



## Grand Haven High School Concert Band

**Course Number:** J50a and J50b

**Grade Level:** 9, 10, 11, 12

**Credits :** 1

**Prerequisite Courses :**

### Course Description

Open, by audition, to those students with a reasonable proficiency on a band instrument. Students will be in a concert setting throughout the year. Objectives include establishing good fundamentals and raising practice and performance standards. All bands participate in MSBOA festivals and other activities. In addition to traditional concerts, Concert Band members will be required to participate with the school pep band at athletic events. They may also augment the marching band for parade performances and may attend special functions. Instructor will conduct auditions for placements.

### Course Objectives

- To perform a varied repertoire on your instrument by yourself and with others.
- To learn the techniques necessary to become an independent musician capable of further study and performance on your instrument and/or other instruments.
- To gain experience performing in front of an audience.
- To learn how to work together as a team.
- To gain understanding in music theory, specific performance styles, and develop an understanding of a band's "sound".

### Student Expectations

All band students are expected to bring a great attitude and work ethic to each class, rehearsal or performance. Members of the band are also required to be at all concerts, scheduled band events and extra rehearsals. Band is a team effort and participation of each person is vital for the success of all. The band calendar is posted online in May of the previous school year and is communicated during the first week of school. Students and parents are expected to schedule around concerts, scheduled band events and any extra rehearsals. Please see the band handbook for additional expectations.

### Building Behavioral Expectations

***T.E.A.M. GH ... One Team, One Family, One Grand Haven. Be Kind. Always.***

It is our expectation that ALL GHHS students, staff and parents will ... always give their best **EFFORT** in everything that they do, work hard to be **INCLUSIVE** of each other, show **RESPONSIBILITY** in class, the hallways, cafeteria and at events, and **WORK TOGETHER** at all times!

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## Communication

- CutTime Manages: all student account activity including trip finances, transfers, charges, and inventory including uniforms and instruments.
- ghaps.org/ghbands: Your primary resource for communication and official documents/information regarding the Bands of GHHS. Use this site to explore the band program, send email, sign up for various activities, and stay informed. Subscribe to RSS feeds and sign up for email blasts to keep connected.
- [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/GrandHavenBands): "Grand Haven Bands". Join these pages to keep updated and post comments.
- Remind.com: Texting/email service for up-to-the-minute changes/reminders of upcoming events. Used to remind students of performances, call times, equipment, tests, homework, etc. Sign ups included in course emails.
- Google Classroom: Found on your ghaps google account. Codes to join classroom will be announced in class.
- GHBBA: Every band parent is automatically a member of Grand Haven Band Boosters Association! We have an elected Executive Board in place, but there are many ways you can become involved and volunteer. You will receive information throughout the year and hear more about our Boosters and opportunities to help at Concerts and other events.
- DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:
  - Iain Novoselich, 616.850.6145, novoselichi@ghaps.org

## Grading Policy

- DAILY MUSICIANSHIP 35%

This grade is determined by the quality of participation on a daily basis.

  - posture
  - proper use of the instrument/equipment
  - music, folder, pencil
  - score marking
  - attitude and attentiveness
- CONTENT MASTERY 35%
  - Homework
    - marking music
    - theory worksheets
    - concert critiques
    - writing assignments
  - Quizzes/Tests
    - playing tests
    - sight reading tests
    - theory quizzes/tests

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- PERFORMANCE 30%

This grade is determined by the quality of participation on a performance basis.

- All concerts/performance
- MSBOA and SMB Events (festival, competitions)

## Scope and Sequence

Performances: GHHS Holiday Concert, Prefestival Concert, Festival Performance, Spring Concert, Graduation.

FOR ALL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING ALL PROGRAM INFORMATION, PLEASE REFERENCE THE HANDBOOK AT: [www.ghaps.org/ghbands](http://www.ghaps.org/ghbands)  
THE HANDBOOK FURTHER DEFINES ALL EXPECTATIONS FOR BAND STUDENTS NOT INCLUDED HERE.

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