

## **2019-20 Jackson High School Band Syllabus**

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### **I. Course Description, Objectives and**

#### **Fees**

Band (marching and concert) is a full-year educational course that combines classroom music education with musical performance opportunities. The prime objective of the band is to play independently and in an ensemble while demonstrating technical and stylistic accuracy and musical expressiveness. Performance is a key component of this class. Students must meet rehearsal and performance requirements of this course.

Band camp is a required activity that costs approximately \$225. Uniform fees are approximately \$100. Jackson Band Boosters offer many fundraising opportunities and if a family has financial difficulty, PLEASE NOTIFY A DIRECTOR. We will be happy to find assistance for you and/or set up a payment plan. Please do not let financial difficulties keep your child from participating!

### **II. Discipline**

Jackson High School handbook rules apply during all band activities (summer and outside of the school day included).

**III. Course Requirements and Grading Policy Summer Rehearsals** In order to keep after school rehearsals at a minimum once school starts, Jackson High School Band rehearses for 3 weeks in July including 2 weeks at JHS and 1 week of REQUIRED band camp at University of Mount Union. This is followed by a few rehearsals in August prior to the start of school and the Hall of Fame Grand Parade performance. All students are expected to attend summer rehearsals and performances. The director must be notified in advance to determine if a student is excused from any summer rehearsals or performances including band camp. **Percussionists** will audition for instrument placement in the Spring and will have extra summer rehearsals scheduled at the end of the school year.

**Grading Scale** Jackson High School grading scale will be in effect - please refer to the school handbook. Grades will be 85% Product - 15% Process

**Product grades** include attendance and participation at all required rehearsals and performances as well as music memorization (marching band season), marching fundamentals, and any

written tests/quizzes. Music memorization testing takes place outside of rehearsal time.

**Process grades** include music enrichment assignments, sectionals, and any written assignments given throughout the year.

**Absence from rehearsals/performances** The Jackson Band Staff works diligently to make sure that students are able to participate in many activities during their time in high school. We must be notified of any schedule conflicts as far in advance as possible so that we may work to find a resolution.

**Unexcused absence** from a rehearsal or performance will result in lowered grade in that area and may result in change in performance status (change in chair placement, change in ensemble, change in performance eligibility). No make-up assignments are given for unexcused absences.

**Excused absence** from a performance will result in a make-up assignment being given to the student. **A director must be notified as soon as possible.** Examples of excused absences are: severe illness, death in the family, participation in a school event that has been excused by the band directors in advance.

FOOTBALL GAMES AND BAND SHOWS. ALL PERFORMANCES ARE MANDATORY. \*\*\*\*Return times are estimated and subject to change depending on length of event.

August 26 Monday Stark Co. Fair Rehearsal (depart 6:30 pm return 9:30pm)

August 27 Tuesday Stark Co. Fair Band Show - Late show (depart 6:30pm return 9:30pm)

August 30 Friday Football game – home Akron East (JMMS 6pm-10pm)

September 6 Friday Football Game - home Mayfield (JMMS 6pm-10pm)

September 7 Saturday Away band show TBA

September 13 Friday Football Game – home Boardman- PPF show (JMMS 5:15 pm-10pm)

September 14 Saturday Jackson Festival of Bands (JMMS 6pm-10pm)

September 20 Friday Football Game –home Perry (JMMS 6pm-10pm)

September 27 Friday Football Game –away Lake – (depart JHS 5:30 pm - return 10:30pm)

October 4 Friday Football Game –away GO – (depart JHS 5:30 pm - return 10:30pm)

October 11 Friday Football Game – home McKinley BL post (JMMS 6pm-10:30pm)

October 18 Friday Football Game –away Central – (depart JHS 5:30 pm - return 10:30pm)

October 25 Friday Football Game –home Green (JMMS 6pm-10pm)

November 1 Friday Football Game away Hoover (depart JHS 5:30 pm - return 10:30pm)

\*November 8 Friday Possible Play-of game. Marching band continues to perform at play-of games as long as football season continues.

E. AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS Students and parents are asked to please plan their work schedules, doctor/dentist appointments, and driving school/tests accordingly. STUDENTS MISSING REHEARSAL OR LEAVING EARLY WILL RESULT IN LOWERED ATTENDANCE GRADE.

Rehearsal Wednesday, August 21 After School 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm

Rehearsal Wednesday, August 28 After School 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm

Rehearsal Wednesday, September 4 After School 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm

Rehearsal Wednesday, September 11 After School 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm

Rehearsal Wednesday, September 18 After School 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm

Rehearsal Wednesday, September 25 After School 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm

Rehearsal Monday, September 30 After School 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm

Rehearsal Wednesday, October 2 After School 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm

Rehearsal Monday, October 7 After School 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm

Rehearsal Wednesday, October 9 After School 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm

Night Rehearsal Thursday, October 10 Stadium 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

\*If playoffs, Wed. Nov. 6 rehearsal 2:45-4pm

#### **IV. Marching Band Performance Status**

All students must earn their spot at performances by completing the following requirements:

1. Memorization of at least 8 out of 12 songs - performed individually for a director before/after rehearsals (Blacklight show - 3 out of 4 songs)
2. Successful demonstration of at least 8 out of 12 marching fundamentals - observed during rehearsals by a director.
3. Successful demonstration of drill execution during rehearsal.

Students who have not met these requirements will be on alternate status and are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. It is our sincere hope that every student will work to earn their spot on the performance field - there is a spot for everyone!

#### **Majorette/mascot**

Jackson Band students in good standing may audition for majorette/mascot after having marched one year without ever being placed on alternate status. Audition requirements must be met.

#### **V. Concert Season**

At the completion of marching season, all students will complete a required live audition with

a director for concert band placement. The audition involves a product grade section as well as sight reading and advanced prepared work. The decision of the directors is final.

**Students are placed in one of the following ensembles:**

Freshman Band - On-level high school literature

Gold Concert Band - On-level high school literature

Purple Concert Band - Advanced high school literature

Symphony Band - Collegiate literature

Placement in ensembles and chair placement within ensembles is determined by the directors. Participation in all sectionals, large group rehearsals and performances during and outside of school is a requirement of each ensemble. Sectional and large group rehearsals will be scheduled by the individual directors of each ensemble.

**HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMANCES  
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Performances are REQUIRED of all members. If you have a conflict, the director MUST BE NOTIFIED WELL IN ADVANCE.

Dec. 7 Symphony Band OBDC at Akron U 11:15am

Dec. 8 Purple and Gold Concert Bands 3:00 JCPA

Dec. 8 Freshman and Symphony 4:30 JCPA

Dec. 9 8th grade 7:00 JCPA Dec. 11 HS Jazz 7:00 JCPA

Dec. 15 Evening of Music - ticketed event - SymphonyBand/7:30 Big Band 7:00 JCPA

Jan 18 HS Solo and Ensemble Jan 22

Tri M Rehearsal 7:00 JCPA Jan 23

Tri M Ceremony 7:00 JCPA

Feb. 22 Arts Extravaganza

Feb 28 HS Jazz Festival - ticketed event

March 6-7 HS Bands Districts

March 8 HS Jazz Desserts 5:00 Commons

April 5 Steel Band 7:00 Commons

April 22 MS Jazz 7:00 JCPA

April 29 HS Jazz 7:00 JCPA

May 1-2 HS States

May 12 Gold, Purple, Symphony 7:00 JCPA

May 20 8th and Freshman 7:00 JCPA

May 28 Graduation

## **VI. Additional performance opportunities**

Membership in the Jackson High School Band is required to participate in the following additional performance opportunities:

Solo and Ensemble

Pep Band - no audition required

Jazz Bands - non-audition and audition bands at levels from beginner to

advanced.

Steel Drum Bands - Audition required - open to members of percussion section and Symphony band section leaders

## **VII. Travel**

Bus transportation is provided for most events outside of Jackson High School and students are required to ride the bus if it is provided. Students not riding a bus to or from an event must notify the director in writing with a note signed by their parent. Some events, including solo and ensemble, jazz, and steel band performances, will require students to provide their own transportation.

## **VIII. Trips**

Jackson High School band typically travels every other year. These trips are NOT required and all expenses are paid for by the individual student. Students must be a member in good standing with the band to be eligible for trips. Any student with discipline concerns may have travel opportunities revoked including a loss of trip payment. Any student with severe discipline concerns while on a trip may be sent home at parent expense.

## **IX. School Instruments**

Students using school-owned instruments are expected to care for and clean the instruments at all times and are financially responsible for any damage that occurs. If a school-owned instrument is damaged, the student must report it to the director immediately and should NOT attempt to repair it themselves.

## **X. Uniforms**

Band uniforms are expected to be taken care of and worn appropriately at all times. Any damage to the uniform will be the financial responsibility of the student/family. Students may lose performance opportunities if the uniform is not in proper condition (clean and pressed with all parts). Please follow the cleaning/care guidelines that are given at uniform distribution.