

# The Concert Music Program at Sequoyah High School

The concert music program at Sequoyah High School is the backbone of the instrumental music program from which all other organizations and ensembles originate. We offer Symphony Band (Sym 1), Symphonic Band (Sym 2) and String Orchestra during the day for class credit. All three groups perform concerts and other programs during the fall, holiday and spring season and participate in the Georgia Music Educators Association "Large Group Performance Evaluation" at the district level each year. Historically, all three groups earn "Superior" ratings on a consistent basis.

Membership in a concert organization is required in order to participate in any other musical group within the Instrumental Music Program (Color Guard excluded). If you wish to participate and perform in any group you must be a member of a band, percussion or orchestra class. Exceptions to this participation requirement shall only be waived in extreme situations by the Director (only). Sometimes we have to be creative in our class scheduling but your participation is a necessity!

All the concert groups rehearse primarily during the school day (90% plus) but there are obligations outside the class day in order to maintain membership in good standing.

These obligations are:

1. Fees associated with concert band and orchestra participation, separate from the marching band. Fees help provide clinicians, adjunct instructors, concert uniforms, transportation and meals when necessary. The concert fee for 2008-09 is \$150.
2. \$50 Payments are due on 8/15, 9/12 and 10/10. Uniforms will not be issued until fees are paid.
3. All concerts as scheduled on the fall and/or spring semester schedule.
4. The Symphony Band performance contract stipulates audition participation in one or more district or honor band events.
5. Winter Workshop (Feb. 26-28) - preparation for district LGPE; all groups are included; Sym 1, Sym 2 and String Orchestra.
6. Regularly scheduled after-school rehearsals (with advanced written notice per spring semester schedule).
7. Attendance and participation in district LGPE.

The performance opportunities are limited only by your imagination!!

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Director of Bands and Orchestra

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