



**BEGINNING BAND 6**  
**GRADES 6-8**

*Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Beginning Band is an introductory course focused on music fundamentals, technical achievement, and acquisition of performance and rehearsal skills through exposure to a variety of literature. Membership is open to all students who wish to extend their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of music by learning to play a wind or percussion instrument. No previous experience is required. Students enrolled should be capable of completing the requirement for Band Level A. The beginning student is usually expected to furnish his or her own instrument.

**PREREQUISITE**

None

**OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE**

Band 7

**REQUIRED STUDENT TEXTBOOK**

The Standards of Excellence Band Method

**THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ATTITUDES THAT COMPRISE THE BEGINNING BAND 6 COURSE ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS FROM THE PRESCRIBED CURRICULUM:**

**TOPICS OF STUDY**

***BAND***

***LEVEL A***

***FUNDAMENTALS***

- 1.1 Demonstrate ability to properly assemble instrument (SOL – IB.17)
  - E 1.1.1 Name the parts of instrument being studied
- 1.2 Demonstrate proper care and maintenance of instrument being studied (SOL – IB.17)
  - E 1.2.1 Identify and obtain accessories necessary for the proper maintenance of the instrument (SOL – IB.17)
- 1.3 Demonstrate proper platform (SOL – IB.1)
  - E 1.3.1 Summarize the major points of correct playing posture (SOL – II.1)
  - E 1.3.2 Demonstrate proper hand position (SOL – IAD.1)
  - E 1.3.3 Demonstrate proper instrument position (SOL – IAR.1)

**INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SKILLS**

- 1.4 Generate a characteristic tone on the instrument (SOL – IB.2, IAD.2)
  - E 1.4.1 Demonstrate proper embouchure formation
  - E 1.4.2 Demonstrate proper breathing technique
  - E 1.4.3 Demonstrate proper attacks and releases
  - E 1.4.4 Demonstrate basic strokes including alternating double strokes, flams, and single paradiddles (percussion students)
- 1.5 Demonstrate an awareness of basic rhythmic and metric values (SOL – IB.4, IB.18)
  - E 1.5.1 Count and perform whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, and rests in a steady tempo
  - E 1.5.2 Count and perform eighth notes in a steady tempo
  - E 1.5.3 Define and count 4/4 meter

**ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE**

- 1.6 Participate in ensemble experiences (SOL – IB.22, II.22)
  - E 1.6.1 Participate in scheduled rehearsals

- E 1.6.2 Participate in performances displaying proper concert etiquette as a performer and a listener
- E 1.6.3 Participate in activities that are cross-disciplinary or co-curricular
- E 1.6.4 Respond to appropriate conducting gestures
- E 1.6.5 Perform a pitch as given by the director
- E 1.6.6 Perform dynamic levels of piano and forte in an ensemble

**LITERATURE**

- 1.7 Demonstrate appropriate knowledge of musical repertoire (SOL – IB.14)
  - E 1.7.1 Perform repertoire appropriate to the A competency level
  - E 1.7.2 Perform music from a variety of cultures, styles, and historical periods
- 1.8 Demonstrate appropriate knowledge of musical notation (SOL – IB.21)
  - E 1.8.1 Identify musical notation and terms found in the text and music appropriate to the A competency level (SOL – IB.23)
  - E 1.8.2 Embellish two to four measures of a song echoing sample rhythm examples found in materials being studied (SOL – IB.15)
  - E 1.8.3 Student will provide answers to instructor's questions regarding individual and group performance (SOL – IB.19)

**LEVEL B**

**FUNDAMENTALS**

- 2.1 Perform with a characteristic tone on the instrument (SOL – IB.2, IB.3, II.2, II.3)
  - E 2.1.1 Demonstrate a characteristic tone and be able to adjust pitch while playing all notes in the Level B range
  - E 2.1.2 Demonstrate alternating 5-stroke rolls and 9-stroke rolls (percussion students)

**INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SKILLS**

- 2.2 Demonstrate ability to perform rhythmic patterns as encountered in the music studied
  - E 2.2.1 Count and perform eighth notes and rests, dotted half notes, and dotted

quarter notes (percussion: sixteenth notes)

- E 2.2.2 Demonstrate proper multiple bounce strokes (percussion students)
- E 2.2.3 Define and count 3/4, 2/4, and "C" (common time)

2.3 Demonstrate instrumental technique appropriate to the B competency level (SOL – IB.5)

- E 2.3.1 Perform from memory the Bb concert scale one octave, slur up, and tongue down

### **ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE**

2.4 Participate in ensemble experiences

- E 2.4.1 Participate in rehearsals
- E 2.4.2 Participate in performances displaying proper concert etiquette as a performer and a listener
- E 2.4.3 Respond to appropriate conducting gestures
- E 2.4.4 Demonstrate ability to perform dynamic levels of piano and forte with characteristic tone
- E 2.4.5 Participate in activities that are cross-disciplinary or co-curricular

### **LITERATURE**

2.5 Demonstrate appropriate knowledge of musical repertoire

- E 2.5.1 Perform a solo or ensemble part equivalent to grade I on the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors' Association selected music list

2.6 Demonstrate appropriate knowledge of musical notation (SOL – IB.16)

- E 2.6.1 Identify musical notation and terms found in the text and music appropriate to the B competency level
- E 2.6.2 Perform music from a variety of cultures, styles, and historical periods
- E 2.6.3 Student will compose a two to four measure melody using available technology and teacher specified rhythms and pitches
- E 2.6.4 Student will provide answers to instructor's questions regarding individual and group performance



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