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Percussion 1&2 Disclosure

Course Title: Percussion 1 & 2
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PURPOSE OF COURSE:

- To learn the basics of orchestral percussion playing.
- Learn how to play in a percussion ensemble.
- Staff the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble percussion section
- To learn to understand, appreciate and value music.
- To develop advanced musical performance and listening skills

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Sharpened pencil
- Paper
- Drumsticks and practice pad (rubber)
- Sticks/Mallets as assigned by Mr. Bradshaw
- Music as assigned by Mr. Bradshaw

CLASSROOM DRESS CODE:

- School Dress code policy is strictly followed at all times
- If you are in violation of the school dress code policy you will be sent to the office.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

- This is a **fully immersive** course.
- Fully** participate in all learning activities
- Have materials, **including pencil, music, sticks and pad** in class daily.
- Be in the classroom when the tardy bell rings **and** in your place ready to play.
- Never touch or play a musical instrument or equipment that belongs to someone else.

-Learning activities for Percussion 1 & 2 include but are not limited to: Playing as a group, playing as an individual, written quizzes, listening exercises, composition assignments, and concerts.

(CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS CONT.)

- Come to class prepared to REHEARSE, *not* PRACTICE (unless designated as a practice day).
- No food or drinks (water is okay)
- Cell phones may not be used in class.

GRADING

-You are expected to show up to class, prepared, practiced, and ready to contribute to the success of the group. You will be graded on the following items:

- Daily class preparedness/participation/citizenship - 25%
- Performance attendance (concerts, festivals, etc.) - 50%
- Homework & Quizzes (besides practicing) - 25%
 - Concert reports (1 per quarter)
 - Composition Assignments
 - Theory assignments
 - Levels (etudes, one **every week**)

CONCERT REPORTS:

You are expected to attend a high school level or higher (college, professional) performances a quarter. I will accept **any** Fremont High School performing arts department concerts/performances for credit. There will be a google form response on the band website for you to complete.

THEORY ASSIGNMENTS:

We will have "Theory Tuesday" each time our class lands on a Tuesday. Students will need a notebook and pencil to take notes. Music theory assignments/quizzes will occur the following class period.

LEVELS:

You will be provided sheet music for "percussion levels," (brief, skill-developing, etudes for different instruments). You will be required to pass off an etude each week. This will be replaced with symphonic/wind ensemble music pass-offs 3 weeks prior to a concert.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS AN ACADEMIC AS WELL AS MUSICAL CLASS.

EXTRA CREDIT:

Extra credit may be awarded on a case by case basis. It will not be used as a "bail-out".

REHEARSALS:

We will have 2 after school dress rehearsals with the winds in the weeks leading up to a concert. These are required for those assigned parts. These dates are on the band website.

CLASS FEE:

- There is a \$15 Performing Arts class fee for all instrumental music classes.
- Students need to provide their own practice pad and drum sticks.

SCHOOL INSTRUMENT USE:

It is the policy of the Weber School District that all students who use a school/ district-owned instrument will be charged \$85.00 usage/rental fee for the school year. This fee needs to be paid to the bookkeeper. **See the band website for a link to fill out the instrument rental agreement. Any students using an district-owned instrument must fill this form out.**

CONCERT DRESS:

- Performance for Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble is Concert Black (Tuxedo for Men, Black dress or suit for Women). Performances that are percussion ONLY is nice Greyscale.

****ABSENCE POLICY****

Concert experiences cannot be made up. There is no substitute that can simulate that experience. It is vital that every student attends and participates in the performances. Plan ahead, all dates are on the band calendar.

SOLO & ENSEMBLE:

All percussion students are required to prepare a solo or an ensemble piece and perform in our Fremont Solo & Ensemble Night. No students are exempt from this. Students may qualify for region and then the state festival for superior performances.

ALL STATE BAND:

All-State is an incredible opportunity to represent Fremont, and yourself as a musician at one of the highest high school levels available in Utah. It will also help you letter in band. Audition information is on the band's website.

DISTRICT HONOR BAND:

District honor band is Weber School District's equivalent of All-State, comprising of the best students in the district. This will also help you letter in band. Audition information will be on the website and shared.

CONCERTS:

****You cannot get an A in band without attending ALL concerts, including Fremont Solo & Ensemble night. Percussion students will be assigned parts well in advance. Concerts that will require all percussionists are in bold. Other dates will require some, not all, percussion students.***

Tues. Oct. 16th - Fall Band Concert

Nov. 11 - District HS Honor Band Auditions Due (interested students only)

Nov. 18 - District HS Honor Band Rehearsal (qualifying students only that are not in musical)

Dec. 4-5 - District HS Honor Band (qualifying students only)

Tues. Dec. 18 - Christmas Band Cone Concert

Jan. 16-18 - All State Band/Orchestra (qualifying students only)

Fri. Feb. 26 - FHS Band Solo & Ensemble Night

March 11 - Region Solo & Ensemble (recommended students only and percussion ensembles)

March 25- Region Concert Band Festival (festival parts will be assigned based on etude levels)

April 8 - Percussion Showcase Concert

April 18 - Utah Day of Percussion (recommended students only and percussion ensembles)

April 22 - FHS Jazz Night Fundraiser (concert band students assist with fundraiser, money goes to the ENTIRE band budget, not just jazz band)

April 25 - State Solo & Ensemble (qualifying students and ensembles only)

April 30-May 2 - State Concert Band Festival (if band qualifies)

May 13 - Spring Band “Pops” Concert

May 19 - Graduation (combined symphonic orchestra performance)

Responses will be recorded via google form.

