

4th Grade Band

Band Lessons Essential Skills/ Understandings

Students will read all of the notes required for 4th grade band for their instrument
Students will properly assemble and maintain instruments
Students will demonstrate proper playing posture
Wind players will demonstrate correct fingering, embouchure and articulation
Percussion players will demonstrate correct rudiment and sticking.
Students will read and understand all of the symbol, terms, rhythm notation required
Students will demonstrate an understanding of good tone quality

Mastery Objectives

Reading Notes- Students will understand that notation is written language of music. In doing so, they will demonstrate an understanding of pitching. Furthermore they will define and interpret accidentals.

Basic Skills- Students will identify instrument parts and assemble them correctly. Students will properly play and care for his/her instrument. The students analyze how to assume a position that supports the instrument and helps them play in an efficient way.

Individual Instrument Skills- Students will understand that technique is essential in becoming a great musician. They will realize that good embouchure or grip is the foundation for playing They will employ correct articulations (tongue, accent, slur, staccato, legato. Brass players will play slurs on consecutive harmonics (lip slurs). Percussion players will read and employ rudiments correctly

Musical Concepts- Students will understand that notation is the written language of music. They will understand rhythm patterns (Whole, Half, Quarter, and eighth notes/rests). They will understand meter (2/4, 3/4, 4/4 time signature) They will understand dynamic markings (piano, forte, crescendo, decrescendo) They will understand notation and composition

Tone Production- Students will produce sounds demonstrating characteristic tone quality
Students will demonstrate an awareness of way to improve tone quality. Wind players will produce an evenly sustained tone on a single note for at least eight seconds. Percussion players will produce an even sound while playing rudiments (percussion). Students will demonstrate an awareness of variations in sound which result from using different beater, mallets, and/or sticks

Instruments Offered

Clarinet, Flute, Trombone, Trumpet and Percussion

Performances

Winter Concert and Spring Concert