

Name of Course: Concert Band with Non Competitive Marching Band

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Course Description

Band With Non Competitive Marching is a yearlong performance class. Students are required to participate in all band activities. Marching Band activities begin with an Optional Band Camp (before school starts), home football games, Poway Parade and optional Disneyland Parade. Once Term I is over students are placed into one of three band groups (Freshman Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble) based upon ability and instrumentation needs. Concert activities are concerts, festivals, as well as solo and ensemble festival. The competitive marching band depends on all of its members to be at all rehearsals and performances. Please see syllabus for information on the attendance policy.

The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop basic technical skills as well as advanced interpretive/expression skills on wind or percussion instruments through the refinement and performance of high school band literature. Emphasis will be placed on the development of skills in interpretation of notation and expressive markings, individual and ensemble performance, and critical listening.

Students receive 5 credits of PE and 15 credits of Fine Arts. This course may be used to meet the UC/CSU "F" requirement and PUSD Fine Arts requirement.

Photo Gallery

		
<p>Marching Band Performing at Disneyland</p>	<p>Marching Band at Poway Days Parade</p>	<p>Section features at Winter/Spring Shows</p>
		
<p>Concert Band at Festival</p>	<p>Marching Band Yearbook Photo</p>	<p>Wind Ensemble at Festival</p>

What If I'm Not Good Enough? (Course Expectations)

Band with Non Competitive Marching is a course open to all students. If you are a beginner and interested in joining our program, please contact one of the directors and we can give you information on how you can join. Modified music and/or expectations can be issued to students who need assistance.

Homework

Band with Non Competitive Marching has different seasons: Marching (through November), Winter (through January), Festival (through April) and Spring (through June). Each season has different repertoire, requirements and expectations. Students are expected to come to all rehearsals prepared with music learned (some memorization is required). In order to have music prepared students need to practice outside of school. The amount of time required is individual (based on student needs).

Course Statistics and Data

Year	Class	Class Size	# of Students 80% or higher	# of Failing Students	Ave Grade % (Grade)
2013-2014	Concert Band - Non Comp	47	91.49	0	3.74
2013-2014	Marching Band - Non Comp	47	100	0	4.0
2014-2015	Concert Band - Non Comp	43	100	0	4.0
2014-2015	Marching Band - Non Comp	43	100	0	4.0

What are the time commitments?

Band with Non Competitive Marching time commitments vary with the seasons. Marching Season (before school through November) is the most time intensive commitment season. Non Competitive Marching Band members are required to attend after school rehearsals on the day of football games and prior to our Poway Days Parade and Disneyland Parades. To view our schedule - visit <http://westviewgold.org/calendar>

The other seasons have their time commitments after school rehearsals, evening and weekend performances. Although there are fewer time commitments, it is important that our members are able to make the commitment necessary - participation is a factor in Academic Grades.

Parent Responsibilities

- Student attendance is important – don't allow students to miss school
- Students should practice as often as possible. Have your musician play for you occasionally. Encourage excellence from them!
- Avoid overloading your musician with too many extra activities. Their performance will suffer overall.
- Become involved with your child's music-related activities. Volunteering is a great way to be involved. Extra help is always needed!
 - To Sign Up - <http://westviewgold.org/pages/volunteers>
- Attend events and make positive and encouraging comments about performances. Our attitudes reflect on our kids, which in turns affects their performance.

- Encourage good sportsmanship toward each other and to our competitors at all times.
- Assist your child with scheduling commitments and avoiding conflicts. Careful planning is a must.
 - Should your child have conflicts request to be excused by the director as soon as possible.
 - To excuse multiple conflicts:
 - Print out the Calendar
 - Mark any conflicts
 - Have your child meet with the director to request permission to be excused (only the director may excuse the student)
- Join Booster Membership or Band Dads and receive a free Booster/Band Dad shirt.
 - To join Band Dads - http://westviewgold.org/pages/band_dads
 - To be a Booster Member - [http://westviewgold.org/pages/boosters_members\(1\)](http://westviewgold.org/pages/boosters_members(1))

Student Testimonials

I have been playing clarinet for 6 years which obviously means that something has kept me from leaving my instrument and the study of music. Those of you that have ever been a played an instrument and really cared about it know the importance of band and how it can effect your life. Band is different than regular classes. Someone cannot simply "teach" you to play an instrument overnight, it takes practice. But Westview Gold is an amazing and supportive environment for you to explore your musical career and try things you hadn't thought to try before. Musicians are dedicated people. If they didn't love some aspect of band, they wouldn't be here. That dedication is what really stands out in all of Westview Gold, whether it be marching band, orchestra, pep band, concert band, or jazz band. Band is very important to me and it has changed my life for the better in many ways. Through band you are able to meet new amazing people, learn good time management skills, have fun learning about music and the instrument you love, and simply become a better person. Westview Gold Non-Competitive Band has been an amazing experience for me and I have enjoyed learning more about music, learning how to march and play an instrument at the same time, and meeting new people. I have also greatly enjoyed playing with the Westview Gold Wind Ensemble, which consists of some very fantastic musicians all extremely dedicated to the study of music. I have always found that band is more enjoyable when you are around people as interested in their instrument as you are. Knowing that you can all work together as a single group to make something beautiful, in this case a music, is an amazing experience. In Westview Gold, you are able to have confidence that others will also step up and do their part to improve the band and its environment.

-Julia Crouse, Class of 2017

I am a junior, and this is my third year in the Westview Gold program. I am a member of our non-competitive marching band first semester and our Wind Ensemble second semester. Being in the non-competitive band first term is the perfect option for people who want to continue band in high school without having to commit to several marching band rehearsals and tournaments. As someone who participates in multiple activities inside and outside of school, this works well for me and for many other students as well.

Secondly, our concert bands are very successful during second term. All students have the opportunity to audition for Wind Ensemble, a prestigious group, if they choose to. Students in this group strive to be the best musicians possible. We learn so much every day and play music that challenges us to reach our full potential. It is an honor to be in a group with many talented musicians. Students in the Westview Gold program not only grow as musicians and people, but make memories that will last a lifetime.

- Rachel Posteraro, Class of 2016v

I am in 10th grade and I am currently in Wind Ensemble for concert season and was in Non-Competitive Marching band for marching season. Band has changed my life and my perception of how I see the world. It has taught me to become a dedicated and responsible individual capable of succeeding both at school and at home. Band prepares you for the future by teaching you to work both individually and in an ensemble/group. It has also given me countless opportunities to challenge myself. The effort and dedication that you put in to it is clear through both marching and concert seasons and it has taught me many valuable lessons that will help me to succeed in the future. Band has also given me a second home, somewhere I can fit in and relate to those around me and I would highly recommend taking it as a class.

-Laura Crouse, Class of 2017

I am Kimbal, a sophomore in WV gold. I've been here for 2 years and am enrolled in Wind Ensemble and Non-Comp Marching. I do band because of playing and friends. Gold is a good experience because the students, teachers, and coaches are not only fun, but they always have something to have you improve off of. I haven't done the actual marching in the fall, but if you play a fall sport or just don't want to do marching band then Non-Comp is a good direction to go. Coaches are great, the students are great, and best of all the teachers are great.

- Kimbal MacKinnon, Class of 2017