



Chandler Unified School District

BND760 Percussion Ensemble

Semester 2, SY 2022-23

Course Overview

Course Description

BND760 Percussion Ensemble (One Semester/One Year): Percussion Ensemble is for any student who would like to learn or further develop playing skills with all percussion instruments. This class will focus on a variety of percussion skills and techniques using such instruments as the marimba, bells, xylophone, timpani, snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, and more. Percussion students will be expected to perform at concerts and other events throughout the school year.

Advanced Placement (AP) / International Baccalaureate (IB) / Dual Enrollment

This not an AP, IB, or Dual Enrollment course. An additional syllabus is not required for this course.

Site

School name and address:

Payne Junior High School, 7655 S Higley Rd, Queen Creek, AZ 85142

Building principal:

Lisa Palella

palella.lisa@cusd80.com

Faculty Information

Teacher:

Deanna Bessette B.A.

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Office hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm, by appointment

Course Learning Outcomes

After this course, students will be able to:

perform basic techniques on all percussion instruments: Snare drum and rudiments, concert percussion, marching percussion and novelty acts.

Materials and Fees

Course Materials

Percussion: Practice pad for home practice, at least 2 pairs of sticks, plastic (hard) mallets, yarn (soft) mallets

Book: Snare Drummer's Toolbox by Rowloff percussion

Course Fees

All band classes have a class fee of \$30. You can pay this using the parent portal In Touch, or by sending cash or check to the front office. Please contact bessette.deanna@cusd80.com to inquire about financial assistance.

Curriculum and Instructional Resources

Adopted Resource(s)

n/a

**An asterisk will indicate a resource containing sexually explicit materials per legislative definitions.*

CUSD has determined that all resources listed above are of exceptional educational value.

Course Access

This course is taught in person at Payne Junior High School. Students will have access to the curriculum and instruction in the classroom. Google Classroom is the primary location for students to access material when absent from classes taught in person. Buzz is the primary location for COA students to access materials at all times.

- Clever cusd80.com/Page/45109 (select secondary courses will use clever)

Computer Requirements

Students can use devices to engage with electronic resources and turn-in select assignments.

Help

Academic Support

- Contact the teacher to schedule an appointment during office hours
- [NetTutor](#) offers K-12 CUSD students free live tutoring, question drop-off, and writing feedback (cusd80.com/NetTutor)
- [Ed Tech](#) support for students, parents/guardians, and community link (cusd80.com/Page/45109)

Mental Health Support

- CUSD's Counseling and Social Services Department provides access to mental health support for students and families through their webpage cusd80.com/Domain/10528
- US Department of Health and Human Services 9-8-8 hotline
- 24-hour Crisis Line Talk: 602-222-9444, Text: 741-741

Student Conduct, Success, and Responsibilities

Student Handbook

Students must follow the policies and procedures established in the Student Handbook. Copies of the handbook can be found at <https://www.cusd80.com/handbooks>. Printed copies will be provided upon request.

To be successful

students will be required to practice their instrument at home for 60 minutes a week. Weekly practice sheets must be signed by a parent/guardian and turned in the beginning of the week for the previous week's practice. Parents can request "exempt" by writing an explanation on the practice record for the week (i.e. family in town, on vacation, sick, etc.)

Student Responsibilities

Students are expected to participate in class rehearsals, with their instrument and music, every day they have band. Students that are unprepared for class (forgot instrument or music) or refuse to play/participate will be docked points for the day.

CONCERT ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY! Concerts, field trip, and performance dates will be announced as soon as possible including an "Upcoming Events" notice given the first week of school. Please make sure you make arrangements for your student to attend all concerts and events! Failure to show up for a performance will result in a grade lowering of AT LEAST 2 LETTERS.

EXCUSED ABSENCES (PERFORMANCE): If you already have obligations made when a concert or performance is announced, you may request an excused absence for your child. Excused absences MUST be requested at least 2 weeks before the event, and your student will be given an alternate assignment. NO excused absences will be given for students within 2 weeks before the performance or to attend events that could be moved or excused. Please email Mrs. Bessette at bessette.deanna@cusd80.com to request an excused absence.

Late work

Students who are absent will be given adequate time to complete missing work. Points will be docked no more than 50% for late assignments.

Assessments and Assignments

Students will complete assessments during each unit of study to assess their understanding. Students will complete a final at the end of the first and second semesters. The final will count for 20% of the student's final semester grade in grades 9-12 and 10% in grades 7-8 (some exceptions may apply at the Junior High level).

Final exams will be given during the CUSD Jr High/High School Early Dismissal days in December and May, as identified on the [District Calendar](#).

If students are requested to participate in a survey, the survey questions will be provided to parents/guardians seven days before student contact.

Grading

Grade Percentage

A	90% - 100%
B	80% - 89%
C	70% - 79%
D	60% - 69%
F	<60%

Quarter grades

Quarter grades will be based on in-class rehearsal participation, practice records, playing tests (assessments) and performances (attendance).

Semester grades

Student semester grades are calculated using 45/45/10: Each quarter accounts for 45% of the semester grade and the final exam accounts for the remaining 10%.

Units of study

Parents/Guardians should indicate if they “Agree” or “Disagree” with their student’s participation in each of the following units of study.

n/a

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