

Springtown High School Honors Band  
2019-20

Syllabus

I am excited that you are going to be in my band this year!!! We will have a lot of fun making some great music and friends along the way! Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you in your musical journey!!

Mr. McLellan

Members of the Honors band are expected to meet the following criteria to receive an “A” in the class.

- 1) Be prepared daily to include:
  - a. Be seated and ready to play as soon as the bell rings.
  - b. Have instrument in working order with necessary supplies.
  - c. Have all music and a PENCIL.
  - d. Be present at all sectionals.
  - e. Be prepared for tests. At least two performance (Chair) tests will be administered each six weeks.
  
- 2) Performance requirements are as follows:
  - a. Audition for the All-Region Band (Dec. 7)
  - b. Perform in All-Region Clinic/Concert if qualified (Jan. 17-18)
  - c. Christmas Concert (Dec. 17)
  - d. All-Area Auditions if qualified (Jan. 11)
  - e. UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest (Feb. 22)
  - f. Pre-UIL Clinic and Concert (April 9 & 16)
  - g. UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest (April 21)
  - h. Recruitment Concerts
  - i. Spring Concert (May 19)
  - j. Graduation Band (except seniors – May 22)
  - k. UIL State Solo & Ensemble Contest (if qualified – May 30 - June 1)

Members of the Honor Band must maintain academic eligibility. If a member becomes ineligible, their band assignment may be changed.

Members of the Honor Band are expected to have good rehearsal habits. Failure to practice good habits may result in band assignment change.

- a. No talking except when appropriate.
- b. No Gum/food or drinks (except water) in rehearsal.
- c. No hats in rehearsal.
- d. No Cell Phones in rehearsal. (Please refer to school rules and policies)
- e. No tardies to rehearsal.
- f. Courtesy towards each other and the directors.

**Sectional Schedule** – Sectionals will take place during the spring semester as we prepare for UIL Concert & Sight-reading Contest. Sectional will begin at 7 am and end at 7:45 am.

- a. Flutes and Oboes on Monday
- b. Clarinets on Tuesday
- c. Alto Saxes and French Horns on Wednesday
- d. Trumpets on Thursday
- e. Low Brass and Low WW on Friday

**Private Lessons** are available for most instruments. Honors Band students are highly encouraged to take private lessons. Please see Mr. McLellan for more information.

**After school tutorials** are offered by the Band Directors after school for students preparing for All-Region auditions or UIL Solo & Ensemble. See weekly “Band Notes” for the link to sign up.

**Google Classroom** – Students may submit playing tests and or pass-offs by video through Google Classroom. The class code is: 25wfh37

My goal is to enjoy teaching music and to help each of you become the best musician that you can be. I am always available for help. I am going to push you hard and I expect your very best effort at all times. Let’s work together to become the best band that we can be!

Conference time – 3:00 – 3:45 pm  
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