

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
Intermediate Band

Grade Taught: sixth grade

A. **Course Goals**

1. To continue to teach basic fundamentals while advancing the level of difficulty from a grade I level to a grade II level. More emphasis will be placed on learning scales and more advanced rhythmic exercises
2. To begin to develop students for All-State, Solo and Ensemble and District Honor Band as well as various honor bands held throughout the state
3. To develop student's sight reading ability which is part of most tryouts in which they will be involved

B. **Course Topics**

1. Students will begin playing from the *Standard of Excellence Book II*. This is more advanced than the Beginner Band books and enables the students to begin to play at a higher level.
2. Begin to work on Christmas Concert music on grade II level
3. Begin working on All-State music for those more advanced
4. Give playing tests once a week using exercises from the book and scales learned
5. Continue to work on recognition of key signatures to enhance sight reading ability
6. Begin work on Solo and Ensemble music
7. Prepare for spring concert

C. **Student Materials**

1. Folders with scale sheets, All-State music, Solo and Ensemble music, Miscellaneous sheet music
2. *Standard of Excellence Book II*
3. Musical Instrument

D. **Teacher Materials:**

1. *Standard of Excellence Book II* Conductor's Book
2. All musical scores being performed by the band

E. **Classical Methodology:**

Most students at this age are in the grammar stage of learning. Students will learn to play by repetitive rehearsing and will be evaluated daily. Students do however, begin to learn how to express themselves through playing as well as learning to understand the expressions of the composer.