

ROSLYN HIGH SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT: **MUSIC**

NAME OF COURSE: **SYMPHONIC BAND**

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

(Prerequisite: completed Middle School band or audition by director) The High School Symphonic Band is a performance organization that explores literature appropriate for the development of rhythm, tone, pitch, balance and blend within the band. Enrollment is determined by audition and/or permission of the director. In general, a band student must have completed several years of successful study on a band instrument (brass, woodwind, percussion) and be playing at NYSSMA level 3 to be eligible for enrollment. Participation in Symphonic Band involves the study, rehearsal, and performance of intermediate band literature. Students will be playing at NYSSMA level 3, 4, and 5. Enrolled band members are expected to attend daily scheduled band rehearsals and weekly instrumental lessons which focus on the improvement of the instrumental techniques. During the first six weeks of school, Symphonic Band members will work on marching band music as part of the curriculum. Students are expected to perform in all performances of the Symphonic Band before the public during the school year. This includes several evening concerts, and may include performances at the NYSSMA Major Organization Festival, Carnegie Hall, or Lincoln Center. Except for seniors, band members are expected to perform at graduation ceremonies. Select students may also participate in special county or state music festivals. Symphonic Band members are encouraged to participate in the Competitive Marching Band and Jazz Band.

MAJOR TOPICS COVERED:

Basic rhythms, scales, chords, dynamics, articulation and syncopation. Musical selections will be chosen that best complement the members of the group.

DAILY REQUIREMENTS:

Mouthpiece, strap, cleaning apparatus, valve oil, slide cream, mouthpiece cover, and extra needs.

Students are required to come to class prepared. Practice at home is necessary to improve and maintain technique and proficiency.

Students are required to participate in the following:

- Winter concert

Spring Concert

NYSSMA Major Organization Festival
at Hofstra University

Graduation at Tilles Center

Tri-M Honor Society Induction Ceremony

GRADING PROCEDURES:

All students are capable of receiving excellent grades. Attendance at rehearsals, prompt arrival, cooperation, special effort and achievement are factors in determining the grade.

Quarterly grades will be based on the following

50% Average of quarterly playing test or tests (if more than one)

25% Daily rehearsal cooperation and effort
25% Lesson Attendance

LESSONS:

Members of the Concert Band are required to attend a weekly lesson in groups of approximately 3-7 students. They will meet on a rotating schedule and will be responsible to make up all work missed in classes. Lessons missed while a student is present in school, must be made up. Lessons can be made up during rotating make-up lessons and/or at extra help after school. Lessons missed on the account of absences, either by the teacher or the student, need not be made up.