

New Horizons Band Program Baldwin – Wallace College Policies and Procedures 2005-2006

Program Philosophy

The primary belief of the New Horizons Band Program is that it is never too late to learn how to play an instrument. If a person has the desire to make music, we take the responsibility to teach them very seriously. Because we believe that individuals learn in different ways and progress at different rates, we believe that individualized and small-group instruction are the means by which objectives are achieved.

Ensembles

In an effort to meet the needs of musicians of at a variety of levels, the New Horizons Band Program is divided into three bands, as follows:

Gold Band

The Gold Band is meant for those students who play at an advanced level. Very often these musicians have had previous musical experience and/or take private lessons. Musicians in the Gold Band will not have lessons of like instruments, but instead will have sectionals consisting of a variety of instruments.

Silver Band

The Silver Band is meant for students who are no longer beginners but who do not play at an advanced level. Musicians in the Silver Band will participate in full band rehearsal as well as lessons consisting of like instruments.

Beginning Band

Beginning Band is truly for those who have never played a particular instrument before, or who would like a refresher course on an instrument they played many years ago. Members of Beginning Band will participate in full band rehearsal as well as lessons consisting of like instruments.

Policies

- Students will choose which band they would like to join. A basic list of expectations can be obtained from the director.
- Due to the need for consistency in instrumentation, students should not switch bands during the semester except with permission from the director.

- In an effort to give the best possible instruction, musicians are asked not to switch instruments during a given semester. Instrument switches due to health concerns are understandable, but all switches should be done only with the consultation of the conductor.
- In the event that a member needs additional help or misses a rehearsal, Buddy Sessions are available through the Outreach Office.

Attendance Policy

Due to the fact that the bands meet only once a week, it is important that absences be minimal and that the conductors can anticipate attendance before planning each rehearsal. In the event that a member must be absent from a rehearsal, please contact the Conservatory Outreach Office, [phone number], prior to Wednesday evening.

Music Policy

Music is the property of NHB and should be marked only in *pencil*. Music must be returned to the NHB program following performances.

Performance Attire

NHB members should wear black pants or skirts, dark shoes, and a white shirt, blouse, or sweater for all performances unless otherwise instructed.

Weekly Rehearsal Procedures

- Bring all necessary materials (see below) to each rehearsal.
- Be prepared to begin rehearsal promptly at the scheduled time.
- Sit with the proper section so that the ensemble will be cohesive.
- When an instructor is teaching, it is imperative that all instruments remain silent.
- When playing, look at the conductor often so that you will stop playing immediately upon seeing a cut-off. It is very likely that important instructions will follow the cut-off!
- Please refrain from playing during transitions between pieces.
- If instructions are unclear, please make the conductor aware by raising your hand.

Materials

- Instrument
- All music and handouts from section lessons and full band rehearsal
- Band book—Beginners & Silver: *Accent on Achievement*
- Music stand
- Pencil—Please mark on your music in pencil instead of pen.
- Accessories (i.e., extra reeds, cork grease, mouthpiece, valve oil, slide grease, snare stand, practice pad)
- A positive, cooperative attitude!

Additional Information

- If you are missing any piece of music for any reason, please see a conductor or student assistant before rehearsal so that you won't miss any of the rehearsal.
- We are happy to enlarge any music to assist you with music reading.
- If you wish to sign up for a Buddy Session, a sign-up list and/or form will be made available before or after rehearsal. Please see a conductor or student assistant.

Director

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