

## General Course Information

<b>Course Name: Beginning Band</b>	
Department: Music	Grade Level(s) 6-8
Duration/Credits: 1 Year	Prerequisites: None
BOE Approval Date: 12/19/2019	Course Code: M7660
<b>Course Description:</b>	
<p>Beginning Band is for the student in sixth through eighth grade who wishes to learn to play a traditional band instrument (flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone/euphonium, tuba, and concert percussion)=. No previous experience is necessary. This class addresses the gradual development of technical skills and good care of the band instrument, which eventually leads to the performance of simple band literature.</p>	
<b>Course Rationale:</b>	
<p>Through a strong instrumental music program, the student will develop a broad understanding of the musical principles, including vocabulary, visual and performing arts, historical and cultural context, production techniques, and aesthetic appreciation in daily life. The program will provide a variety of exemplary musical experiences that help the student become academically and ethically responsible in an ever-changing world. Through the literature presented, the student will develop the ability to critically analyze their own playing, as well as the music with regard to historical and cultural styles.</p>	
<b>Course Objectives:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The student will demonstrate basic technical skills of performance alone and in a group using teacher selected band literature.</li><li>● The student will perform with a characteristic tone on their instrument.</li><li>● The student will demonstrate basic care, maintenance, handling, and hygiene of the instrument.</li><li>● The student will count, perform, notate and improvise basic rhythmic patterns.</li><li>● The student will read standard notations and interpret basic symbols and vocabulary that conveys precise musical meanings.</li><li>● The student will accept feedback from peers and instructors on how to improve on skills.</li></ul>	