



**Century High School Drumline/Flag Team
Course Syllabus
2014-15**

Course title: Drumline/Flag Team

Schedule: 1st Period 8:32-9:47 (T-F), 8:32-9:35 (M).

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Drumline/Flag Team is an audition only class that focuses on building fundamental percussion technique required to execute the season show music for the CHS Marching Band.

Drumline/Flag Team meets during the 1st trimester only. Members of the Drumline/Flag Team class must attend a one week camp in June and a two week camp in August. Members of this group may be required to attend extra rehearsals and sectionals. The Drumline/Flag Team class also prepares percussion ensemble music and band literature for the Veterans Day and winter concert. Guard members work with the drumline and pit percussion to choreograph and clean the marching band show.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Students will collaborate on music, choreography, and drill to produce a fully competitive marching band show.
2. Students will be accountable for their learning of the show by producing clearly marked music and/or dot books to the satisfaction of the director in a timely manner.
3. Students will demonstrate professionalism at all times during rehearsals, performances, and sectionals.
4. Students will assess their learning by examining each performance video and/or recording using guided criteria.
5. Students will demonstrate the 5-pillars of success on a daily basis: Responsibility, Respect, Positivity, Humility, Unity.

PHILOSOPHY OF REHEARSAL TIME

Rehearsals are not the place for individuals to learn their parts, but are to rehearse the prepared parts to understand how the whole work fits together. Students will be expected to prepare their parts outside of class. Learning how a composition works and discovering the meaning and intent of the work (and composer) will be the intent and focus of rehearsal time. All students must understand the importance of this professional standard if they are to college and career ready! As part of this ensemble, each student will be expected to exhibit professionalism, your best, a positive attitude, and high quality musical skills at all rehearsals, performances, and community events.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- **Instruments/Flags (equipment)**—Students are encouraged to purchase their own high quality instrument if possible. Students who need to use a school instrument must fill out a rental agreement form (\$75 per school year, \$30 per summer).
- **Band Binder, Dot Book, Pencil**—These must be kept organized, treated with respect, and students must have them at all rehearsals.
- **Lockers**—Each student will be provided a space to keep their instrument during school hours. This space is to be used only for band related materials (instrument, binder, folder, pencil). No food or drink should be stored in these spaces.
- **Concert Attire**—Uniforms will be provided for each student. No eating or drinking (except water) will be allowed by students when wearing their uniform.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS & CONSEQUENCES

- **Expectations**
 - Be your best.
 - Be on time.
 - Be responsible and respectful.
- **Consequences**
 - Teacher will meet with the student.
 - Teacher will meet with the student & parent.
 - Teacher will meet with the student, parent, and administrator to discuss future participation in band.

GRADING POLICY

Grades will be based on four main categories each trimester. **All performances are Mandatory.** They are a crucial part of the musical experience, education, and assessment. **Students who miss a performance will automatically have their grade lowered by one full letter grade.** If students are ill or have a family emergency, an “absence request form” will need to be filled out (prior to the performance if possible). This form is located on the band website under each class.

- **Knowledge**
 - Performance assessments
 - In class assignments and quizzes
- **Demonstration of knowledge**
 - Music/Choreography memory (levels 1, 2, 3)
 - Performances and Competitions
- **Responsibility**
 - Forms and assignments
 - In class and performance professionalism
 - Dot Book/Music preparation
- **Sectionals/Personal Practice Record**
 - Sectionals will be held occasionally to help students collaborate and work on music/choreography. Personal practice records are required by the director each trimester. Forms for sectionals and personal practice records will be submitted to the director for grading.

TARDY POLICY

Students will be given 2 minutes after the tardy bell rings to prepare their instrument and class materials. Students who walk in the door after the tardy bell will be marked tardy

- **CHS Attendance Policy**
 - 3 Days to clear an absence or it becomes a truancy
 - 5 tardies = 1 truancy
 - 10 absences = 1 truancy
 - 4 trancies = 1 citation=court

COMMUNICATION

All band students must register on **charmsoffice.com** and (if students/parents have cell phones) **Remind 101**. Information and communication will be done through email and text. Student accounts, assignments, calendar, and upcoming events are posted on CHARMS.

- **CHARMS** can be accessed through the band website www.centuryhighbands.com or the website www.charmsoffice.com. A free mobile app CHARMS can be downloaded for smart devices. **Please check your email on a daily basis.**
- **Remind 101** (Marching Band):
 - *Smart Devices*: Text @ba372 to the number 208-578-4459
 - *Reminder emails*: Send email to ba372@mail.remind.com (no subject required)
 - *App*: Download the free Remind app and enter in the class code @ba372
- **Rehearsal schedules** will be posted on the band website under the class. Students are expected to check the rehearsal schedule each week. IF a student is absent, it is his/her responsibility to look at the rehearsal schedule and approach the director during office hours to make up assignments or assessments.

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DRUMLINE/FLAG TEAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

Student Name (Please print)

I have read and understand the information on the preceding pages and acknowledge that I am responsible for all of the information contained in this document. I understand the level of commitment and effort required as a member of this class and agree to the procedures and expectations set forth.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date