

# MOORE



# BANDS

## MOORE HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK 2020-2021

*The following handbook has been developed to foster a sense of dedication, accountability, and responsibility in each student, qualities that are essential to the success of the band program and the individual. Please read, then sign and return page 5 (both sides) and keep pages 1-4 for your information.*

### I. MISSION STATEMENT

*The Moore High School Band is a music-making community where students are given the tools and encouragement necessary for group and individual success. Members will utilize determination, pride, discipline, and passion for music to achieve goals. Our top priority is excellence of product and process.*

### II. ATTENDANCE

- 1) Schedule dentist/ doctor appointments around band rehearsals if at all possible, as the work you miss in band is nearly impossible to make up.
- 2) If you have to miss rehearsal for any non-emergency reason please email Mr. Brown at [clintbrown@mooreschools.com](mailto:clintbrown@mooreschools.com) and/or fill out an absence form *before* rehearsal begins.
- 3) Attendance at after school sectionals, and morning/afternoon rehearsals is required as part of the class. If you have transportation problems we will be glad to try to help. Punctual attendance of rehearsals is a portion of the student's grade. Always plan to arrive ten minutes before a scheduled rehearsal. During marching season, rehearsals are daily at 3:30. (*see band calendar for other, more specific information on after school rehearsal times*). Continued tardiness could result in the loss of your marching spot.
- 4) Excessive absences prior to a performance, be it due to illness or any other reason, could result in the loss of your place in the performing band for that particular performance.
- 5) Participation in **non-school** extra-curricular activities (i.e. winterguard or winter drumline) must be sanctioned by the director prior to participation. Non-compliance may mean expulsion from the band program.
- 6) **An unexcused absence from a performance could result in the student being removed from the performing group and placed on a non-performing plan for the remainder of the grading period, at which time the student will either be reinstated or transferred out of the class. An unexcused absence is defined as an absence not excused by a director prior to the event.**  
**WORK IS NEVER AN EXCUSE TO MISS BAND!!!!!!!**

### II. UNIFORMS AND UNIFORMITY

- 1) Marching uniforms will be issued to the student. They will be checked out and checked back in for every performance.
- 2) Students and parents are not allowed to take the uniforms home and launder them without permission from a director.
- 3) The complete uniform will be worn at all times at band events, unless otherwise specified by a director.
- 4) Students will furnish the following items to be worn with the marching uniform:
  - Dri-fit band shirt and uniform shorts
  - Solid black calf length socks
  - Regulation black marching shoes
  - Black gloves (except percussion and guard)

- 5) Because of concern over cleaning, certain types of food and drink will not be allowed while in uniform.
- 6) Male students will provide the following items to complete the Concert Uniform:
  - Black Dress Pants
  - Black Collared Long-sleeve Button-up Shirt
  - Black socks
  - Black Dress Shoes
- 7) Female students will provide the following items to complete the Concert Uniform:
  - Black closed-toe dress shoes
  - Hosiery
  - Black Ankle-length Dress Pants
  - Long sleeve black top (modest neckline!)
- 9) In order to maintain uniformity, students will not be allowed to perform with the Moore High School Band with multiple piercings, visible tattoos, or hair color or style that is not a natural color/detracts from the uniformity of the group.

### **III. SCHOOL-OWNED INSTRUMENTS**

- 1) School-owned instruments are furnished in proper working order to the students chosen to play them. Students will assume full financial responsibility for the instrument(s) and accessories (mouthpiece, neck strap, etc.) issued to them
- 2) The student is expected to assume responsibility for the instrument(s) and may be asked to take them to the repair shop if needed.
- 3) The student will pay for any repair resulting from irresponsibility, misuse, or neglect.
- 4) Abuse of a school-owned instrument will not be tolerated.
- 5) A \$30 school horn per semester maintenance fee may be charged for use of school wind instruments

### **IV. GRADING**

- 1) Grading for will be based on, playing tests/ Smartmusic labs (50%)  
Punctual attendance of rehearsals and performances (40%)  
Semester Final (10%)  
Color Guard grading 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks will also be based on individual mastery of the contest show routine.
- 2) After Marching Band students will be asked to turn in weekly playing assignments. These assignments will be recorded at home on cd, digital recorder, mp3, cassette tape or through Smartmusic. Tuba players (who do not have a practice instrument at home) and percussionists are the only students allowed to make recorded assignments at school.
- 3) Students must maintain a passing grade in band for continued enrollment in the class.

### **V. ELIGIBILITY**

- 1) In accordance with OSSAA and Moore Schools policy, students must maintain a 60% in all classes in order to be eligible to participate in any extra-curricular (contests) activity. The Moore High School Band will in every way adhere to these policies.
- 2) Students on academic probation (first week of failing) are still allowed and expected to perform with the Moore High School Band.
- 3) Eligibility does not effect rehearsals, football games, or school concert performances
- 4) Continued eligibility problems could jeopardize your position in the Band Program.

## **VI. ALL STATE/CODA/DISTRICT SOLO-ENSEMBLE**

*These activities are strictly voluntary, and are designed to encourage the student to set high goals in individual musicianship and achievement.*

- 1) Students are responsible for paying the entry fees for these events, and must do so by the deadline date in order to be entered.
- 2) Students who do not have a private instructor must perform solo literature and honor band audition material for a director before being cleared to participate.
- 3) Students are responsible for securing and paying their piano accompanist.
- 4) Ensemble members who do not learn their music, or who fail to attend rehearsals will be replaced. No refunds of money will be given if a student is removed from an ensemble.
- 5) All-State/CODA/Solo-Ensemble events are counted as performances. Attendance policies will be in effect. No backing out at the last minute. Be prepared. YOU ENTER – YOU PLAY.

## **IX. COLOR GUARD** *Color Guard is visual enhancement of the band. Members should always consider themselves first and foremost as playing members of the Moore High School Band.*

- 1) Color Guard is open to any performing member of the Moore High School Band
- 2) Color Guard members are chosen by audition.
- 3) Color Guard members will adhere to all policies of the MHS Band and Moore Schools.
- 4) Color Guard will rehearse outside the school day.
- 5) Color Guard members are required to attend all rehearsals and performances of the MHS Band. Band attendance policies apply to Color Guard members as well.
- 6) Color Guard is a very physical, strenuous activity. Students should not audition if they are aware of any medical condition that may preclude them from fulfilling the duties of the Color Guard.
- 7) Color Guard members will be required to purchase make-up, body tight, dance shoes, and gloves (if on rifle squad). Color Guard will also be required to purchase a uniform warm-up outfit and flag bag (one time expenses)

## **X. BAND FEES**

- 1) Band students are expected to pay fees (\$150 for Contest Band and \$100 for non-Contest Band) to help defray program costs (instrument cleaning, technology purchases, marching drill and music for the show, transportation to and from marching and concert band contests, new music purchases, additional staff/clinicians, cleaning of the uniforms, meals at football games and contests, etc.). The first fee payment for **Contest Band and non-Contest Band members**(\$100) is due by 8-14-2020. and the second fee payment for Contest Band of \$50 is due by October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2) If a family has more than one student in Contest Marching Band the fees for the first student will be \$150. Fees for each additional sibling will be \$100.
- 3) Fundraising opportunities will be available during the early part of fall. All balances in excess of the band fee will roll-over into that student's account for the next year.
- 4) **NO REFUNDS.** Please note that due to bookkeeping and the Booster organization's status as a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization, refunds from any band accounts are simply not available. Due to our tax status, fundraiser profit is earned tax free and the IRS certainly does not look kindly on the refunding of non-taxed earnings. Furthermore, the MHS Band parent organization incurs certain costs to maintain fundraising activities. For these reasons, profits from fundraisers can only be spent on band items (uniform, trip payments, fee payments) and are not available to transfer to any other expense (such as lessons, personal instruments, personal instrument repair, etc.). The funds in individual student accounts rollover each academic year. However, please do not expect to simply "cash out" when your participation in band ends. It is for this reason that we do encourage you to be cautious when "over-paying" your account as these funds will not be available for future refund or transfer (Exception: you may transfer funds to a sibling who is also a band student). **All band fee payments are non-refundable!**

## **XI. BAND COUNCIL/LEADERSHIP TEAM**

- 1) Band Council is comprised of the following members: President (senior), Vice President (junior), Historian, Leadership Team, and Drum Majors.
- 2) Band council elections (except drum majors and freshman representative) are held in May for the following school year. Officers are selected by a majority vote of all band members who are enrolled for band the next year.
- 3) Council members are expected to be model band students, and may be replaced if their actions warrant.
- 4) Leadership Team members and Drum Majors are selected by the directors through written application and an interview process.

## **XII. BASIC POLICIES**

- 1) Non-band students are not allowed in the band complex **EVER!**
- 2) Your attitude should be one of cooperation no matter who is in front of the band.
- 3) The band complex is for your benefit. Please do not damage it with carelessness or immaturity. No food, drinks, gum, horseplay, or fighting at any time.
- 4) Cell phone use (including texting) is not allowed during band rehearsal.
- 5) Band is a year long, comprehensive activity. Students who quit band will not be allowed to enroll for band in the future.
- 6) A student must have a passing grade in band one semester to continue in band the next semester.
- 7) Engaging in illegal activities or the use or possession of alcohol, tobacco (including e-cigarettes, vaping, etc.), or drugs is prohibited during all band trips and functions, and will result in dismissal from the band program.
- 8) All Moore Public Schools policies apply to our band when off campus.

One of the best sources of information both long and short-term is our band website: **mooreband.com**. Most questions about schedule (dates or times) can be found there as it is updated regularly.

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## 2020-21 Handbook Form

Parents and students – This form, and the Trip Permission/Medical Release Form (on the other side) must be filled in completely. Please return forms to school with your student.

I HAVE READ AND I UNDERSTAND THE MOORE HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK.

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME (print!) \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Concert Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Marching Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Work/cell Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e mail address \_\_\_\_\_