

HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL BANDS LESSON INFORMATION

Lesson attendance and preparation is critical to the advancement of every band member and the improvement of our band ensembles. Students will receive a lesson assignment at each lesson and it is the responsibility of each student to practice consistently and be prepared for every lesson. The lesson teacher has the right to refuse credit for a lesson if preparation/improvement is not demonstrated by the student.

- Students are required to sign up for 8 lessons during the semester, a lesson approximately every two weeks.
- Lesson schedules get **VERY** full at the end of the cycle. To insure that you stay current with your lesson attendance, get in the habit of scheduling your lessons at the beginning of each lesson cycle.
- The directors' schedules for lessons will be posted in advance of the lesson cycle.
- **Lesson passes are posted outside of each director's office the day of your lesson.** Come down to the music department the morning of your lesson and make sure to clear your lesson with the teacher of that hour.
- Missed lessons should be rescheduled before the last day of the lesson cycle.
- If you know in advance that you will need to miss a lesson (test, important project, etc...), erase your name on the schedule and tell your lesson teacher asap. That way, someone else can take your lesson spot.
- Occasionally, a sectional may be scheduled in place of a lesson.
- Students may study privately outside of HHS and still receive credit towards their HHS band grade. **Private Lesson Verification forms are located in the "Forms" section of the band website.** (Beg. of Semester form is due the 12th school day of the semester/End of Semester form is due the last regular day of classes before finals)
- If lesson times change to accommodate school schedule changes (pep fests, etc.), updated times will be reflected on the schedules in the band dept.

Lesson Teachers

STUDENTS - *Find your instrument listed below and sign up for lessons on the schedule posted outside of that director's office*

Mr. Jim Jacobsen = Flute/Oboe/Bassoon/Low Woodwinds/
French Horn/Trombone/Euphonium/Tuba/Percussion
Mr. Duane Oldham = Clarinet/Alto Saxophone/Trumpet

Students who are interested in taking private lessons outside of HHS should speak with one of the band directors regarding private lesson teachers.

Students who take private lessons outside of HHS

Students who take private lessons on their primary band instrument outside of HHS are exempt from lessons at HHS. Students must adhere to the private lesson form due dates (Beginning and End of Semester). These forms are located under the "Forms" section of the website.

Students – Make sure that your lesson teacher understands that they will be evaluating your progress at the end of the semester. *Hint-show your lesson teacher the **END OF SEMESTER** verification form at the beginning of the semester so that they can understand the evaluation system.*

- Your declaration to study privately must be submitted at the start of each semester.
- **Beginning of Semester lesson verification forms are due by the 12th day of each new semester.**
- An end of the semester report must also be submitted, listing the dates of all lessons taken, and an evaluation of your preparation for lessons. **The deadline for the End of Semester verification is the final day of regular classes before final exams begin. Failure to submit the End of Semester evaluation will result in loss of points for the lessons portion of your band grade.**

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