

# DeKalb High School Marching Band

## Syllabus

**Instructor:** Mr. Lundin

**Contact Information:**

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**Course Information:**

- Description: Marching Band is a semester-long course in the development of instrumental/visual arts with a focus on marching band performance. In addition to an assigned grade for the course, students may opt to waive Physical Education during first semester while taking Marching Band. Literature changes yearly and students may repeat the class. Students will perform at sporting events, parades and competitions throughout the fall semester. Students who fail the class **will forfeit their PE waiver from the first semester** and shall be required to take an additional PE class to make up that credit.
- Content: In each semester the Marching Band will prepare music for public performance. Literature for each performance will be chosen from the following genres: pop, traditional marching, 20<sup>th</sup> century art music, jazz, pop and the music of other cultures. Literature will dictate the development of playing skills required for success in the course
- Objectives: Students will develop skills in the marching arts for public performances, parades and competitions. Students will learn to work as a group and demonstrate the skills necessary for large organizational success.

**Extra Help:**

Extra Help is available during office hours. You are encouraged to set up an appointment whenever you'd like extra help. The school does not provide private or group lessons at the high school level. As such, students are highly encouraged to find a reputable private teacher. Ask Mr. Lundin if you'd like assistance.

**Course Materials:**

Students need to arrive to class everyday with their electronic device of choice for learning drill, instrument/flag and appropriate clothing for marching outdoors. This means no jeans for practice and jackets when it gets cold.

**Behavior Expectations:**

- Students are expected to adhere to respect themselves, others and DeKalb High School during all band activities. Attendance shall be taken at the beginning of each rehearsal. Students not in their squad spot at that time with all materials shall be considered tardy and must inform the director that they arrived late, or they may be marked absent.
- Attendance- Attendance is a critical component of marching band. Standard band policy is that students who miss the final practice before a performance **do not perform during that next performance**, but are still expected to attend. This is to ensure the safety of all performers and the reason for the absence shall not be considered.

**Grading Policy: Total class grade factors for 80% of final grade, final exam 20%**

- Band Camp/ Summer Practices: 15% Attending Band Camp and summer practices are an integral part of marching band. Student attendance and learning level will be factored in this grade. A rubric will be used for student performance level.
- Weekly Participation/ Conduct Grade: 20% Students are assigned a grade everyday for their participation in class. In order to receive full credit, students must have all supplies and participate as directed.
- Playing Exams: 15%. Students must memorize all music to be played during marching events. Students will perform assessments to demonstrate each student's level of mastery.
- Performance Grade: 30%. Students must attend all performances scheduled for the band outside of school. Students should arrive at the instructed time with all materials and proper attire. The teacher should be informed of all absences as soon as possible. For a list of excused absences, please refer to the DHS student handbook. **Employment outside of school is not an excused absence.** Band is a performing art and student participation in outside events is critical for success in the program. Students will only receive the opportunity to make up work for a missed performance if the absence is excused in advance.
- Final Exam: 20%. A written final shall be given at the end of the course.

**Semester Calendar: A detailed calendar may be found at [www.dhsband.org](http://www.dhsband.org)**

**Guidelines for Success/Self Monitoring Checklist:**

- Class participation and performance:
  - ❖ In my squad spot ready to go at appointed time \_\_\_
  - ❖ prepare music for active contribution in class \_\_\_
  - ❖ Learn drill spots properly \_\_\_
  - ❖ Attend all performances \_\_\_
  - ❖ Bring positive attitude to class every day \_\_\_
  - ❖ Memorize my music and do my best at all performances \_\_\_