

High School Band

This is a yearlong, performance-based course designed to give scholars daily practice in applying their instrumental skills within an ensemble setting. Our goals for the year are: to develop stronger individual and group musicianship skills, as well as to present several performances throughout the school year.

Course Objectives – Eagle Scholars will be able to:

- 1) Develop Technical Capabilities on their Instrument
- 2) Improve Familiarity with Music Notation and Comfort with Sight-reading
- 3) Develop Improvisation Skills and Strategies
- 4) Experience Diverse Musical Styles and a Varied Repertoire
- 5) Build Performance Skills, Showmanship, and Concert Etiquette

Essential Questions to keep in mind throughout the year:

- 1) What are the particular challenges of my instrument?
- 2) How do I interact musically with the rest of the ensemble? What is my role?
- 3) How can I translate my abilities/effort in music to other areas of my life?
- 4) What are my privileges and responsibilities as a musician in general and as a music student at Eagle Academy in particular?
- 5) What is the social and/or cultural relevance of the music we are playing?