



# Roy C. Ketcham High School

## Music Department

### Course Outline and Expectations

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Instrumental  
Music  
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Welcome to the Roy C. Ketcham High School Instrumental Music Program. You are an important part of a fine performing ensemble, and a highly regarded school music program. Below are the course expectations and grading policies. Adhering to these requirements will not only ensure a satisfactory grade for you in band, but more importantly, will guarantee your musical growth and the success of the ensemble.

### *Expectations:*

#### **1.Participation:**

- **Be prepared for every rehearsal.** Have your instrument in playing condition. Please bring all the things you will need for a productive rehearsal; for example, music, pencil accessories, mutes, reeds, slide oil, valve oil, etc.
- **Be on time.** You are expected to be in class when the bell rings. Also please be on time for the concerts. It is important we warm up as a group to perform at our best.
- **Be professional.** I am training and teaching you to act in a professional manner. This is just as much a part of the curriculum as any other section.

#### **2. Individual Accountability:**

Always do your best both in and out of rehearsal. Practicing is the biggest commitment you have to this group. A little practice every day goes a long way in developing mastery level skills. Dedication to your instrument is sure to result in success both individually and as a group. Lessons are also an integral part of the program. You will receive individual attention and instruction on band music and lesson assignments.

#### **3. Concert Attendance**

Playing a concert is one of our goals. We cannot perform our best with members missing. On the attached sheet you will find the concert dates for the year. Please post them at home. I have given you these concert dates so that you can refer to them when organizing your schedules. - Remember, concerts are a ***required part*** of the course that will affect your overall grade.

### *Course Description:*

- Developing the skills, habits, and techniques necessary for fine band performance
- Performing a variety of music
- Developing knowledge and an appreciation for various styles of music

## ***Wappingers Central School District High School Instrumental Performance Outcomes***

Students will be able to:

- 1) Demonstrate proper musical technique
- 2) Demonstrate basic knowledge of musical symbols
- 3) Perform literature from various periods and cultures
- 4) Demonstrate an understanding of musicality
- 5) Use proper rehearsal techniques
- 6) Demonstrate proper performance and audience etiquette

### ***Instrumental Lesson Policies and Grading Procedure:***

- ◆ **Policies:** You are responsible for **all** scheduled instrumental lessons. You should inform your classroom teacher a day in advance of your lesson. On the day and period of the lesson, come directly to the music room for your lesson. All missed lessons should be rescheduled within 1 week of missing the lesson.
  
- ◆ **Grading Procedure:**
  - ⇒ Lessons: You will receive a grade for your preparation of each lesson. The average of your lesson grades is 50% of your quarter average. A rubric will be used to formulate a grade and to instruct you as to which areas of your playing you need to work on each class.
  
  - ⇒ Band Class: Playing quizzes, assignments, preparation, and participation during band rehearsal will account for 30% of your quarter grade.
  
  - ⇒ Concerts: Concerts are a required part of this class as described in the WCSD Course Handbook. Attendance at concerts will account for 20% of your quarter grade. This is based on promptness, focus, and proper concert bearing.

# ROY C. KETCHAM HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE CALENDAR 2024-2025

**All performances at Roy C. Ketcham H.S. unless otherwise noted.**

Wednesday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.	Halloween Haunt	(CB, WE)
Friday and Saturday, Nov 22 and 23	Area All State Festival	(Selected students)
Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.	Winter Concert	(9th)
Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.	Prism Concert I	(CB, Jazz Ensemble, )
Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.	Prism Concert II	(WE)

**(Snow date for all December Concerts is December 13)**

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24 and 25	Jr. All County	(Selected students)
Wed and Thurs, Feb 19 and 20	Wind Fest	(WE only)
Wednesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.	MIOS Concert	(9GB, CB)
Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10	NYSSMA Solo Festival	(George Fischer Middle)
Wednesday, May 28, 6:00 p.m.	Night of Jazz Concert (@JJHS)	(Jazz Ensemble)
Thursday, June 5, 7:00 p.m.	Spring Concert	(9GB, CB, WE)