

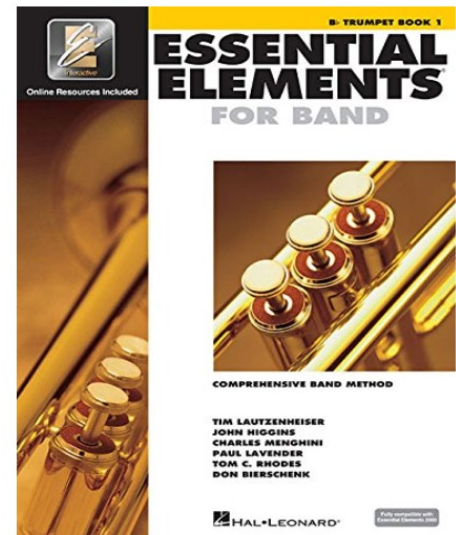
SYLLABUS FOR BAND COURSE

OBJECTIVES:

1. To expose students to the art of music
2. Improve concentration, physical coordination, memory skills, confidence and self-expression
3. Develop understanding the care and handling of the various string instruments
4. Develop knowledge of specific instrumental techniques
5. Learn to read music and understand musical concepts, such as pitch and rhythm
6. Develop responsibility, self-discipline and musicianship
7. Develop a good sense of pitch for playing in tune.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Flute: Cleaning rod & swab cloth or “pad guard”
- Clarinet/Saxophone: Reeds (Strength: 1 1/2 or 2), swab stick, cleaning cloth, pad guard, neck strap (for sax)
- Trumpet: valve oil, slide grease, oil rag, polishing cloth
- Trombone: distilled water spray/ Tuning Slide Grease, Cleaning Cloth
- Percussion: Sticks/Practice pad Music Folder and Pencil Method Book



BEGINNER CLASS:

Essential Elements for Band: Book 1 (flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, percussion) Hal Leonard Publishers, 2001.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS:

Intermediate students will continue with the method book used in the Beginner Class while focusing on advanced technique.

HOME PRACTICE:

Students should practice at least 4 days a week 20-30 minutes. Consistent, regular practice is a key ingredient to a student's success in reinforcing the concepts learned in class and developing the technical playing skills introduced in class. Students should take short breaks after practicing 10 minutes so that fatigue does not cause bad habits to form. The more frequent practice sessions are at home, the easier it will be for students to progress.