

**Baldwin-Whitehall School District**  
**Baldwin High School**  
**Instrumental Music Department**

**Course Title:** Concert Band – Percussion

**Credit/ Term:** 1.0/year

**Course Number:** 725

**Grade Level:** 9-12

**Course Description:** The Baldwin High School Concert Percussion Ensemble is a curricular percussion ensemble open to percussionists of all skill levels. The Concert Percussion Ensemble meets daily during the school day throughout the year. Students will have the opportunity to learn a variety of percussion instruments and techniques including snare drum, mallet percussion, timpani, and auxiliary percussion. The Concert Percussion Ensemble performs percussion ensemble literature and functions as the percussion section for the Symphonic Band at the annual concerts. Students do not need to participate in Marching Band in order to participate in Concert Percussion Ensemble.

**Instructor Information:**

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**STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:**

The students enrolled in this course will be expected to:

- Attend class daily
- Participate in all rehearsals and activities
- Complete all classwork and homework
- Prepare/ practice repertoire individually
- Participate in concerts, adjudications, and other scheduled performances
- Complete make up work when absent

**STANDARDS/ BENCHMARKS**

The students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to read written music
- Demonstrate the ability to identify music elements (scales, intervals, musical terms, etc.)
- Develop proper techniques on all percussion instruments
- Identify and apply expressive elements in music
- Perform a wide variety of musical literature in a variety of settings
- Perform in an ensemble setting

## **EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT**

- Daily class performance grade/ rehearsal etiquette
- Individual and/or section performance tests on selected repertoire, warm-ups, and other materials
- Individual student self-reflections and self-assessments
- Small group work/ performances
- Formal performances
- Final exam

## **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS & CONSEQUENCES**

Students are expected to:

- Be respectful towards staff and peers
- Follow classroom procedures and directions
- Put for
- Put forth effort and focus on the task at hand

Consequences for failing to meet these expectations can include a verbal warning, a 20 minute band detention, and/or disciplinary referral.

## **PROCEDURES**

- Percussionists should enter the band room and prepare their equipment for rehearsal; percussionists should not be in the storage room at any time, for any reason
- Once students acquire their instruments, they should begin the daily “GO” activity
- When the director steps up to the podium, individual warm-ups will end, and class will begin
- At the end of class, students will be dismissed to the storage room to clean up and should return to their seat until the bell
- Cell phones usage and food are prohibited during class
- Agendas must be used when students leave the classroom – you must speak to Ms. Virgin and receive permission

## **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

Students must maintain passing grades in a least four full-credit courses in order to be eligible for afterschool activities, including concerts. Additionally, any student who is failing a core subject (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) will be placed on academic probation; failure to show adequate effort and improvement while on probation can result in ineligibility. Students who are place on social probation are also ineligible to participate in afterschool concerts and rehearsals.

## **PERFORMANCE DATES**

Winter concert: Thursday, December 6, 2018 7:00 PM

Music in Our Schools Month concert: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:00 PM

Spring concert: Tuesday, May 7, 2018 7:00 PM

## **PERFORMANCE ATTIRE**

The required dress for traditional concerts is all black, including shoes and socks. Please keep in mind that your concert attire should adhere to the school's dress policy. Please refer to page 44 of the student handbook for specific guidelines.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**

### Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Festivals

- Honors Band auditions
  - Monday, October 1, 2018
- Honors Band:
  - Saturday, November 10, 2018
  - Saturday, November 17, 2018
  - Sunday, November 8, 2018
- District I Band West:
  - Thursday, January 24, 2019 – Saturday, January 26, 2019
- Region I Band
  - Thursday, March 7, 2019 – Saturday, March 9, 2019
- All State Band/ NAFME East
  - Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – Saturday, April 6, 2019