



# 2026 SPRING SEMESTER SYLLABUS

SYMPHONIC BAND, SYMPHONIC WINDS, WIND SYMPHONY, PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE, JAZZ BAND

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## WEBSITE:

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## TWITTER: @ola\_band

**INSTGRAM:** [olahighschoolband](http://olahighschoolband)

**TIK TOK:** [@ola.bands](http://@ola.bands)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Ensembles at Ola High School will provide students with in-depth knowledge of their instruments, other instruments, elements of music, proper fundamentals of breathing and posture, ability-appropriate band literature, and rehearsal techniques. Special emphasis will be placed on developing musicianship and ensemble responsibility through performance in a variety of settings. The students will also become life-long learners of music and be able to enjoy it through-out their adult life. **This is a yearlong course.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Please refer to the band handbook section related to rehearsal and performance attendance.

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Classroom attendance will be handled in accordance with Henry County Schools and Ola High School policies.

*DRESS REHEARSAL POLICY – students who do not attend class the day of a concert will not be permitted to perform on that concert. This day is considered the dress rehearsal for that performance and students must be present for final information and reminders.*

**TARDY POLICY:** Students not in the band room prior to the tardy bell will be counted tardy. Any student who misses more than one-half of any class is considered absent from that class. Students not in their seats and fully prepared to begin class 3 minutes after the tardy bell will be considered late to rehearsal and will not earn their participation points for that day.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Per HCS, students **ARE NOT** allowed to have access to electronic devices during class or during class changes. Students may only be on their phones during lunch and in the commons.

**GRADING:** A=100-90 B=89-80 C=79-70 D=69-below (failing with no credit)

<b>ASSESSMENT 40%:</b>	<b>PARTICIPATION 40%:</b>	<b>FINAL EXAM 20%:</b>
<p><b>100 points</b> - Pencil checks, music checks (<i>including measures numbered for concert music</i>) and any other assignment deemed necessary by the instructor.</p> <p><b>200 points</b> Playing quizzes, after school rehearsals and any other assignment deemed necessary by the instructor.</p> <p><b>400 points</b> - Performances and any other assignment deemed necessary by the instructor.</p>	<p><b>Daily Grade:</b> Students will earn 20 points per day and receive a grade the last day of each week.</p> <p><i>Reasons a student will not earn their daily points: Unexcused absences, no pencil, no music, no instrument, tardy to class, disruption to the rehearsal, or not properly cleaning up after a rehearsal.</i></p> <p>Any other assignments deemed necessary by the instructor.</p>	<p>The final semester exam will count as 20% of each student's final average.</p> <p>Playing, written, or a combination of the two.</p> <p>Exams are to be taken on the assigned day and not early.</p> <p><b>FINAL WILL BE ADMINISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OLA HIGH SCHOOL PROCEDURES.</b></p>

**CONCERT ATTIRE:** School designated tuxedos, dresses, and accessories are required for all performances. Additional information will be provided within the first few weeks of school. Students will not be permitted to perform unless they are in the correct concert attire. Make up assignments will not be provided for those refusing to follow the expectations of the program.

**RESTROOM AND HALL PASSES:** Only one student will be allowed to use the restroom at a time, for EMERGENCIES ONLY. Each class is only 50 minutes and students will be expected to use the restroom during class changes. When a student needs to go to the restroom, they MUST ask for permission to leave the room - again, this will be for EMERGENCIES ONLY. The same student will not be permitted to leave the room every day. **Going to the restroom is for emergencies only.** Hall Passes will not be written to go to another teacher, front office, media center, or the school store. If there is an emergency, we will handle that on a one-on-one basis.

## 15 15 RULE (no one leaves the first or last 15)

### NEEDED MATERIALS:

- Instrument (in proper working order) and other accessories
  - Brass- Valve Oil, Slide Grease, Cleaning supplies, and Proper Mouthpiece
  - Woodwinds- Cork Grease, Ongoing supply of at least 4 reeds, and Swab
  - Percussion – drum pad and snare sticks.
- Korg Tuner and Mic Clip (Winds Students Only)
  - Korg CA1 (chromatic tuner)
  - Korg TM50C (tuner/metronome combo)
  - Korg Tuner Mic Clip (CM300)
- Pencil
- Music Folder will be provided
- All instructional materials will be provided
- Metronome App

**SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS:** School owned instruments will be checked out and non-marching band members will be required to pay a one-time fee of \$150 for the school year made payable online only.

**Please understand that there is a limited supply of instruments.**

**CALENDARS AND SCHEDULE:** We have created and developed a very resourceful band website. The first and second semester calendars are posted on the calendar page of the website. Students will be responsible for adhering to the schedule. Please schedule all appointments on non-rehearsal/concert days. It is imperative to the success of the program that we have 100% attendance at all rehearsals. PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT BAND IS CO-CURRICULAR, MEANING A GRADE IS ASSIGNED TO ALL EVENTS ON THIS SYLLABUS.

### MANDATORY/REQUIRED DATES:

The official band calendar may be found on the band website located at [www.olahighschoolband.com](http://www.olahighschoolband.com). You may sync our google calendar with your family one by going to the band website, click calendar, click the google add button, and then follow the prompts. Dates are also provided through the BAND APP.

**THE DIRECTOR OF BANDS/ASSISTANT MAY ADD OR DELETE DATES WHEN NECESSARY. ADEQUATE NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN FOR ALL CHANGES!**

DATE	EVENT	TIMES
FEBRUARY 26	Pre-LGPE Concert (all bands) @Ola High School - Commons	Student Report Time TBA Concert Starts 7:00pm
MARCH 16-18 (we will be given a specific date and time on one of these days after the new year.)	Large Group Performance Evaluation @Fariview PAC in Stockbridge	MORE INFO TBA
APRIL 23	Percussion and Jazz Band Concert @Ola High School - Commons	Student Report Time TBA Concert Starts 7:00pm
MAY 4	@Fariview PAC in Stockbridge	Student Report Time TBA Concert Starts 7:00pm

**COMMUNICATION:** The band program uses a messaging system called, THE BAND APP. Please visit your app store and install, then scan the QR code to begin receiving messages.

ALL CLASS INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS:



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