

Syllabus – Wind Ensemble – Fall 2011

Grading

Daily Participation – 30% You need to come to every rehearsal with necessary materials (ie, instrument, pencil, reeds, music, flip folders, mutes, fundamentals handouts). You need to make sure your instrument is always in good working condition and cared for properly. Attendance at all marching band rehearsals, wind ensemble sectionals and additional wind ensemble rehearsals is mandatory.

Playing Grades – 40% Play-offs of marching show music, region band music or concert music as assigned.

Performances – 30% Attendance at all required events and performances. Since we are a performance based class, performances are critical to our curriculum, defined as a part of the fine arts TEKS and are an expectation of the function of a band.

Expectations

The members of the McNeil Wind Ensemble are expected to maintain proficiency on their instruments, to participate in region band auditions and UIL solo and ensemble contest. The directors of the McNeil Band program will do our best to insure your success at these events by assisting you in your preparation. Participating in private lessons is strongly encouraged and recommended. A regular, quality practice regimen is expected.

Tentative grading schedule –

| Date | Playing Assignment | Important events of the week |
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| Sept. 12 - 16 | Mvmt. 3 memory test | |
| Sept. 19 - 23 | Mvmt. 4 and Overture test | |
| Sept. 26 – 30 | Make up tests | Capital City Marching Contest, end of 6 weeks |
| Oct. 3 - 7 | 1 st half of region etude #1 | BOA Houston |
| Oct. 10 - 14 | 1 st half of region etude #2 | |
| Oct. 17 - 21 | 1 st half of region etude #3 | UIL Region Marching Contest |
| Oct. 24 - 28 | 2 nd half of region etude #1 | Festival of Bands |
| Oct. 31 - Nov. 4 | 2 nd half of region etude #2 | BOA San Antonio, end of 6 weeks |
| Nov. 7 - 11 | 2 nd half of region etude #3 | |
| Nov. 14 - 18 | Make ups | Region Jazz Concert |
| Nov. 21,22 | Make ups | Thanksgiving week |
| Nov. 28 – Dec. 2 | Play for members of class | Region Band Auditions |
| Dec. 5 - 9 | Turn in copies of solos for S&E | Winter concert |
| Dec. 12 - 16 | Play part of solos for S&E | End of semester |