



All Wind Classes

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Course Description: The award-winning Houston High School Band has over 270 members from grades 9 through 12 and is the largest single activity on campus. The Houston Band is widely regarded as one of the most competitive, meritorious bands in the mid-south. Led by Band Director Jim Smith and Assistant Band Director, Spencer Nesvick, the band attracts students from a variety of races and creeds who are highly involved in many other areas of campus life. In addition to band, our students excel academically, play sports, are class officers, are selected to homecoming courts, serve on the annual staff and compete in Knowledge Bowl. This exemplary music program inspires young musicians to master their art and work as a team to achieve the highest level of craft and character.

Classroom Expectations: Rules and Procedures

Excellent conduct is expected of all band members. Members are held to a standard that requires them to treat each other and their teachers with respect. The discipline demanded of band members dictates that they pay attention, be quiet, be on time, and arrive at rehearsal with all necessary music and equipment.

Consequences

If a problem persists, the parents are contacted and asked for help. If together, we are unable to resolve the issue, an administrator will be involved. Removal from the band program is possible for repeated and willful disregard for proper conduct.

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Grading Scale

<u>Numeric Grade</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>
93-100	A
85-92	B
75-84	C
74-70	D
69 - 0	F

Grading System

Grades consist of evaluating a student's abilities as well as their improvement in both rehearsal and performance. Because this is a performance-based class, evaluations of a student's performance will comprise 60% of their grade. These evaluations are done through videotape evaluation, direct observation, incorporation of All District and All State audition results, and evaluation of chair audition results for our ensembles.

Attendance Policy

Missing a performance for an unexpected reason will result in a grade of zero. Since it is not possible to make up a missing performance, attendance is of paramount importance.

Syllabus

Monday, August 8
All day

[First Day of School](#)

Friday, August 12

7:00pm

[Rock-a-thon](#)

Saturday, August 13

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[Rock-a-thon](#)

Tuesday, August 16

7:00pm

[Booster Meeting](#)

Friday, August 26

5:00pm

[Bolton Away Game](#)

Friday, September 2

5:00pm

[Collierville Away Game](#)

Friday, September 9

5:00pm

[Bartlett Home Game](#)

Friday, September 16

5:00pm

[Wooddale Home Game](#)

Saturday, September 17

10:00am

[Full Band Rehearsal](#)

Friday, September 23

5:00pm

[Raleigh Egypt Home Game](#)

Saturday, September 24

All day

[Contest TBA](#)

Saturday, October 1

All day

[Vanderbilt Competition](#)

Saturday, October 8

All day

[Contest TBA](#)

Tuesday, October 11

7:00pm

[Booster Meeting](#)

Friday, October 14

5:00pm

[Germantown Home Game](#)

Saturday, October 15

All day

[Contest TBA](#)

Friday, October 28

5:00pm

[Kirby Home Game](#)

Saturday, October 29

All day

[Bandmasters Championship](#)

Tuesday, November 15

7:00pm

[Booster Meeting](#)

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

7:00pm

[Booster Meeting](#)

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

7:00pm

[Booster Meeting](#)

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

7:00pm

[Booster Meeting](#)

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

7:00pm

[Incoming Freshman Meeting](#)

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