



Band Department

Parent/Student Handbook 2010-2011

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ADDITIONAL STAFF

From time to time, we will bring in additional instructors and guest clinicians. Working with other professional musicians is an excellent way to continue to learn through music. Students should value those opportunities and treat each of the guests with the same respect they give to their regular instructors.

FINANCIAL POLICY

Individual accounts are set up for each student. These accounts may be used by the student for band fees, instrument needs, uniform needs, private lessons through the school (if agreed upon with instructor as taxes are taken directly out) and any travel related expenses only. The accounts are funded by payments into the account and/or money earned by the student by participating in fundraisers.

During the year, opportunities are provided for the student to earn money for his/her account. Each student's account is credited upon the amount earned. Money in an account follows a student while they are enrolled in a band class. If they drop band before they graduate, the money goes to the general band fund. When they become a senior, there are 4 options that they have (please see senior account information). **A refund of money is not possible.** All money that enters into the account will remain or be used for the above mentioned expenses.

FEES

The fees are as follow for each group:

Marching Band- \$395 (includes all instructor fees, camp fees, food for football games and contests, design, school owned instrument rental and all concert band fees).

Concert Band only- \$85 (includes pep band shirt, solo and ensemble fees, instructor fees, tech book, school owned instrument rental, uniform fees, all fees that are not optional)- Please note, this is an all inclusive fee. The only time another fee is applicable is if something is optional or something is lost (i.e. breather, uniform part, books, etc.)

Winter Percussion- \$275 (approx.)

Winter Guard- \$250 (approx.)

Jazz Bands- no fee

Pep Band- no fee

EQUIPMENT

Each student is to be responsible for his/her own equipment. Students will be issued a technique book at the beginning of the year. This is to be returned at the end of the year in good condition. Replacement cost is \$15. Seniors will be issued a "blue book." The same conditions apply as the technique book. Freshmen through Juniors have their own "blue book" they are to use. Each student is issued an airmax breather when they enter the program. This is theirs to keep as part of their class fee. If a student loses their breather, there is a \$12 replacement fee.

Woodwind reed players should have at least 4 good reeds at all times. It is recommended to buy a box and rotate reeds as they will last much longer. Reeds are only available from service centers. Vandoren reeds are strongly recommended.

Brass players should have their own valve oil and slide grease. As a student progresses, their mouthpiece should progress as well. Students may always check with a director to see what kind of mouthpiece they should have.

Percussion students should have their own concert sticks and mallets with them at all times. Their equipment should be locked in a locker (to prevent any issues).

Mr. Dave Helms from Muncie Music Center calls on our school each Tuesday and Thursday. Most equipment needs can be purchased through him. You may always call the store and have them deliver items to the school. 800-992-4481

PEP BAND, JAZZ BAND, INDOOR PERCUSSION, WINTER GUARD

These groups are extra components of the band program that students may elect to be in (with the possible exception of Pep Band). Pep band is currently a volunteer group that plays at many of the boys and girls basketball games. As long as there are enough volunteers, it will remain a volunteer group. If there are not enough volunteers, it becomes part of the class requirements as the school requires a band to be at many of the games. There are 2 jazz bands that meet after school the end of October/beginning of Nov. through the last performance of the year. Students participating in the bands will receive one credit. Students in Jazz Ensemble will be in a class during 2nd semester. Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard are extra-curricular parts of the program that require an audition and additional fees. Information regarding these programs will be available in the fall.

SECTIONALS AND AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS

Most of our work takes place during the school day. However, as a co-curricular class, there are after school events that take place. Sectionals, solo and ensemble groups, and rehearsals before a performance take place after school. All full band rehearsals are listed on the calendar. Sectionals and Solo and Ensemble groups will be scheduled later in the year. With

communication, we can always work with other school conflicts. Rehearsals will be scheduled enough in advance to allow time for students to schedule their work if applicable.

Band Booster meetings are open to all parents of students in a band or guard. Meetings are held usually on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30. Check the newsletter or website for exact dates. The first meeting of the school year will be Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 in the band room.