

PETERS TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS: 8TH GRADE CONCERT BAND

Course Information	Teacher Information
<u>Course Length</u> : Full Year/Semester	<u>Name</u> : Daniel Nesaw

Course Overview and Essential Skills

The Seventh Grade Concert Band will continue to develop independent musicianship and instrumental skills that were initiated at the elementary level. The students will continue to refine instrumental technique associated with tone production and articulation while increasing their ability to read, interpret and perform music at a level commensurate with Jr. High Concert Band repertoire (grade 2.5 – 3.5 on a scale of 1 - 6). The students will perform for the public during the evening Holiday concert at the end of the first semester and at the Jazz/Pops concert at the end of school year. Students may also be selected to perform at the PMEA Jr. High District Band Festival or take advantage of additional performance opportunities as they become available.

Course Textbook, Supplemental Resources and Required Materials

Various selections from the Concert Literature and teacher generated worksheets, exercises and handouts

Student owned or district supplied instrument and applicable consumables (reeds, mallets, drum sticks)

Course Outline of Material Covered:

Unit or Topic	Course Activities/Resources	Timeframe
Instrumental Techniques and Fundamentals	Teacher generated exercises, worksheets and guides (charts).	36 weeks intermittently
Musical Form	Various songs from the concert literature and teacher generated exercises and worksheets.	36 weeks intermittently
Beat, Meter, Tempo, & Rhythm	Various songs from the concert literature and teacher generated exercises and worksheets.	36 weeks intermittently
Tone Production	Teacher generated exercises and worksheets.	36 weeks intermittently
Pitch, Melody, Tonality, & Expression	Various songs from the concert literature and teacher generated exercises and worksheets.	36 weeks intermittently
Harmony	Teacher generated exercises and worksheets.	36 weeks intermittently
Musical Performance	Various songs from the selected concert literature.	18 weeks (Winter Holiday Concert) 18 week (Pops Concert)

**Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.*