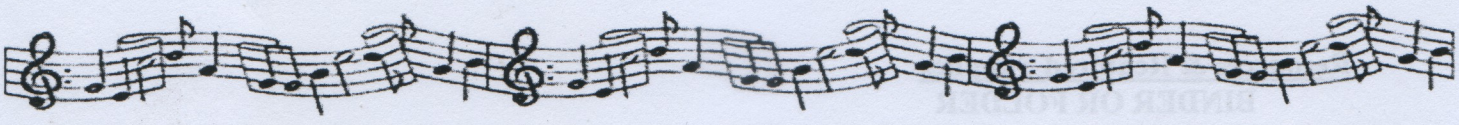
Instrumental Music Syllabus 2017-2018
Pittsylvania County Schools



School Year: 2017-2018
Course: Band

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Course Description:

Students will experience instrumental music by performing alone and with others, improvising, moving to, responding to, listening to, and notating music from diverse sources that focus on the National Standards of Music developed by the Music Educators National Conference and those listed in the Virginia Standards of Learning in Music.

Learning Expectations

1. Students will begin to develop proper technique (posture, embouchure, finger/hand position, and articulation), tone production, breath control, and balance.
2. Students will perform diverse music while investigating the musical properties (style/genre, musical elements of the style, and cultural/historical background)
3. Students will continue to explore various scales and will have completed 6 scales plus chromatic.
4. Students will begin to study composition and theory.

Student Evaluation/ Student Assessment

1. **Attend**—All rehearsals and ***after-school performances are required***. A writing assignment will be given for a missed performance. This assignment is to make up the missed test grade.
2. **Participate**—Students will perform on their instrument daily. Students must come to class with items needed to participate. Not doing so will result in points deducted for that day's grade.
3. **Practice**— ***30 minutes per week***, due first day of week. A parent signature is required on practice charts to receive a 100.
4. **Quizzes-** Students will have quizzes on basic theory and vocabulary learned during the year. Students will also have various playing quizzes on material studied in class.
5. **Test-** Test grade will be derived from the completion of various concerts. ***Concert attendance and participation is required. An alternate writing assignment will be assigned to make these up***

YOUR GRADE = 10 % Attend + Participate
10% Practice
40 % Quizzes
40% Test