

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE I - 5333

Course Scope:

This one-year course is designed for students who have a desire to learn to play percussion instruments. This introductory course will include guidance and direction in solving psychomotor problems related to percussion instruments and the techniques for providing tone, rhythmic patterns, and dynamic levels. The importance of sustained effort and practice is stressed for technical proficiency. This course will fulfill one art/humanities elective credit toward high school graduation.

Course Goals:

1. To provide the students an introduction to percussion instruments and music.
2. To develop correct playing posture and hand position.
3. To learn basic fundamentals of rhythm, note reading, key, and time signatures.
4. To identify and respond appropriately to basic musical terms such as tempo markings, dynamics, and expression markings.
5. To develop proper mallet techniques for the keyboard instruments.
6. To develop correct mallet techniques and tuning skills for the tympani.
7. To increase dexterity and coordination.
8. To identify and play simple rudiments.
9. To develop an understanding of proper care and maintenance of the snare drum, bass drum, and tympani.
10. To become acquainted with various career opportunities in music.