



Welcome to the BSHS Band Program! Participating in a musical organization such as this will provide opportunities for you to take part in concerts, festivals, athletic events, trips, and other special activities that will greatly enrich your high school experience. The guidelines in this handbook will help us to better work together and create outstanding performances.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ *Middle school and high school students who participate in instrumental music score significantly higher than their non-band peers on standardized tests*
- ◆ *Music lessons boost a child's capacity for verbal memory*
- ◆ *Students who were exposed to music-based lessons scored a full 100 percent higher on fractions tests than those who learned in the conventional manner*
- ◆ *Music majors are the most likely group of college grads to be admitted to medical school*
- ◆ *Data from the National Educational Longitudinal Study showed that music participants received more academic honors and awards than non-music students*
- ◆ *Research shows that instrumental students are better equipped to comprehend mathematical and scientific concepts*
- ◆ *High school music students score higher on SATs in both verbal and math than their peers*
- ◆ *College-age students who studied music are emotionally healthier than their non-musician counterparts and less likely to have substance abuse problems*
- ◆ *A ten-year study, tracking more than 25,000 students, shows that music courses improve overall test scores*
- ◆ *"The nation's top business executives agree that arts education programs can help repair weaknesses in American education and better prepare workers for the 21st century."*

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will."

Vincent Lombardi

OBJECTIVES OF THE BAND PROGRAM



- *To teach instrumental music education through performance*
- *To develop performance skills and techniques*
- *To provide an ensemble/group experience requiring commitment*
- *To provide some of the musical needs of the school and community*
- *To develop life skills through cooperation and reaching goals*

SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF BAND

Teamwork/Cooperation- *No matter what you do in life, teamwork is essential. Band is a great way to work as a group and learn to reach goals.*

Friendships- *Many band members make friendships that last. The band is like a family where everyone helps each other out.*

Leadership- *Students learn to become excellent leaders through performance and activities.*

Time Management Skills- *You learn how to manage your time and make the most of it.*

Extra Curricular- *Colleges and Universities are impressed when students have participated in activities such as marching band. Most scholarship applications require participation in extra-curricular activities.*

Life Skills- *Students learn dedication, commitment, perseverance, responsibility, acceptance of others, and cooperation. These are necessary skills for life no matter what you choose as a profession.*

FUN-FUN-FUN!!!

Don't forget we have lots of fun in Band. We play all kinds of music and have a great time no matter where we are.

ATTENDANCE



Unlike many other classes and activities, this group cannot function properly without every student present. Please make every effort to be present and on time for each event. Remember, “To be early is to be on time; to be on time is to be LATE!”

1) ATTENDANCE AT ALL PRACTICES AND PERFORMANCES IS MANDATORY UNLESS SPECIFICALLY DEEMED OPTIONAL BY THE DIRECTORS!

2) Students should be in their spot ready to begin with all necessary music and/or equipment when official call time begins. Students who are present, but not ready, will be considered late. Students who arrive late without a valid excuse will be assigned laps or Extra Training.

3) An un-excused absence from a practice or performance may be grounds for dismissal from the marching band. A doctor's excuse is required for a performance missed due to illness.

*4) **Non-emergency** dentist, doctor and counselor appointments will **not** be considered an excused absence. Please schedule regular appointments at a non-band time.*

5) In case of bad weather, report to the band room or call time location and wait for further instruction. Do not assume cancellation unless an official staff member calls you.

*6) If a student is absent from school, they will be excused from band practice on that day. If a student is present at school, they are expected to attend band practice and will not be excused from any after school rehearsals. **AT SCHOOL = AT PRACTICE.***

7) Absences for the reasons listed below will be excused provided the Directors are notified well in advance when possible. Please email or write a note and discuss this outside of practice time.

- Illness (Doctor's note needed for missed performance)*
- Marriage in the immediate family (2 month notice required)*
- Death in the immediate family*

Extenuating circumstances, such as church related events or family situations will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. They must be discussed well in advance with the directors (please email or make an individual appointment to discuss absences)

8) Not having a ride is not an excuse. Please plan ahead and work out a carpool if necessary.

9) Students with excessive tardiness and absences to school and/or rehearsals (excused or not) run the risk of being moved to a rotator position. The band directors will decide when and if they return to a starting position. Rotator positions are explained later in this handbook.

10) Most absences can be avoided by planning ahead. Check your band schedule because...

Your attendance is vital to the success of the entire band!

Ability is what you're
capable of doing.

Motivation determines
what you do.

Attitude determines
how well you do it.

Football Game Responsibilities



- I. Before each event, there will be an inspection to check uniforms, instruments, and other equipment to be sure they are in proper condition.
- II. The band will enter and exit the stadium as instructed.
- III. Each section will have a designated area to sit in.
- IV. Only Band Members will be allowed to sit in the band section. (Alumni with permission from the staff may sit with the band)
- V. Be in proper uniform at all times unless otherwise instructed by the staff.
- VI. Do not play instruments when the band is not playing together.
Section/group stands songs need to be approved by the director before the game.
- VII. If a student must leave the band section for an emergency, please notify a staff member to get permission.
- VIII. Restroom and concession breaks are given during third quarter. You must be back in your assigned area by the designated time given.
- IX. As a representative of your school, you are expected to behave in a manner which reflects positively upon our school, band, and community. We want people to know you are the best students at BSHS!



Warm Weather “Summer” Uniform

- 1) *White Tennis shoes**
- 2) *All-Black shorts* (must meet school code...no Daisy Dukes!)*
- 3) *Band T-shirt (included in band fee)*
- 4) *White socks* (no stripes please) ankle socks are OK*

****Must be provided by the student. Most of you may already have these items at home. If not, area department stores carry these inexpensive items***

Equipment needed for performances and practices

- 1) *3 Ring Binder notebook with show music/warm ups/hand-outs*
- 2) *Instruments and any needed accessories/equipment*
- 3) *All music-- if we get rained out we may come inside and work on stands music-- Always have stands music flip folder at each performance and practice*

PEP BAND EVENTS

Sometimes we schedule a pep band performance for away games, small events, or parades. We will post a sign up sheet with balanced small group instrumentation, usually 25-30 spots, about two weeks before each pep band event. Upperclassmen will be able to sign up first as a privilege. A final list of students participating will be posted at least one week before each event. These events are also scheduled to give students a break for family time and save on full band transportation costs.

Some away games may change to a pep band trip if we find out that we cannot march our show (for example - it's their homecoming, or any other special event that takes up the entire pre-post game and half-time.)

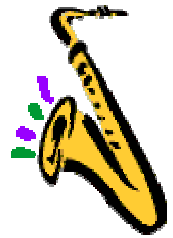
AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICE

The full band will rehearse Tuesday and Thursday after school. The first three Tuesdays are usually moved to the evening because of the early season heat. Once it cools down we switch to after school. Each section also has a once a week sectional. In the past Percussion has been Tuesday evenings. Brass and woodwinds will be every other Monday after school. Times for all after school rehearsals will be set once the school bell schedule for next year is finalized. We should be able to provide a final schedule before school gets out for the summer.

“It’s not what you can do, but what you will do, that counts”



RULES AND GUIDELINES



- 1) *Always follow School District rules while at any band function.*
- 2) *Always give your best!*
- 3) *Each member should show respect for staff, band boosters and student leaders at all times. The reasonable requests of band boosters, officers and staff members should be honored without question.*
- 4) *Have a good attitude! Attitude problems will **NOT** be tolerated.*
- 5) *Students are not to enter any part of the school or building not being utilized by the band when school is not in session.*
- 6) *Keep areas utilized by the band neat and clean. Discard all trash in a trash can. Please flush toilets after use.*
- 7) *The band office phone should only be used by students in emergency situations. **Students will not be able to use the phone to call for a ride home.** You will be notified of pick up times well in advance.*
- 8) *The band room will open at least 15 minutes prior to any call time. The band room will close 30 minutes after the end of rehearsal or trip return times.*
- 9) *Please allow 10-15 minutes following each rehearsal for students to put up their instrument and/or equipment. Students who have an unexcused tardy will need time to run their laps.*
- 10) *Do not leave non-essential items out in the band room. Please keep those materials in your locker, vehicle or proper storage area. Space is limited.*
- 11) *No food or drink in the band room without permission.*
- 12) *Do not play an instrument on school grounds without permission. **THIS INCLUDES PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS IN THE BAND ROOM.***
- 13) *Follow all classroom rules and guidelines issued for trips.*
- 14) *No unnecessary noise or talking while rehearsal is in progress.*
- 15) *“Hazing” of students (including rookies) is not permitted.*

16) We will make every possible effort to return on time from trips. Please be in the parking lot ready to pick up your child at the designated return time. The band room and school will be closed 30 minutes after return time or practice ending time. Please work out a carpool if necessary.

17) **Please take care of business such as turning in forms, discussing absences/discipline, etc. AFTER REHEARSAL. Beginning 45 minutes before each practice, the directors are very busy setting up and preparing for rehearsal- their time to get focused, organized and ready for practice is **CRUCIAL** in how effective each rehearsal can be. The directors will be more than happy to discuss any personal matter with parents or students AFTER PRACTICE.**

18) It is not possible to list every delinquent action. Use your common sense and remember that we are representing our school and community.

Students who follow the rules and work hard are always the ones who enjoy band the most. Try your best to be one of these students!

ROTATOR POSITIONS

There will be a few students who march in rotator positions. These spots are special training positions for students who are not quite ready to march at competitions. Veteran band members may be placed into a rotator position for disciplinary or performance reasons.

Rotators are considered full members of the band and will perform at all functions except competitions. Rotators are expected to attend all practices and performances (including competitions)

ROTATOR POSITIONS ARE TEMPORARY AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY POINT DURING MARCHING SEASON (EVEN THE DAY OF A COMPETITION)

This type of position is standard in most band programs and it is common for students who start out as rotators to become section leaders and officers for the band sometime in the future.

Things that could lead to being a rotator:

- not turning in forms or fees on time
- unexcused tardies/absences from practice
- not following rules/procedures or staff instructions
- not cooperating with student leaders and/or other students
- not having music memorized by the appropriate deadlines

BAND FEE

THERE IS A FEE TO COVER BAND CAMP AND MARCHING SEASON COSTS

To cover the many expenses of band camp/marching season there is a **\$375 fee**. Our cost is minimal considering that many programs charge a \$800 to \$1400 fee to participate. This fee covers items such as bus transportation, uniform expenses, band camp staff, summer uniform band shirt, music and marching drill, uniform gloves, some meals during band camp, competition registration fees, music, and many other items.

WHAT IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD THE BAND FEE?

We now have pay pal on the band web site **bshbb.org** - This is a great way to use your credit card which will enable you to spread out payments over time. Pay pal does cost 3% extra to use but many people feel that the convenience is worth it.

MULTIPLE CHILD DISCOUNT

- The band fee for a second child living in the same household is \$100 off the total fee.
- The band fee for a 3rd child living in the same household is \$200 off the total fee

FUND-RAISING

We have several fundraisers because the band fee provides us with less than half of our budget. Without these fundraisers we would have to double the band fee. Students will be expected to help with any and all fundraisers that occur during the year. If we do not all give our fair share the band fee will increase each year. Without successful fundraising efforts our band will not be able to compete and participate in all that we do. Please make every effort to do your share during every fundraiser. Fundraiser details will be provided in newsletters and on the band web site.



BAND FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

APRIL 21ST \$75 Payment Due
MAY 19th \$75 Payment Due
JULY 24th \$150 (June and July) Payment due
AUGUST 18th Final \$75 Payment due

(CHECKS PAYABLE TO BSHS BAND- ALL PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE)

THE APRIL/MAY PAYMENTS SIGNIFY YOUR ENROLLMENT INTO THE MARCHING BAND—STUDENTS ARE NOT CONSIDERED A MEMBER UNTIL THESE FIRST DEPOSITS ARE PAID AND FORMS ARE TURNED IN. TO INSURE YOU RECEIVE A SPOT PLEASE PAY BY THESE DATES.

TO GET A RECEIPT FOR YOUR PAYMENT

Please pay on the exact dates listed above in order to receive a receipt. Please pay the exact amount (we will not be able to make change). Those not paying fees on the dates above will need to use their check or money order stub for a receipt. We do not have a full time accountant; therefore this is the only way to give receipts. We reserve the right to move students who have not paid by these dates into a rotator position (unless they have discussed special payment plan with the director). Those using pay- pal get an on line receipt.

BAND SHOES

*If you already have a pair from last year you are not required to buy new ones. If you would like new band shoes (this will include all rookies), you will need to bring a check to “**Kathy’s Enterprises**” for \$35 by September 15th. Upperclassmen that have lost or outgrown their shoes may also pay this amount if they need new band shoes. Kathy Pickens will be here one day during band practice to allow students to try on shoes. Other than the band fee, this is the only other required cost of marching band.*

UNIFORM CLEANING/GLOVES

In the past there was an additional cost for uniform fee. THIS YEAR THERE IS NO FEE BECAUSE IT WAS INCLUDED IN THE MAIN MARCHING BAND FEE. This is one less check/payment people need to worry about.

SECTION APPAREL

*Some sections decide on their own that they want to design and purchase T Shirts, Hoodies and other items to show their pride. Although we do not discourage this...ANY SECTION SHIRTS AND/OR OTHER APPAREL ARE NOT REQUIRED. In other words, it is your choice whether or not to buy a section shirt because this is **NOT** required by the band staff.*

SCHOOL STORAGE /EQUIPMENT

- 1.) *Always show care towards school owned equipment, whether it is checked out to you or not.*
- 2.) *Anyone using school equipment will be responsible for any damage caused to that instrument while it is checked out to them.*
- 3.) *Any instrument or personal items left on school grounds or storage area is done so at your own risk. It is not possible for the director to monitor these areas at all times.*
- 4.) *Keeping your name clearly marked on the case with tape or name tag also improves safety.*
- 5.) *Do not play or touch any instrument that does not belong to you without permission from the director that day.*
- 6.) *Do not touch Color Guard or Percussion equipment that does not belong to you without permission from the director that day.*

“The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy.”

- Martin Luther King Jr.

