

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE II - 5334

Course Scope:

This one-year course is designed for students who have experience playing percussion instruments or have completed Percussion Ensemble I. Students will develop advanced techniques of performance, notation reading, and musicality using a wide variety of percussion instruments and musical styles. Students will develop techniques for playing all percussion instruments in a variety of musical settings including marching band, concert band, jazz band, small ensembles, and indoor drum line. This course will fulfill one art/humanities elective credit toward high school graduation and is repeatable for credit.

Course Goals:

1. To develop advanced dexterity through proper sticking techniques. (i.e. rudiments)
2. To become advanced readers of music including rhythmic and melodic notation.
3. To learn advanced mallet techniques including four mallets, and an understanding of all 12 major keys.
4. To identify and respond appropriately to all musical nomenclature relating to percussion music and instruments in English, Italian, French, and German.
5. To develop proper technique for playing all common percussion instruments.
6. To develop tuning skills for the tympani.
7. To broaden students familiarity with percussion ensemble music and small group performances.
8. To perform percussion parts with a concert band and marching band.
9. To develop an understanding of proper care and maintenance of all percussion instruments.
10. To prepare for district honor band auditions and college scholarship auditions.