

# Nicolet High School Symphonic Band Syllabus 2017-18

## **REQUIRED PERFORMANCES**

Pep At Football 10/6  
Concerts on 12/19, 3/19, 4/24, & 5/17  
Mass Pep Band on Jan. TBA  
Solo & Ensemble Festival on 3/17  
Commencement on 6/3

## **OPTIONAL PERFORMANCES**

Pep band: 9/15, 9/28, 11/17, 11/30, 12/8,  
12/15, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/8  
Solo & Ensemble Festival on 5/5

## **CONCERT PERFORMANCE DRESS**

Women-Dark dress or pants suit, (long skirts please)  
Men-Dark slacks, white shirt, dark tie (coat optional)  
No t-shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes

## **Grading**

### **REHEARSAL SKILLS (30% OF QTR.)**

-As ensemble members, music students are responsible for contributing to successful and meaningful rehearsals with well-developed rehearsal skills. Taking an active role in rehearsals is key to experiencing musical growth and learning. Band students will receive periodic rehearsal evaluations based upon their demonstration of these skills in class (See attached Wind Ensemble Rehearsal Skill Checklist)

### **REHEARSAL BINDERS (20% OF QTR.)**

-Students are responsible for maintaining an ordered binder including learning materials and assignments used in rehearsals. These learning materials include activities and artifacts that demonstrate students' interaction with and processing of musical text.  
-Binders will be checked periodically throughout each quarter.

### **PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE (20% OF QTR.)**

-Participation in required performances is mandatory (See dates listed above).  
-Consistent with the NHS attendance policy, students will be excused from performances only with a written excuse from their parents or guardians. This communication should be emailed to Michael McDowell at [michael.mcdowell@nicolet.us](mailto:michael.mcdowell@nicolet.us).  
-Students may exempt excused performances by attending and critiquing another Nicolet music performance that same semester.

### **PLAYING EXAM (30% OF QTR.)**

-Band members will play selected solo repertoire for quarterly evaluation using the Smart Music assessment software, which will score for tonal and rhythmic accuracy.

### **FINAL EXAM (10% OF SEMESTER)**

Either a written final exam based on musical text covered during the semester, or a performance final based on repertoire prepared throughout the semester will be administered at the end of each semester.

## **SEMESTER GRADE CALCULATION**

Quarter 1	45%
Quarter 2	45%
Semester Exam	10%

### **\*OPTIONAL ACCELERATED CREDIT**

Students enrolled in Symphonic Band may elect to enroll in Symphonic Band A for accelerated credit. These students will be responsible for preparation and presentation of a class A Solo from the current WSMA Solo and Ensemble list. Students will perform required movements from their solo with accompanist at the district festival on March 17 and then present a movement at a full recital on Wednesday, May 30.

\*Band Students may earn up to 20 extra credit points by participating in pep band performances at Nicolet athletic events each quarter. Quarter 1 events include football games on 9/15 & 9/28. Quarter 2 events include hockey and basketball games on 11/17, 11/30, 12/8, 12/15, 1/5, 1/12, & 1/19. Quarter 3 events include basketball games on 1/26, 2/2, & 2/8.