

AMERICAN FORK HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS 2010-2011

The American Fork High School Bands have over the years, established a reputation for excellence. Several groups make up the band program and each one is highly motivated and very musically active. The Wind Symphony, Symphonic band, Concert Band and Percussion ensembles are at the core of the program. In order for a student to be a part of any other performance group, they must first be enrolled in the Wind Symphony, Symphonic band, Concert Band or Percussion classes. Other performance groups include the Marching band, two Jazz bands, Chamber Winds, Pep band and small ensemble groups such as Brass Quintet, Woodwind Quintet, etc. To help increase individual musicianship all students are encouraged to study privately and all students are required to attend an after school sectional once a week. A brief description of each program is included and it is interesting to note that many students are able to be involved in several of the offerings.

WIND SYMPHONY (Advanced)

This is the advanced performance oriented Band. Membership is by audition according to ability and instrumentation. It consists of mainly Seniors and Juniors, although some Sophomore are admitted if their audition warrants it. The Wind Symphony participates in a Fall Concert, Christmas concert, Winter concert and a Spring concert. The Band also represents the school at all district and state festivals.. Depending upon the degree of musical excellence, the band will be involved in a tour every other year. The Band is reserved for those individuals who exhibit a strong dedication to their instrument and demonstrate this dedication by their advanced musical abilities. There is an Alpine District instrument rental fee of \$70 for those students using a school instrument. **Weekly after school sectionals are required.**

SYMPHONIC BAND (Medium Level)

This band is the medium level performance group. Membership is by audition according to ability and instrumentation. The class is open to all Sophomore, Junior or Senior students. The Symphonic band will perform at the Fall, Winter, Christmas, Spring concert, and Region Festivals. There is an Alpine District instrument rental fee of \$70 for those students using a school instrument. **Weekly after school sectionals are required.**

CONCERT BAND (Entry Level)

This band is the entry level performance group. Membership is open to anyone desiring to perform on a woodwind or brass instrument. The class is open to all Sophomore, Junior or Senior students. The Concert band will perform at the Fall, Winter, Christmas, and Spring concert. There is an Alpine District instrument rental fee of \$70 for those students using a school instrument. **Weekly after school sectionals are required.**

JAZZ BAND II (Advanced)

This is the advanced Jazz Band and is available to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors by audition. The Band performs music of a more contemporary nature focusing on Jazz and Rock music. The Band performs at various concerts and several Jazz festivals throughout the state. A select number of advanced members will participate in district and state Jazz Festivals. The Band will usually plan on at least one overnight trip to an out of state Jazz Festival. Prerequisite is enrollment in a instrumental concert group. There is an Alpine District instrument rental fee of \$70 for those students using a school instrument. Prerequisite is enrollment in an instrumental concert group.

JAZZ BAND I (Intermediate Level)

This is the entry level jazz band and is open to any student who wants to perform in the jazz style. The Band performs at various concerts and several Jazz festivals throughout the state. There is an Alpine District instrument rental fee of \$70 for those students using a school instrument. Prerequisite is enrollment in an instrumental concert group. **The band meets before school on A days**

PERCUSSION II

This is the advanced level percussion class. Emphasis will be on performing advanced percussion solos and ensembles. This class is by instructor permission only, and is highly selective with a limited enrollment. Players from this group will also perform with the Wind Symphony and Symphonic band at festivals and concerts. The class will include work on the snare, timpani, drum set and mallet instruments. Purchase of drum sticks and four mallets is required. Private study is highly recommended. There is a district instrument rental fee of \$70.

PERCUSSION I

This is the Intermediate level percussion class. Emphasis will be on performing intermediate percussion solos and ensembles. This class is open to all students interested in developing their percussion skills. Players from this group will also perform with the Symphonic band at festivals and concerts. The class will include work on the snare, timpani, drum set and mallet instruments. Purchase of drum sticks and four mallets is required. Private study is highly recommended. There is a district instrument rental fee of \$70.

ORCHESTRA WINDS

This class is designed for those students desiring extra time to practice their instruments or to do individual music projects. It serves as the wind section to the orchestra. Brass and Woodwind small ensembles are included in this class. Projects could include electronic music, computer software music study, music history/theory study, musical composition, conducting study etc.

MARCHING BAND

Marching Band is perhaps the most visual element of the band program. The band begins in early summer to prepare for the local parades. A calendar is available with all rehearsal and performance dates. During school marching band is held Mondays from 2-5:30, Weds from 3-5:30, and Thursdays from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. A few Sat. morning rehearsals can also be expected. The Marching Band will play at all home region football games, and will do the show during Homecoming. The band will compete in The Rocky Mountain Competition at BYU, The Nebo Tournament of Bands at Payson, The Davis Cup Competition, The Bridgerland Competition, the Mt. Timpanogos Competition, and the UMEA State Marching Band Competition in St George. **Enrollment in a regular performance group is a pre-requisite for being in marching band.**

Approximate cost for the marching season is as follows:

\$525 Marching plus the tour fee. The breakdown of this fee includes:

\$325.00 Band Camp / Rehearsals / Staff / Clinicians

\$10.00 T-shirt

\$40.00 Music/Drill (custom written)

\$25.00 Uniform rental/replacement fund

\$75.00 Transportation Fee

\$50.00 Equipment

\$525.00 Total without tours

\$200.00 St. George BOA Western Regional

\$725 Total with tour