

**Vandegrift High School Band  
Transition Process to Concert Band Season**

1. All families of woodwind and brass student-musicians in the band program must fill out a declaration form for participation in the next phase of our year: Concert Season.
  - a. Percussion students will utilize a separate form for this process.
2. This Declaration Form will be used to determine a student's participation level for in-person ensembles (concert bands, jazz band, small ensembles). As with marching band, In-Person AND Virtual students will be able to participate.
3. The Wind Ensemble will rehearse from 8:00-9:30 AM, allowing virtual students to transition home to their 2<sup>nd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> period class after rehearsal. **If participation level does not fulfill instrumentation needs, students will be selected from Symphonic Band to rehearse with the Wind Ensemble and rehearsals will move after school.** (The hearing time process will be utilized to select students for advancement.)
4. The Symphonic Band will rehearse from 10:30-11:30, allowing virtual students to transition home during PIT. **If participation level does not fulfill instrumentation needs due to transportation issues, Symphonic Band rehearsals may be moved after school. If participation level does not fulfill instrumentation needs due to lack of in-person participation, students will be selected from Concert Band 1 to rehearse with Symphonic Band and rehearsals will be after-school.** (The hearing time process will be utilized to select students for advancement.)
5. Due to the size of Concert Band 1 and Concert Band 2, rehearsals will likely be after school. Larger spaces are needed due to the size of these ensembles. This will be re-evaluated in the Spring Semester.
6. Additional medium-sized ensembles (jazz band, chamber choirs, etc) require concert band participation.
7. This Declaration Form is for the remainder of the Fall semester and will be utilized to create the bands who will perform at the Winter Concert. Additional declaration forms will be sent out in December for the Spring Semester. The band staff will make necessary scheduling decisions at that time to ensure all Concert Bands have full instrumentation in the Spring Semester.
8. We will still continue to offer band to fully virtual students. However, as we transition toward the Spring, In-Person curriculum will begin to be much more rehearsal-participation based and Virtual curriculum will continue to be assignment based.

## **COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidelines Concert Band Rehearsals/Performance**

1. Students will maintain a distance of 10 ft. when playing a wind instrument. Playing distances will be pre-measured and pre-set in a rehearsal/performance space.
2. All reed and brass players will utilize playing masks at all times when playing. Bell covers will be used for all reed and brass instruments. Flutes will utilize face shields.
3. Small rehearsal spaces (ensemble rooms, etc.) will not be utilized. The staff will use large rehearsal areas (band hall, cafeteria, gyms, and outdoor spaces-weather permitting) to maintain appropriate distance when playing a wind instrument.
4. The Competition Gym will be utilized as a performance space due to the ability of the students and spectators to stay distanced.
5. Brass players will utilize water pads for all rehearsals.
6. Student chairs and stands will be sanitized immediately after use.
7. Water fountains will not be available to students. Students should plan to bring their own water for rehearsal. Water must be in a sealable container.
8. Students that have private lessons will stay home to take their lesson. This will allow the band staff to continue protocol of clearing and sanitizing practice rooms.
9. Performances will be available to a limited audience, but will also be live-streamed for viewing at home.
10. Rehearsals are closed to anyone other than VHS Band Students and Band Staff.