

Percussion Ensemble - Course Syllabus

James Island Charter High School



Course Description: Percussion Ensemble is a specialized course, designed for the advancing percussionist. Students will develop their poise and confidence through exposure to ensemble music literature, performing as an independent ensemble and also with the Symphonic/Concert Band. By default, percussion students are also considered members of the Symphonic/Concert Band and will rehearse and perform with these ensembles outside of the school day. Attendance at after-school rehearsals and performances is required. Marching Band participation, while not mandatory, is highly encouraged for all students enrolled in this course.

Course Numbers:

Year 1 - 459921CW
Year 2 - 3459922CW
Year 3 - 459923HW
Year 4 - 459924HW

Appropriate Grade: 9, 10, 11, or 12

Credit: 1.0 unit

Department: Fine Arts

Prerequisites: Previous participation in band

Course Goals:

1. Students will develop individual and ensemble skills (components of playing), including tone production, timing, intonation, breathing, embouchure, fingering, rhythm, style, phrasing, articulation and scales (technique). They will use these collectively and simultaneously in expressive musical performance.
2. Through the rehearsal/performance process, students will improve musicianship and technical facility on their respective instruments.
3. Students will be able to demonstrate and maintain proper posture, instrument placement, and breathing technique.
4. Students will learn and regularly test all twelve major scales, and be able to play comfortably and confidently in all twelve major keys.
5. Students will be able to perform the All-State required chromatic scale with a characteristic tone quality in all registers.
6. Students will study/rehearse/perform music of varying level of difficulty and styles.
7. Students will continue developing reading and writing skills in standard music notation.
8. Students will be able to clap, sing, and play rhythms in a variety of combinations and meters.
9. Students will study the common elements of music and develop a vocabulary to discuss and describe music.
10. Students will be able to speak and write intelligently about music from evaluating a variety of musical performances.
11. Students will be able to improvise melodies in several keys and add original material to incomplete melodies.
12. Students will gain a rudimentary understanding of the history of Western Classical Music, their instrument, and other related topics.
13. Students will demonstrate basic care and maintenance for their respective instruments.
14. Students will become independent musicians, participating in Region Band, All-State Band, Solo & Ensemble, and other individual/ensemble opportunities.

South Carolina Instrumental Music Standards:

1. I can compose and arrange music.
2. I can improvise music.
3. I can produce a characteristic tone.
4. I can perform with technical accuracy and expression.
5. I can perform using musical notation.
6. I can analyze music.
7. I can evaluate music.
8. I can relate musical ideas to personal experiences, culture, and history.
9. I can relate music to other arts disciplines, other content areas, and career path choices.

Instructional Materials and Resources:

Habits of a Successful Musician - Rich Moon & Scott Rush

Foundations for Superior Performance - Richard Williams & Jeff King

Premium student subscription to SmartMusic

Rudiment passoff card

Required Materials:

*Please see stick/mallet requirements document

Rehearsal Expectations

- Be on time and participate in all rehearsals, concerts, masterclasses and clinics.
- Students are expected to be in their seat with music, instruments, and all equipment, ready to play 2 minutes after the bell. If you arrive late, do not disrupt the learning that is already in process.
- Come to rehearsal with a good attitude.
- Students are expected to have a pencil with them at all times.
- Students are expected not to talk while the teacher is on the podium so as not to disrupt the rehearsal. Students will be given time between pieces to talk before beginning the next piece.
- At the end of rehearsal, put materials back in their proper place.
- Assume responsibility for your own actions. Admit when you are wrong.
- Respect yourself, your peers, your equipment, and those in authority.
- Cell phone use is strictly prohibited unless the teacher asks the student to use it for educational purposes.

Grading Policy:

Rehearsal Skills 20% - Students are expected to have their music/materials every day, a pencil at every rehearsal, all while showing maximum effort to be an active member of our ensemble.

- Arrives to rehearsal on time and ready to play when the Director steps onto the podium. To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late. To be late is to be unacceptable.
- Follows directions the first time they are given
- Use appropriate posture, technique and hand/instrument position at all times
- Stops playing immediately and listens for critique when director stops conducting
- Knows at all times what section of the music is being rehearsed
- Has appropriate materials in class (instrument, music, pencil, tuner, reeds, valve oil)
- Properly puts materials away at the end of rehearsal

Band Curriculum 80% - Assignments will be presented at the beginning of each nine weeks. Students are responsible for all assignments, including written material, pass-offs, playing tests, etc. An email will be sent at the beginning of each nine-weeks listing assignments and their due dates.

- 25% - Attendance
 - Master Classes
 - Clinics
 - After-school sectionals
 - After-school rehearsals
- 50% - Concerts
 - Playing Tests
 - Smart Music
 - Scales Tests
 - Chair Placement Auditions
 - Chamber Ensemble Performance
- 5% - Self Assessment/ Peer Assessment
 - Reflection Essays
 - Peer Reviews

Grading Scale:

- A - 90% - 100%
- B - 80% - 89%
- C - 70% - 79%
- D - 60% - 69%
- F - 0% - 59%

Q1 Playing Tests/Grades: TBD

Important Dates:

We are excited to welcome professional musicians to work with our students throughout the school year! Each professional has been contracted to work with our students up to 20 times (roughly 2 times/month) throughout the school year. Schedules will differ for each section depending on the coach's availability (during and/or after-school). Attendance is required. Exceptions will be made only for students involved in other school activities that require their attendance.

This WILL be a GREAT year!



2023-2024 MASTER Band Calendar

August

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Band Camp | Aug. 7 - 11 (8:00 am - 5:30 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band Camp Showcase | Friday, Aug. 11 (6:30 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Tuesday, Aug. 15 (5:00 - 7:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Thursday, Aug. 17 (5:00 - 7:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football @ Stratford (tentative) | Friday, Aug. 18 (5:00 - 11:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Tuesday, Aug. 22 (5:00 - 7:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Day of School | Wednesday, Aug. 23 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Thursday, Aug. 24 (4:15 - 6:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football vs. Stall | Friday, Aug. 25 (6:00 - 10:30 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Tuesday, Aug. 29 (4:15 - 6:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Thursday, Aug. 31 (4:15 - 6:15 pm) |

September

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Football vs. First Baptist | Friday, Sept. 1 (6:00 - 10:30 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Day - No School | Monday, Sept. 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Tuesday, Sept. 5 (4:15 - 6:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Thursday, Sept. 7 (4:15 - 6:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football @ BE (tentative) | Friday, Sept. 8 (5:00 - 10:30 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Tuesday, Sept. 12 (4:15 - 6:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Thursday, Sept. 14 (4:15 - 6:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football vs Cane Bay | Friday, Sept. 15 (6:00 - 10:30 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Winds Rehearsal | Monday, Sept. 18 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Tuesday, Sept. 19 (4:15 - 6:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Thursday, Sept. 21 (4:15 - 6:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band Rehearsal | Monday, Sept. 25 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Tuesday, Sept. 26 (4:15 - 6:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Thursday, Sept. 28 (4:15 - 6:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football vs Colleton County | Friday, Sept. 29 (6:00 - 10:30 pm) |

October

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Winds Rehearsal | Tuesday, Oct. 3 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band Rehearsal | Tuesday, Oct. 10 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Thursday, Oct. 12 (4:15 - 6:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football vs. Bluffton HS - Homecoming | Friday, Oct. 13 (3:00 - 10:30 pm) |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert AND Symphonic Rehearsal | Monday, Oct. 16 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Concert - w/CRMS | Tuesday, Oct. 17 (6:30-8:30 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Rehearsal | Thursday, Oct. 19 (4:15 - 6:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football vs. Hilton Head HS - Senior Night | Friday, Oct. 20 (6:00 - 10:30 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Rehearsal | Tuesday, Oct. 24 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Winds Rehearsal | Monday, Oct. 30 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |

November

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Winds Clinic (tentative) | Friday/Saturday, November 3 and 4 - TBD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band Rehearsal | Monday, Nov. 6 (4:00-6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber Ensembles | Thursday, Nov. 9 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band Brass Sectional | Monday, Nov. 13 (3:45 - 5:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Winds Brass Sectional | Monday, Nov. 13 (5:15 - 6:45 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band Woodwind Sectional | Tuesday, Nov. 14 (3:45 - 5:15 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Winds Woodwind Sect. | Tuesday, Nov. 14 (5:15 - 6:45 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber Ensembles | Thursday, Nov. 16 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Break | Nov. 20 - 24, 2023 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band Rehearsal | Monday, Nov. 27 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Winds Rehearsal | Tuesday, Nov. 28 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |

December

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| <input type="checkbox"/> JI Tree Lighting (Jazz Band) | Friday, Dec. 1 (7:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic - Rehearsal | Monday, Dec. 4 (4:00 pm - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Percussion/Jazz Concert | Tuesday, Dec 5 (7:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band Rehearsal | Wednesday, De. 6 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert/Symphonic Winter Concert | Thursday, Dec. 7 (7:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parade Rehearsal | Friday, Dec. 8 (4:00 pm - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Folly Beach Parade | Saturday, Dec. 9 - TBD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Showcase | Thursday, Dec. 14 (during school hours) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Break | Dec. 18, 2023 - Jan 2, 2024 |

January

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber Ensembles | Thursday, Jan. 11 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber Ensembles | Thursday, Jan. 18 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Region Band Auditions | Saturday, Jan. 20 - Summerville HS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band Woodwind Sectional | Monday, Jan. 22 (4:00 pm - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Winds Woodwind Sect. | Tuesday, Jan 23 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All-State/All-State Jazz Auditions | Saturday, Jan. 27 - Lexington HS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band Brass Sectional | Monday, Jan. 30 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Winds Brass Sect. | Tuesday, Jan. 31 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |

February

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber Ensembles | Thursday, Feb. 1 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All-State Inclement Weather Make-up | Saturday, Feb. 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Winds Rehearsal | Tuesday, Feb. 6 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) |

- Jazz Band Rehearsal Monday, Feb. 12 (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
- Concert Band Brass Sectional Tuesday, Feb. 13 (3:45 – 5:15 pm)
- Symphonic Winds Brass Sect. Tuesday, Feb. 13 (5:15 – 6:45 pm)
- Chamber Ensembles Thursday, Feb. 15 (4:00 – 6:00pm)
- Concert Band Woodwind Sectional Tuesday, Feb. 20 (3:45 – 5:15 pm)
- Symphonic Winds Woodwind Sect. Tuesday, Feb. 20 (5:15 – 6:45 pm)
- Region Band Clinic Feb. 23-24 Charleston School of the Arts
- Symphonic Winds Rehearsal Monday, Feb. 26 (3:45 pm – 5:15 pm)
- Jazz Band Rehearsal Monday, Feb 26 (5:15 pm – 6:45 pm)
- Concert Band Rehearsal Tuesday, Feb. 27 (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)
- Pre-CPA Concert (w/CRMS) Thursday, Feb. 29 (6:30 pm)

March

- All-State Jazz Band Clinic March 3 – 4 Newberry College
- Jazz Band Performance Assessment Friday – Saturday March 3 – 4 – Newberry
- Concert Band Rehearsal Tuesday, March 5 (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
- Chamber Ensembles Thursday, March 7 (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
- Symphonic Winds Rehearsal Monday, March. 11 (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)
- Concert Band Rehearsal Tuesday, March 12 (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)
- All-State Band Clinic March 15-17 – Furman University
- Concert Band Rehearsal Monday, March 18 (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)
- Symphonic Winds Rehearsal Tuesday, March 19 (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)
- Chamber Ensembles Thursday, March 21 (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
- Concert Performance Assessment March 19-21 at West Ashley High School
- Rehearsal for Spring Trip Tuesday, March26 (4:00 – 6:00 pm)

April

- Spring Break April 1 – 5, 2024
- Rehearsal for Spring Trip Tuesday, April 9 (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
- Chamber Ensembles Thursday Apr. 11 (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
- Rehearsal for Spring Trip Tuesday, April 16 (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
- Chamber Ensembles Wednesday, April 17 (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
- Spring Trip April 18 – 21 TBD
- Concert Band Rehearsal Tuesday, April 23 (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
- Chamber Ensemble Concert Thursday, April 25 (6:30 pm)
- Solo and Ensemble Festival April 26 – 27 – JICHS
- Symphonic Winds Rehearsal Tuesday, April 30 (4:00 – 6:00 pm)

May

- Concert Band Rehearsal Tuesday, May 7 (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)
- Symphonic Winds Rehearsal Monday, May 13 (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
- Jazz/Percussion Concert Tuesday, May 14 (7pm)
- Spring Concert Thursday, May 16 (7pm)
- Band Banquet Friday, May 17 (5pm)

- ❑ **Marching Band Spring Training**
- ❑ **No School - Memorial Day**
- ❑ **Last Day of School**

May 20 - 22 (4:00 - 6:00 pm)
Monday, May 27
Monday, June 10

Music First Sign-Up: TBD

Staying in touch:

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