



# Sun Prairie High School Band Classes Information

*“Move beyond the notes to cultivate a lifelong **passion** and drive for **creativity**, **curiosity**, and **community** through a vision of students as accomplished **learners** and evolving **musicians** in pursuit of **artistry**”*

## Concert Bands

### **Concert Band & Symphonic Band** – *no audition required*

- Perform four concerts, Band-O-Rama and solo night or Solo/Ensemble Festival
- Work with guest conductors & composers

### **Wind Symphony** - *audition required*

- Perform four concerts, Band-O-Rama and solo night or Solo/Ensemble Festival
- Work with guest conductors & composers
- Sectionals during Cardinal 30
- Spring Tour
- Private Lessons encouraged

### **Wind Ensemble** - *audition required*

- Perform four concerts, Band-O-Rama and solo night or Solo/Ensemble Festival
- Work with guest conductors & composers
- Sectionals during Cardinal 30 or before school
- Spring Tour
- Private Lessons encouraged
- Some extra rehearsals outside of school may be scheduled
- This band may receive invitations for special events, festivals, or music conventions

## Band Co-Curricular Activities

Participation in Concert Bands allows students to also participate in *Jazz Ensembles*, *Epoch Sound Pep Band* and the *Sound of Sun Prairie Summer Marching Band*.

## Additional Band or Music Classes

### **Instrumental Chamber Music**

Semester long course where students explore the music and process of chamber music (duets, trios, quartets & quintets). Create their own arrangements. Develop their communication and interpretive skills in a small setting. In this class everyone is the conductor and members of groups work collaboratively to understand the perspective of each musician and balance those perspectives into a cohesive whole. It is creating in small groups.

### **Musical Improvisation**

Semester long course where students explore improvisation from a classical and jazz perspective. Students will engage in creating within a small group setting. Exploring affective techniques and choices. What sounds make us feel certain responses and how can those sounds be used to communicate ideas in improvised music. How can ideas be organized into effective musical communication.

### **Music Theory**

Semester long class designed for students interested in music writing fundamentals, developing sight singing, musical analysis, and harmony.

### **Music in the Mainstream**

Semester long class for students interested in learning popular music styles. In this class students play drums, pianos and ukuleles. Audio technology will be used to create loop-stations, online sampling, and music notation.

# Sun Prairie High School Wind Symphony & Wind Ensemble Auditions

If you are interested in auditioning for the Wind Ensemble or Symphonic Band, register for your current band class (9<sup>th</sup> grade students should register for concert band) and we will have Student Services adjust schedules after auditions.

Auditions will take place the week before spring break.

## **Audition Requirements for *Wind* Players**

1. Play concert C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb, B, E, A, D & G major scales ascending (played up the scale but not down) from memory - Musician's may earn additional credit for performing multiple octaves of any scale
2. Play a chromatic scale from the musician's lowest possible note to the highest possible note from memory
3. Section of a solo of the musician's choice
4. Short sight-reading exercise

## **Audition Requirements for *Percussion* Players**

1. Play concert C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb, B, E, A, D & G major scales ascending (played up the scale but not down) from memory
2. Snare drum etude on the percussion audition sheet (see your band director for the sheet) \*\*
3. Mallet etude on the percussion audition sheet (see your band director for the sheet) \*\*
4. Short sight-reading exercise on snare drum and mallets

\*\*Percussionists may substitute a solo from solo/ensemble for the corresponding audition etude. For example, a snare drum solo may be performed in place of the snare drum audition etude.

## **Looking for Scheduling Help?**

Looking for help organizing your schedule so that everything can fit? We have you covered! The next two pages have two sample four-year plans that include music and all UW college entrance requirements. We also have an example schedule for students looking to take two music classes or AVID and a music class.

Questions? Contact Mr. Mesner or Mr. McVeigh and they will help you out.

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## EXAMPLE/SAMPLE FOUR YEAR PLANNING SHEET (Music)

The schedule below meets graduation requirements & minimum UW college entrance requirements. Additional coursework in math, science, and social studies may be taken in the elective section of this example schedule.

Please note that taking courses in a compacted or bundled format may conflict with scheduling a year-long course such as a band class. Students may also be interested in exploring the summer school options offered at Sun Prairie High School as an option to create more room in the fall/spring class schedule

### SUN PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL FOUR YEAR PLANNING GUIDE

GRADE 9							
<u>Semester 1</u>				<u>Semester 2</u>			
1	English 9			1	English 9		
2	Social Studies: World History or AP Human Geography			2	Social Studies: World History or AP Human Geography		
3	Biology			3	Biology		
4	Geometry			4	Geometry		
5	Foundations of Physical Education			5	Foundations of Physical Education		
6	<b><u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band or Wind Symphony</u></b>			6	<b><u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band or Wind Symphony</u></b>		
7	Elective - <i>World Language</i>			7	Elective - <i>World Language</i>		
8	Elective			8	Elective		
GRADE 10							
<u>Semester 1</u>				<u>Semester 2</u>			
1	English 10			1	English 10		
2	Algebra I or Algebra II			2	Algebra I or Algebra II		
3	Science Elective			3	Science Elective		
4	Health Ed			4	Elective- <i>Social Studies</i>		
5	U.S. History			5	U.S. History		
6	<b><u>Concert Band</u></b>			6	<b><u>Concert Band</u></b>		
7	Elective - <i>World Language</i>			7	Elective - <i>World Language</i>		
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GRADE 11							
<u>Semester 1</u>				<u>Semester 2</u>			
1	English Literature & Composition Course or A.P. English Language			1	English Literature & Composition Course or A.P. English Language		
2	History Elective			2	History Elective		
3	PE			3	Elective- <i>American Democracy</i>		
4	<u><i>Algebra II or Math Elective</i></u>			4	<u><i>Algebra II or Math Elective</i></u>		
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GRADE 12							
<u>Semester 1</u>				<u>Semester 2</u>			
1	English Elective			1	English Elective		
2	Elective – Math?			2	Elective – Math?		
3	Economics (Econ.)			3	PE		
4	<u><i>Science Elective – Into to Ecology*</i></u>			4	Science Elective		
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<p><i>*Introduction to Ecology is a required science course for the class of 2021</i></p> <p>_____ Wisconsin State Civics Exam</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total Credits: 25</b></p>							

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