



## Desert Vista High School Band Department

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CURRICULUM NIGHT

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- Welcome!
  - 0 HR - Marching Band - now a "class" (no zero hour fee) - P.E. Waiver after 3 yrs
  - 1<sup>st</sup> HR - Advanced Percussion ("Honors Music Exploration and Performance")
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> HR - Beginning/Intermediate Percussion ("Percussion Class") or ("Honors ME&P")
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> HR - Jazz History
- Information/Communication
  - Band Website : [www.thunderband.org](http://www.thunderband.org)
    - **CALENDAR**, Forms, Lesson Teachers, Recordings...
    - Handbook, Registration, Consent for Care – under "[Performing Ensembles](#)" tab
      - click on '[Classroom Information](#)'
    - Online Grades – 'Synergy' program aka [StudentVUE](#)
  - Email (mine = vilopez@tempeunion.org, & gary.warskow@cox.net)
  - Booster Meetings:
    - **Two 'All-Band Parent Mandatory Meetings' (DV Auditorium)**
      - Thursday, September 14th (Marching Band families) – 7pm
        - WE/Adv Perc – New York Trip meeting – 8pm
      - Thursday, January *tbd* (Everyone!) – 7pm
- Grading Policy (Weighted Scale)
  - Performance Tests (Music part checks, Benchmarks) - 30% of grade
  - Attendance/Participation - 70% of grade
    - Daily Rehearsals (each month) - 100 points (Tardy/Missing Equip = -5)
    - Concerts (all) - 250 points each
  - Advanced Percussion and all "Honors" students:
    - Participation in the "Regionals" Auditions (Sat., Jan 27<sup>th</sup>) - 250 points
      - Full Points = In-class performance + festival performance
  - All other Percussion students:
    - Choose Regional Etudes (individual) or Small Ensemble
      - Full Points = In-class performance (January)
- Expectations
  - Private Lessons
    - Private Teacher list – website (under "[Performing Ensembles](#)" tab, "[Classroom Information](#)")
    - *Advanced Percussion – required for 'participation' grade*
  - Uniforms
    - Gentlemen: Black dress shirt, black dress pants, black shoes/socks
      - If playing with a wind band, gentlemen will also need a black tie
    - Ladies: Black blouse (3/4 sleeve or long sleeve), black pants or skirt (past knees), black dress shoes/heels
  - Band Concerts
    - About Percussion students' involvement...
      - 1st Hour Percussion - audition for WE & CB sections
      - 2nd Hour Percussion - audition for SB section
    - Each Band Concert has a different Percussion Ensemble performing at it.
      - Note: The Percussion (only) Concert is in April, final date *tbd*