



## Walker-Hackensack-Akeley Band

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#### **Overview:**

The WHA School Bands are offered to those students who enjoy playing in band and wish to further their instrumental experience through solo and ensemble playing. The 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade band will study and rehearse all styles of band literature from classical to pop. In addition to learning proper instrumental technique, students will be expected to work on theory and sight-reading concepts in class.

#### **Outcomes:**

To strive for performance excellence and pride in the group, students must desire to be “active” members of the ensemble. Talent is great and always welcomed but hard work and a positive attitude is much more appreciated! Attention to detail in the music and the willingness to improve through all types of participation with the band and lessons will continue to build upon the positive direction of the band.

#### **Music/instrumental skills emphasized:**

Knowledge, understanding and demonstration of:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| -Proper Instrument Care        | -Music Terminology  |
| -Posture                       | -Music Theory       |
| -Breath Support                | -Sight-Reading      |
| -Instrumental Sound Production | -Historical Aspects |

#### **“Active” Participation:**

Band is a “participation” based elective class! Sharing your music with others is a uniquely personal expression that is not for everyone. For those who choose to participate, the experience can be incredibly rewarding. Being a member of an instrumental ensemble is unlike any other class. Besides sharing your instrumental playing, your individual daily participation is critical for your own success and the ultimate success of the ensemble! WHA bands are graded daily on the WHA Music Dept. Daily Assessment and Concert Rubric that are posted in the classroom.

If points/assessments need to be made up for whatever reason, opportunities will be available weekly during Packtime. All make-up work needs to be done in a timely manner.

#### **Dress:**

7/8th Grade - Something nice. Please no jeans, sweatshirts, sweatpants.