

1st Quarter Objectives Page

Symphonic Band

Name _____
Blackman High School Band 2025-2026

Performance Assessments: All Performance Assessments will be submitted during class. Performance Assessments include musical and/or technical skills on your instrument. Scales, Arpeggios, and Rudiments require memorization. Each error is worth five (5) points and those points will be deducted from a grade of 100. An “error” is defined as a wrong pitch, a severely out of tune note, incorrect stickings and heights, or a disturbance of the time and/or rhythm. All Performance Assessments should be practiced with a metronome. Students may replay Performance Assessments and the highest grade will be assigned. Any retakes must be completed within one week of the original assessment.

1. Three Major Scales: Concert F, Bb, Eb – week of August 11
2. Chromatic Scale (Perc: 16th Note Grid with mark time) – week of August 18
3. Rhythm Performance Assessment – week of August 25
4. Concert Ab & D Major Scales and the Chromatic Scale (Perc: 1 Rudiment from Tier 2) – week of September 2
5. Concert Db & G Major Scales and the Chromatic Scale (Perc: 1 Rudiment from Tier 2) – week of September 8
6. Concert Gb & C Major Scales and the Chromatic Scale (Perc: 1 Rudiment from Tier 2) – week of September 15

Chair Placement Audition: A musical excerpt will be performed and will serve as a Chair Placement Audition. This excerpt will be graded by the individual performance rubric (posted in band room). Students are expected to prepare the piece outside of class. **This audition may not be retaken.** Auditions will be played in person for the directors.

7. Chair Placement Audition – August 18.

Written Assessments: Written Assessments will be assigned throughout the quarter and will be completed during class time. Students may retake Written Assessments, and the highest grade will be assigned. Any retakes must be submitted before the end of school on Friday, 9/26/25.

8. Key Signature (flat keys only)
9. Written Rhythm Assessment
10. Music Vocabulary
11. Theory Assessment

Participation and Rehearsal Techniques: Students are expected to come to class prepared. This means having your instrument and all necessary equipment for the rehearsal (reeds, mouthpiece, valve oil, mutes, sticks/mallets, pad/stand, etc.). Students are also expected to be in their seat with music (folder, method book, warm-up exercises, concert music, etc.) and a pencil by the time rehearsal begins. Failure to do so will result in a deduction of 5 points per missing item or infraction. Students should be attentive and focused throughout the rehearsal. If a student is disruptive, points will be deducted from the participation grade at the discretion of the band directors. Any disruptions that result in a student being removed from a rehearsal will result in a 25-point deduction from the participation grade. If a student is regularly removed from class, he or she will not be allowed to perform with the band and alternate assessments will be assigned. Furthermore, the student may be removed from the band program entirely.

12. Participation & Rehearsal Techniques

Rehearsals and Performances: All rehearsals and performances during the 1st quarter are mandatory and are part of the student’s grade for band. Students who are in Stands Band are excused from the after-school rehearsals for Football Band. Unexcused absences to rehearsals and performances will result in ZERO credit. Tardiness to rehearsals and performances will result in a deduction of points from a grade of 100. Lost credit due to unexcused absences or tardiness cannot be made up.

13. Football Band Rehearsals during Quarter 1
14. Football Games/Performances during Quarter 1
15. Concert Band Performances during Quarter 1

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Important Dates

Drumline Rehearsals: Mondays, August-September (4-6pm)

- August 11, 18, 25
- September 8, 15, 22, 29

Guard Rehearsals: Tuesdays, August-September (4-6pm)

- August 12, 19, 25
- September 2, 9, 15, 23, 29

Football Band Rehearsals: Thursdays, August-October (3:50-6pm)

- August 14, 21, 26
- September 4, 11, 18, 30

August 12: Band Booster Meeting (7pm)

August 22: Away Football Game vs Clarksville

August 26: Football Band Rehearsal (3:50p-6p) TUESDAY

August 28: Home Football Game vs Cane Ridge (Thursday Night Game)

September 5: Away Football Game vs Riverdale

September 9: Band Booster Meeting (7pm)

September 12: Away Football Game vs Nolensville

September 19: Home Football Game vs LaVergne (HOMECOMING)

September 25: Fall Concert, 7pm (NO FOOTBALL BAND PRACTICE)

September 26: Home Football Game vs Oakland (8th Grade Night)

September 29: 11-12 Mid-State Videos Due

September 30: Football Band Rehearsal (3:50p-6p)

October 2: Away Football Game vs Stewarts Creek (Thursday Night Game)