

Springs Valley High School Band Syllabus
2004 - 2005
Mr. Aylsworth

Materials

Students need the following each day of class: a pencil (not pen), music, and instrument.

Students who rent an instrument from the school must complete the following before an instrument is assigned:

- Pay band fee of \$35 or make payment arrangements with Mr. Aylsworth
 - **Possible payment arrangement examples**
 - Pay ½ (\$17.50) first semester and the other half (\$17.50) 2nd semester
 - Pay by the month or by the week
 - Discuss other options with Mr. Aylsworth

Rules

DISCIPLINE PLAN – When in this class, students must comply with the following rules and regulations in addition to the school rules.

1. **Students must be in a seat with music, instrument, and pencil at the proper time.**
2. **Candy, gum, and drinks (including water) are not allowed in the classroom at any time.**
3. **You must raise your hand and wait to be recognized at any time.**
4. **You must keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.**
5. **Students must have an agenda book in order to leave the classroom.**
6. **No TALKING while Mr. Aylsworth is speaking**

NO gum, candy, drinks, or food

Course Content and Grading

Grades will be determined according to the total number of points accumulated throughout each nine week period. Points will come from a variety of sources, including, but not limited to, the following:

Practice rubric (See attached list)

Class behavior

Rhythm sheet and mini scale quizzes

Playing tests

Attending performances and rehearsals – (designated concerts, and other events)

- High school band members are required to attend all performance events designated by Mr. Aylsworth. This includes, but is not limited to, pep band games (Varsity Football, Boys Varsity Basketball), concert events (ISSMA Concert Band Contest, Spring Concert), ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest (Students may choose to complete an individual performance assignment in lieu of attending Solo & Ensemble Festival), ISSMA Marching Band Competitions and Invitationals.
- **Absences at performances will result in a failing grade**
- High school band members are required to attend after school rehearsals. Attendance at rehearsals will be included in the grading system.
- Absences at rehearsals may be excused for the following reasons when Mr. Aylsworth is notified in writing ahead of time:
 - Funeral services for family members or close family friends.
 - Wedding services for immediate family members (mother, father, siblings).
 - Serious personal issues that have been discussed with Mr. Aylsworth.
 - Illness that would require a student to miss a regular school day. Mr. Aylsworth must be notified before rehearsal if a student is going to miss an evening rehearsal due to illness. Notifying Mr. Aylsworth after the absence will result in an unexcused absence. If the student was present at school, a doctor's note is required.
 - School sponsored activities. Mr. Aylsworth must be notified in advance of the activity.
 - Other reasons must be discussed with Mr. Aylsworth.
 - **Work is not an excused absence**
- **Unexcused Absences** - Unexcused absences will result in a student losing his or her spot in the band and the lowering of his or her grade. Unexcused absences from a performance may result in the loss of performing spot and a failing grade. Excessive absences will result in loss of performing privileges at the following performance. Numerous absences within the performing group may result in cancellation of contests and events.
- **Every unexcused absence from rehearsal will lower the student's grade by a letter grade.**

