

OVHS Concert Band 2025 Syllabus  
Semester 2  
Updated 1/14/25 to add date change and times

This syllabus is a summary of important topics related to Concert Band in the HS Band Handbook. The Handbook has more detailed information and is the definitive source of all policies for band. You can find the handbook in our Google Classroom.

**Performance Schedule:**

Tuesday Feb. 11	MMEA Clinic @ Mona Shores HS	1:20pm performance
Thursday Feb 27	MSBOA District Festival @ Grand Haven	2:25pm performance
Tuesday April 22	Spring Concert @ OVHS Auditorium	call time 6:30pm
TBA	MSBOA State Festival	TBA
Tuesday May 6	MS Spring Concert @ OVHS Auditorium	call time 6:30pm
Sunday June 1	Graduation @ OVHS Gym	call time 1pm

**Getting Excused from a Performance:**

For the complete policy on performance attendance please refer to the HS Band Handbook.

- Any conflicts with the Feb 27 MSBOA performance must be communicated to Mr. Merchant no later than January 10th.
- For all other performances, absence requests must be submitted no less than two weeks prior. This is done by having a parent or guardian send Mr. Merchant an email explaining the conflict.
- Make up for excused absences is due prior to the absence.

**1st hour attendance as it relates to grading:**

For the complete grading policy please refer to the HS Band Handbook.

- Absences in first hour that are marked by the office as SR, XT or DR will not count against the grade in any way and do not need to be made up.
- Each marking period a student may have up to three EA absences without penalty.
- Each EA absence after the third will result in 5 points being deducted from the overall grade. Students may make these up by submitting a 30 minute practice recording. These are due before the next performance.
- Each UA absence will result in 5 points being deducted from the overall grade. Students may make up 3 of these points (school policy) by submitting a 30 minute practice recording. These are due before the next performance.

**Video Playing Tests:**

Students will have short, bi-weekly playing tests. These will be assigned and submitted through Google Classroom and can be recorded on your Chromebook. You will be shown in class how to record and submit these tests. Due dates will be strictly enforced.