

SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL

CP and Honors Band Courses 2025-26

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PREREQUISITES – Students must have taken band in the previous year to be in a current band class. Students in marching band must be enrolled in the correct band classes.

MATERIALS - Students will have access to class sets of additional texts. It is highly recommended but not required that students have a tuner and metronome. Students will be issued a subscription to MakeMusic.com (SmartMusic) to be used throughout the year.

GRADING - Student grades will be comprised of major and minor grades. Due to band being a performance-based class, concert attendance is mandatory and cannot be made up.

- Class Participation (minor) – 30% - weekly grade based on class participation:
 - o having a working instrument
 - o having class materials
 - o having a pencil
 - o participate in all classroom activities
- Playing Tests (major) – 40% - Students will be assigned a numerical grade for the repertoire learned in class
- Concert Attendance (major) 30% - students are expected to attend all assigned concert performances, including Concert Performance Assessment
- Honors Credit – In addition to learning and preparing music for concerts and completing work required for CP level band, students must prepare for SCBDA Region Band Auditions and SCBDA Solo and Ensemble event, complete assigned play tests, and demonstrate appropriate sight-reading skills via makemusic.com. The requirements for the SCBDA Region Auditions are divided into two levels for high school: Clinic level (9th/10th grade) and Senior level (11th/12th Grade). Materials consist of major scales, a chromatic scale of the range of the instrument, vocabulary terms, a solo, and a sight-reading selection. Students will be assessed before auditions and graded on their preparation. The audition will provide feedback about preparation as well for the student. Preparing for these events in the honors credit course will help students excel and improve their abilities to play and read music on their instruments. Honors Credit level students will also participate in Concert Performance Assessment and Solo and Ensemble.

EXPECTATIONS AND PROCEDURES - Students must follow all school rules.

As this is a performance-based class, all performances are mandatory. Concerts can be found on the back of this syllabus and on www.vikingband.org.

Class Rules –

1. Be respectful of others.
2. Raise your hand to ask questions.
3. Always be your best self.

CONCERT DRESS

Gentlemen –black DRESS PANTS, a LONG-SLEEVED black button-down shirt with a collar, black socks, and all black DRESS SHOES. Ladies – we prefer that ladies wear long black slacks and a black long-sleeved blouse. If a student chooses to wear a dress, it must fall below the knees when seated. Tops must not be revealing at all (i.e., shoulders and upper arms must be covered, chest and back must be covered, no tank tops or spaghetti tops, etc.

Tentative Concert Schedule

Region Band Auditions – Jan. 10

All-State Auditions – Jan. 24

Region Band Clinic – Feb. 20-21

All-State Clinic – March 13-15

CPA – TBD between March 16-19

Dollywood Trip – March 20

Spring Concert – March 31

Solo and Ensemble - April 17-18, 24-25

Marching Band Spring Camp – April 27-May 1

Prism Concert – May 5

Jazz and Percussion Concert – May 7