good, 2 good, 1 fair, 0 not turned in. If a student completes all weekly video assignments with a grade of 4 or higher they will be exempt from the Spring semester final exam.

BY PERIOD

1st Period:

- A. Students must be in seat, with instrument and music ready to play when bell rings even if Mr. Niemeyer is not ready to start. Students should work with their peers to start the warm up process.
- B. Class will be dismissed 3-5 minutes prior to bell ringing. Students are to use this time to clean up and put their instrument away. Students can start making their way to their next class but must not go past the quad until the bell rings. If you use this time to practice it must be done in a practice room.

2nd Period:

- A. Students must be in their seat, with instrument and music ready to play 2 minutes after the bell rings. (9:00 T-F & 9:32 M)
Note: students must be in band room locker room when the tardy bell rings or they will be tardy.
- B. Class will be dismissed when the bell rings.
- C. Students do not need to clean up chairs or stands because the next period uses them.
- D. If class is dismissed early students are to use this time to clean up and put their instrument away or practice. Students can start making their way to their next class but must not go past the quad until the bell rings. If you use this time to practice it must be done in a practice room.

3rd Period:

- A. Students must be in their seat, with instrument and music ready to play when the bell rings. (10:03 T-F; 10:39 M)
- B. Class will be dismissed 3-5 minutes prior to the bell ringing. Students are to use this time to clean up and put their instruments away. Students can start marking their way to their next class but must not go past the quad until the bell rings.
- C. Students must put away all chairs and stands. For every stand/chair left out every student will loose that many points off their participation grade. Example – 3 stands are left out; every student loses 3 points.

Percussion: check in band room every day for plan

4th Period Guard: 2nd semester you have class first and lunch second.

- A. Tue/Thur students must be in band room when bell rings (11:06am). Class will be dismissed at bell. (12:03pm)
- B. Mon/Wed/Fri students need to be in guard room by 11:06am but will get 4 additional minutes after bell rings to change out, get equipment, use restroom and then roll starts (11:10pm). If inclement weather such as rain, meet in band room when bell rings. Class will be dismissed 5 minutes early at 11:58pm to give students time to change, put away equipment, etc. On practice days, students are expected to be appropriate attire to practice in...this includes appropriate shoes, shirt, etc. Bring water with you to this class, it will be warm outside at this time.
- C. Students must put away all equipment. For every piece of equipment left out every student will lose that many points off their participation grade. Example – 3 flags are left out; every student loses 3 points.
- D. Class weekly structure
 - a. Monday – guard practice with Kim
 - b. Tuesday – homework with Mr. Niemeyer in band room
 - c. Wednesday – guard practice with Kim
 - d. Thursday – homework with Mr. Niemeyer in band room
 - e. Friday – guard practice with Kim