

# **MARCHING BAND COURSE DISCLOSURE**

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## **Course Description**

This course is designed to give students the opportunity to participate in a corps style marching band. The marching band is a fun, exciting, high profile, competitive group with an extensive rehearsal and performance schedule. We perform at all home football games, parades, and a few competitions.

## **Goal for the 2010 – 2011 School Year**

### **Excellence in all we do!**

Our goal last year was to show up and be on time. I felt that we made improvements, and I encourage students to continue to be diligent with their attendance.

## **Guidelines for Success**

Classroom rules for the Canyon View High School Bands

1. Be on time.
2. Be prepared. (instrument, music, pencil, and practice)
3. Be courteous.
4. No gum, candy, food, or drink allowed in the classroom (water only).
5. Clean up after yourselves.

## **Canyon View High School Mission Statement**

CVHS, in partnership with parents and community, empowers students to become caring, competent, and contributing citizens who find fulfillment in lifelong learning.

## **Desired Results for Student Learning**

1. A Competent Learner
2. An Effective Communicator
3. A Responsible Citizen

Canyon View High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or qualified disability.

## **Grading**

### **Grades will be based on the following:**

1. Participation: Students can earn up to 30 points a week for participation. Points will be subtracted if students miss rehearsals (unexcused), and if they break the guidelines for success. **Please contact either me, or your section leader if you have to miss a rehearsal.**

2. Practice: Students can earn up to 20 points a week for practicing. Students are required to practice for at least two hours a week outside of rehearsal time.

2 hours = 20 points, 1.5 hours = 18 points, 1 hour = 16 points, .5 hour = 14 points, and anything less = 0 points. Please remember it is much more effective to break this time up over several days.

3. Sectionals: Students will be assigned to have sectionals on a regular basis. Each sectional will be worth 20 points and may also be counted toward your practice time.

4. Performances: The marching band performs quite often. Therefore, a very large percentage (approx. 50%) of your grade will be from performances. Performances are mandatory.

6. Extra Credit: This can be earned by attending a concert other than your own. Turn in a half page report about the concert (typed and single spaced). Extra credit can also be earned by putting in extra practice time. Two points of extra credit will be given for every 30 minutes beyond 2 hours.

## **Eligibility**

Keep your grades up in all classes. Students who receive more than one F, or have less than a 2.0 GPA at the end of any given quarter are not eligible to perform or compete during the entire next quarter.

Students must also be in attendance at school on the day of performances, festivals, or competitions. If it is a Saturday event, but we leave for the event on Friday, then they must be in attendance on Friday.

## **Necessary Materials**

- Instrument
- Accessories
  - cleaning kit
  - reed players need to have a good supply of reeds
  - metronome (not required, but strongly recommended)
  - tuner (not required, but strongly recommended)
- Book “Foundations for Superior Performance”
- Music (provided)
- Flip Folder and Lyre
- Pencil
- Dot Book (small pocket size note book for labeling your drill spots)

## **Uniforms**

See Uniform Contract for details about the Marching Band Uniform. We do not always wear our Marching Band Uniform for all performances. Sometimes we wear our Pep Band Uniform instead, which consists of our band T-shirt and nice blue jeans. I will always specify which uniform to wear.

## **Fees**

Pay all fees to Mrs. Cowan and then show me your receipts. Many of you already paid the marching band fees last spring. If you did not, then please pay them ASAP.

- \$30 Band Participation Fee. This fee is mandated by the school district, and it covers expenses for all the bands throughout the school year.
- \$10 Uniform Rental
- \$10 for Band Shirt (only if you're a new member or need a new shirt)
- \$25 for Marching Shoes (only if you're a new member or need new shoes)
- All students who use school owned instruments need to pay a \$50 rental fee. An instrument rental form needs to be filled out and returned to me along with your receipt. This is due before the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

## **Private Lessons**

I encourage all students to take private lessons. There are a lot of good teachers in the community, and some good music students at the university that would like to have some private students. Most university students charge a very reasonable price. I can recommend a good teacher if you are interested.

## **How Parents can Help**

### At Home

1. Calendar all of your child's performances and avoid scheduling other events over the top of them.
2. Show an interest in the music study of your child.
3. Arrange a regular time for your child to practice in a quiet place without interruptions, and help them as much as you are capable.
4. Make sure they have a safe place to keep their instrument.
5. Keep the instrument in good repair and encourage them to be careful with their instrument.
6. Make sure they have the necessary accessories (metronome, tuner, cleaning kit, reeds, mutes, sticks, mallets etc.).
7. Even though private study is not required, it is strongly recommended.
8. Encourage your child to play for others when opportunities arise.

### At School

1. Encourage your child to faithfully attend all rehearsals, performances, and activities, and teach them to be prepared and on time.
2. Notify the teacher if your child is going to be absent.
3. Visit rehearsals and lessons occasionally.
4. Attend as many performances as you possibly can.
5. See that they don't forget their instrument and music.
6. Ask them about the music they are learning and what they need to practice.
7. Volunteer to help out and become a Band Booster.
8. Purchase band attire and wear it at band, school, and community events.

## **Falcon Marching Band 2010 Schedule**

### **Rehearsals**

Aug. 19 – Oct. 20	Regular Morning Rehearsals (Brass and Woodwinds on A Days Percussion on B Days) Full Band Every Friday	7:00 – 9:15 a.m.  7:00 – 7:40 a.m.
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**Please arrive at school by 6:55 a.m. for all 7:00 a.m. rehearsals.**

**“To be on time, is to be early.”**

Oct. 26 – Nov. 4	After School Rehearsals – Full Band (No 7:00 a.m. rehearsals on these days. Only regular class time and after school.)	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
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### **Performances**

Aug. 27	Football Game	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 3	Football Game	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 6	Labor Day Parade in Parowan	10:00 a.m.
Sep. 15	Back to School Night	TBA
Sep. 24	Football Game	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	Football Game	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	SUU Half-Time Show	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	Silverado HS Invitational, Las Vegas or SUU Homecoming Parade	All Day TBA
Oct. 21	Football Game	7:00 p.m.

(Note: This is the first day of Fall Break.)

**Please be at the stadium by 6:30 p.m. for all football games.**

**We are usually finished with games at about 9:30 p.m.**

Oct. 28	Halloween Concert	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 29	Elementary School Tour (Tentative)	All Day
Nov. 5	Red Rocks Invitational, St. George (We will spend the night in St. George and then head to Las Vegas.)	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	Las Vegas HS Invitational	All Day

### **Post Season**

Dec. 4	Christmas Parade	TBA
Dec. 11	Christmas Parade	TBA
Dec. 14	Music Dept. Christmas Concert	7:00 p.m.

*Sometimes we receive other invitations to perform. I will give you at least two weeks  
notice on any additional performances we might do.*

**Performances are mandatory.  
Please make every effort to attend all performances.**

# Marching Band Course Disclosure

## Due Tomorrow (Worth 50 Points)

I understand and agree to abide by the expectations of this class.

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Email** \_\_\_\_\_

## Band Boosters

I am in need of parent volunteers to help with our booster organization. I do not require a lot, but I do need help with uniforms (distribution, mending, cleaning, organizing, etc.), chaperones, band trailer, and 2 fund raisers. If you are able and willing please write your name and phone number below and I will contact you. We will hold one meeting at the beginning of the year and then the rest of our organizing for the year will be done through email and phone calls. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_