



COURSE DESCRIPTION 2011-2012

COURSE NAME:	Junior Band	LEVEL:	Secondary 1-3
COURSE CODE:	669-142, 224, 304	PERIODS PER CYCLE:	Once a week
TEACHER(S):	E-MAIL ADDRESS:		Voice Mail Ext:
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This performance-based course is open to any QAA student who has been playing a concert band instrument for a year or more. This course takes place **after regular school hours** every Monday from 3:10 to 4:45 p.m. Weekly attendance and concert participation are compulsory, and are taken into account in the evaluation process. Students will develop musical skills in a stage-band setting, and there will be many performance opportunities including concerts, music festivals, and community events. Membership in Junior Band will become the gateway to participation in the Senior Band.

Subject Area Competencies:

1.	The student performs musical works
70%	-More choices of musical instruments will be provided, and the student will build on playing skills to develop more advanced techniques of performance
	-The student will become more familiar with the expressive nature of music and how to use musical language to communicate emotions and ideas
	-A selection of Concert Band repertoire will be examined and performed
<i>Activity Types in this competency:</i>	
-Playing musical selections from different periods, cultures, and styles in a mixed-grade setting. Repertoire will be more challenging than what is being played in class.	
-Performance in all concerts, and a full-day music festival in February	
2.	The student appreciates musical works(forms and makes opinions of musical works)
30%	-The student will continue to critique music and to form her own opinions.
	-The student will continue to explore music from various cultures, time periods and styles.
<i>Activity Types for this competency:</i>	
-Becoming familiar with the composers in the music theory band book and their compositions.	
-Discussions regarding the impact of music on oneself and society as a whole.	

Additional points of note:

1. Instruments and method books are provided by the school. Each student must sign a loan agreement, co-signed by her parent/guardian, agreeing to care for all materials in the manner instructed by the teacher. Students will also be given a music binder in which to keep all music parts and assignments, which **MUST** be brought to each music class along with her instrument, homework agenda, and a pencil. All accessories such as reeds, cork grease, slide or valve oil will be provided by the music department.
2. The expectation is for a minimum of 10 minutes per day of individual practice. It is very important that the student practices her instrument on a regular basis if she wishes to succeed in the course and continue to take music in subsequent years.
3. If the student has been absent it is her responsibility to find out what is required for the next class. Tutoring during lunch hour is available on Day 1, and additional tutoring is always available upon request.
4. In order to ensure the success of our public performances, music students must attend all dress rehearsals and concerts. Please pencil these dates into your calendars and agendas **NOW**.

Wed., Dec.14 th	Dress rehearsal	3-5 pm	Sec. 2-5, Jr. Band
Thurs., Dec.15 th	Christmas concert	7 pm (arrival from 6 pm)	Sec. 1-5, Jr. Band
Thurs., Jan.19 th	Sec. One concert	7 pm (arrival from 6 pm)	Sec. 1
Thurs., Feb.2 nd	Jr./Sr. Band concert	7 pm (arrival from 6 pm)	Jr. and Sr. Band
Fri., Feb.24 th	Jr./Sr. Band trip to Ottawa	6:30am-6:30 pm	Jr. and Sr. Band
Thurs., May 3 rd	Dress rehearsal	3-5 pm	Sec. 2-5, Jr. & Sr. Band
Fri., May 4 th	Performing Arts Festival	7 pm (arrival 6 pm)	Sec. 2-5, Jr. & Sr. Band

Due to the irregular hours of this course (after-school), students have a choice whether to simply participate in the Junior Band as an extra-curricular activity for which they will receive no formal credits, or to have these course credits appear on their report card. There are no formal exams for Junior Band; marks are based solely on student attendance and participation during rehearsals and concerts throughout the year. Students who choose to receive credit for this course are agreeing to participate in rehearsals and concerts for the entire school year, and must fill out an official add-drop form if they choose not to continue Junior Band later in the year. To receive full marks students must attend all concerts, should not miss more than two rehearsals per term, and absences should be reported with a note signed by a parent.

Please fill in the form below, and return it to Ms. Campbell as soon as possible.

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My daughter, _____,

- will participate in the Junior Band, and wishes to have the credits for this course included on her report card each term.
- will participate in the Junior Band, but does NOT wish to have the credits for this course included on her report card.

Parent signature: _____