*LOCUST GROVE HIGH SCHOOL*

 ***Band / Percussion Course Syllabus***

**Instructor: Heather Miller Room #: BAND Year: 2015-2016**

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**Course Name and Code:** Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, Mastery, General I, II, III, Advanced Percussion I, II, III, IV

**Textbook Used:** Various method books / music used provided

**Supplementary Texts or Special Materials:** instrument,repair items**,** pencil, concert attire.

**To be supplied:** folder, music

**Course Description:** The Band is an organization of any student wishing to participate in a band in the fall and spring semester. Band will perform at seasonal concerts and evaluations. The requirements of Band are knowledge of your instrument, three (3) years of previous band classes, and a desire to grow in music performance. These requirements may be altered by the director.

**Course Outline and Content:** Band students will study music theory, sight-reading, warm-ups, warm-downs, scales, arpeggios, musical aspects and vocabulary, & instrument tendencies as well as care techniques. Students are expected to participate in marching band if in Symphonic Band if their schedule allows. Due to the nature of band this year after school practices will be necessary closer to performances. These will be announced well in advance and will come as each concert date gets closer. Also check our booster site for updates: [www.lghsbands.org](http://www.lghsbands.org) .

**Student Achievement Targets:** We will be following the 9 National Standards and their descriptions as seen in the band room. This relates to artistic skill, knowledge, critical analysis, aesthetic understanding, historical and cultural context.

**Special Assignments and Projects:** Several concerts will be scheduled throughout the year as well as playing quizzes and tests in class. Tentative dates are still being scheduled for concerts which will be in November, December, March and April / May (spring is depending on testing schedule). We are also looking at participating in District Honor Band, All State Honor Band, UGA JanFest, and Jacksonville State University Honor Band. Many great events will be planned!

***Classroom Rules and Discipline Procedures*:** Students are expected to follow guidelines set forth by the county, school, administration and teachers. Students are expected to be **p**unctual, **p**repared, **p**articipate properly in class, have **p**ride in their school and **p**roperly leave the classroom. Any offenses will be written up and dealt with according to the school handbook. Parents will be notified upon the 2nd offense in the classroom based on the 4-step discipline plan for LGHS.

Make-up Policy: A student who has been absent (EXCUSED) is responsible for meeting with his / her teacher within 2 days of returning to school to arrange for make-up work. The time during which the make-up work must be completed should not exceed the number of days missed by the student. I.E. if a student is absent 3 days they will have 2 days maximum to arrange for make-up work and 3 days (maximum) to actually make up work – a total (maximum) of 5 days. Make-up work for this student is eligible for full credit since it is an EXCUSED absence. For the purpose of planning for a concert, any reason not submitted in writing a week before a concert date will be considered UNEXCUSED (see below consequences). I understand illnesses may come up at the last minute, so please let me know so we can plan appropriately.

UNEXCUSED absences will fall under the Henry County Student and Parent Handbook plus be subject to additional assignments by the teacher (i.e. missing a concert for an UNEXCUSED reason will result in performing that music for the teacher plus a 10 page writing assignment on music performed). UNEXCUSED absence will also lower the daily participation grade seen below.

***Grading System:***

Semester Final Average – 100%

* EOCT / Final Exam – 20%
* Course Final Average – 80%
	+ Formative Assessment – 40%
		- Daily, Playing Quizzes, Homework – 20%
		- Participation in class – 20%
* Summative Assessment – 60%
	+ Concerts / Tests

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I have read and understand all of the objectives, requirements, and expectations for the course \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ taught by Ms. Miller.

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Parent signature Date

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**PARENT EMAIL (required for weekly class updates)**