

Honors Wind Ensemble Syllabus 2025-2026

Course Information:

- Title: Honors Wind Ensemble
- Location: Band Room
- When: Block 3 on A days

Teacher Information:

- Name: Mx. Palmer (they/them)
- Email: hpalmer@bwschools.net

Course Description/Objectives:

- This is an audition based ensemble that will review topics such as proper playing and warm-up techniques, quality tone production, and fundamentals of music theory and will introduce the topics of advanced music theory, basics of music history, and upper level repertoire.
- Students are required to perform in four concerts during the school year as well as the graduation ceremony for the class of 2026. Students that miss a performance due to illness or family emergency with proper documentation will be excused. Should a student miss a performance for any reason (excused or unexcused), they will be required to submit a written assignment in place. Students who miss the performance for an unexcused reason will only be able to receive up to half credit.
- **Winter Concert Dates: December 15th, 2025 @ 6:30pm and December 16th, 2025 @ 6:30pm**
- **Spring Concert Dates: May 11th, 2026 @ 6:30pm and May 14th, 2026 @ 6:30pm**
- **Graduation Performance: June 3rd, 2026 @ 7:00pm**
 - All performance dates and times are subject to change, students and guardians will be notified via Skyward and Canvas. Students will also be notified in class.

Expectations:

- Be a good person (kind, respectful, responsible)
- Make music

Policies:

- Cleanliness
 - This classroom is a shared space, so leave it better than you found it! This includes straightening chairs so that they are in their marked spot, throwing away garbage, cleaning up small spills/mishaps, letting Mx. Palmer know about large spills/mishaps. Everything in this room has a place and that is because things run more efficiently when things are in their places, if you don't know where something goes- ask!
- Food
 - There will be a strict **NO FOOD** policy in the rehearsal space. As mentioned above, this is a shared space and food allergies are a major concern. Refraining

from eating also keeps the space and your instruments clean! Any food being consumed in the rehearsal space will be confiscated and returned at the end of class.

- Cell Phones
 - Cell phones will be placed in the classroom caddy at the beginning of class and may be retrieved either at the end of class or when Mx. Palmer gives special permission. Using phones during rehearsal time will be punished as follows:
 - 1st offence: phone goes in Mx. Palmer's desk and will be returned at the end of class
 - 2nd offence: phone goes in Mx. Palmer's desk and will be returned at the end of the school day
 - 3rd offence: phone goes to the Main Office and may be obtained by a parent or guardian at the end of the school day

Grading/Evaluation:

- Grades will be updated weekly in Skyward. Students are responsible for monitoring their grades and for communicating with Mx. Palmer about missing/late work. Should a student fall below a passing grade, Mx. Palmer will reach out to the student, their counselor, and their guardian(s) with a progress report.
- All other policies regarding academic dishonesty, attendance, and late work align with the policies outlined in the student handbook.

Syllabus Review and Agreement Form

Please review this syllabus in its entirety with your parent(s) and/or guardian(s). Sign and return **this page only** by August 12th, 2025.

Student Name (Printed): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____