

Skyview
High School Band
Handbook and Syllabus

2019-2020

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Purpose

The purpose of this handbook is to provide students and parents a general outline of the year and the expectations that come with being in the Skyview High School Band Program. It will also outline a calendar of events and concerts over the course of the year. The calendar is subject to change but parents and students will be notified as soon as possible if and when this occurs.

Mission Statement

Music is for everyone. Band is one of the ways we make music and learn about music. This year is a stepping stone within a lifelong journey through music. During the year there will be times of difficulty and times of triumph. I look forward to working through these difficulties on the way to a common goal with everyone in the class.

Responsibilities of a Band Parent

Parents, it is very important to be supportive of your band student. There are several things you can do to help them through their journey:

- Be supportive, especially when dealing with difficult music. Show interest in what they are doing and give constructive feedback if warranted.
- Be flexible with the time needed for band, whether it is for individual practicing, rehearsals, concerts or any other events.
- Help keep your student's instrument in good repair status. Bring it into myself or take it to an instrument repair shop whenever it needs maintenance.
- Attend performances of the band and tell family and neighbors to come as well.
- Advocate for the arts in the town, the school, and in your personal life.
- Be active in the band program. Attend band parent meetings, volunteer to help out at band events, help out with band fund raising. Be a member of our booster club. If every band parent pitches in a very small amount of time, we will have a flourishing and healthy band program.

Objectives of the Band

- Learn music through our instruments, literature, recordings, improvisation, singing, and collaborative effort.
- Perform at various locations, including but not limited to: The school auditorium, state and local contests/festivals, community events, and football and basketball games.
- Provide support for other school events that may need or want a band.
- Explore different musical opportunities outside of school, including careers, local bands, universities, and others.

Grading Policy

50% Rehearsal Skills, Classroom Preparation

- Be on time to class
- Bring your music and instrument every day
- Have music prepared prior to start of class (This means practicing at home)
- Bring a pencil to class every day
- Have your provided music folder

20% Concert attendance

- Perform at all concerts
- Have all required material at concert (Music, instrument, etc)
- Wear the correct dress uniform/outfit for concert
- Show up on time to the concert
- **Perform at designated pep band performances- 3 out of 5 Pep Band events for full credit.**

20% Music playing tests

- Individual playing tests
- Section/band playing tests
- All music tests can be retaken as many times as needed for a higher grade

10% Attitude

- Be respectful of all equipment
- Be respectful of all students
- Be respectful of all staff
- Have a willingness to learn
- Cleaning up after yourself (not leaving instruments, music, or garbage lying around. Closing the cabinets, etc.)
- Not being a distraction to other students
- Not causing Mr. H's hair to fall out any faster than it already is.

Band for P.E. Credit Substitution

Participation in fall Marching Band and then again in Parade Season may count towards a P.E. credit. You must be in attendance at rehearsals and meet the specified requirements of each program.

CTE Credit for Wind Ensemble

There is now a CTE credit offered for Wind Ensemble. This credit will be awarded when all extra CTE requirements are achieved (this will be secondary requirements to the Wind Ensemble curriculum).

Concerts: see calendar

For All:

Concert Band/ Symphonic Band: Pit Black. Students will have a black collared shirt, black pants, black socks, and black shoes.

Marching Band:

Black long socks, provided show shirt, athletic shorts. DOUBLE CHECK your garment bag for ALL uniform pieces. There will be no mercy; nobody will be traveling all the way back to Skyview to get your pants. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THEM!

Wind Ensemble: The wind ensemble will have the opportunity to travel to a few festivals this year. They will be announced at least two months in advance. Wind ensemble will be performing in tuxedos. More info TBA.

Jazz Band: The Jazz Band has a few unique opportunities coming to it this year. Aside from concerts and regularly playing for the student body, the Jazz Ensemble will be performing at a few festivals, community performances, Rose Festival, etc. Stay tuned for updates! Jazz Band will be wearing their blue Jazz Band Jackets, black slacks, black shoes (and socks!) and a black button up dress shirt. If they choose, they can accent their outfit with a tie or jewelry of their choosing (as long as it's not too distracting).

Concert Attendance

Students are **required** to stay for all performing ensembles of the concert. This is mandatory. All students worked extremely hard to prepare their music and deserve to perform for an attentive and respectful audience. A concert is not just a final performance of the terms material; it is a celebration of musical growth. These concerts need to be well attended by friends, family, and loved ones. **Attendance will be taken if necessary.** Barring family emergency or sudden illness, a student must inform Mr. H that they will be missing (with parent confirmation) a concert at least **6 weeks** in advance. If a student is going to miss a concert or there is an emergency, they are going to be required to perform their music in front of the class for a grade. **Unexcused concert absences can not be made up!**

Communication

We have a weekly news letter that is e-mailed out, as well as a Skyview Music and Dance facebook page where announcements are made. We also have our website, www.svbd.org, that has all updates as well as a yearly google calendar that you can subscribe to and sync with your phone for automatic updates!

Booster Club and Fees:

In order to maintain the quality band program we have at Skyview High School there is a fee associated with participation. We believe that every student should have access to our quality music program, and have never let any financial situation interfere with participation. Through our booster club we have grants and scholarships available. This fee helps cover the cost of transportation, food at events, quality instrumental coaches, clinicians, contest fees, etc. This fee also grants you voting membership in our booster club, which meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. We run many large fundraisers a year to help keep this fee as low as possible. Please communicate if there are any issues; we will do whatever we can to make sure your student can participate. This fee will be paid to the Booster Mail Box in the band room. **There is a change from the past! There are no longer any fees associated with the business office for classroom band participation!**

SVBD Booster Dues: \$50.00

Please consider volunteering at one of our many events; we host these events/ fundraisers to keep the student cost as low as possible, and many hands make light work. You can find booster/ volunteer information at www.svbd.org.

Please fill out the envelope accordingly!

Student Name

Parent Name

Ensemble

Date

Upgrading Instruments

Before upgrading an instrument, please consult me. I can help find a quality instrument option for your budget. There are many options out there, and sometimes a deal may not be as good as it seems. I am happy to help determine if a deal is of quality, or if it is a “wolf in sheep’s clothing.”

Instrument Repair, Rental, and Purchasing

Beacock Music
1420 SE 163rd Ave.
Vancouver, WA 98683
(800) 729-7134
(360) 694-7134

Music World
7916 NE 6th Ave,
Vancouver, WA 98665
(360) 573-5575

**Any questions, comments, concerns? Please email me at
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Music Advocacy

Music is an extremely important subject in school and outside of school. Music is all around us but it can only survive with the support of students, parents, faculty, and the community. I advocate bringing as many people as you can to band concerts and performances. Here are some statistics to think about:

Students with band and orchestra experience attend college at a rate twice the national average.
- Bands Across the USA.

Music students out-perform non-music on achievement tests in reading and math. Skills such as reading, anticipating, memory, listening, forecasting, recall, and concentration are developed in musical performance, and these skills are valuable to students in math, reading, and science.
- B. Friedman, “An Evaluation of the Achievement in Reading and Arithmetic of Pupils

One in three of today’s school-aged children will hold an arts-related job at some time in his or her career.
- Education Commission on the States.

The College Board, in a publication about college admissions, states, “preparation in the arts will be valuable to college entrants whatever their intended field of study.”
- Academic Preparation for College: What Students Need To Know and Be Able To Do, The College Board.

Some Music Quotes

“A life lived for art is never a life wasted” - Macklemore

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.” - Plato

“Music happens to be an art form that transcends language.” - Herbie Hancock

Some Celebrities Who Played in Band

Halle Berry - Flute

Julia Roberts - Clarinet

Bill Clinton - Saxophone

Prince Charles - Trumpet

Samuel L. Jackson - Horn

Tony Stewart - Trombone

Neil Armstrong - Baritone

Andy Griffith - Tuba

Dana Carvey - Percussion



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SVBD Payment Form

Classroom Fee \$50 / student Marching Band \$500 Fall Dance \$550 Winter Percussion \$500 Winter Guard \$550

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____ Date _____

Fundraising points to be used:
(Points withdrawal online form must be completed) _____

Need based Grant applied for; \$200 Down payment is required
(I have filled out and turned in the form) _____

Payment Plan Request
Fall: \$200 by 8/12, \$200 by 9/10, remaining balance 10/8
Winter: \$200 by 12/10, \$200 by 1/14, remaining balance 2/11 _____

TOTAL PAID \$ _____

Payment Methods:

Check Cash Credit Card*
Check # _____ Amt: _____ (*Additional Service Charge applies)
Check Amt _____ Acpt. By: _____ Total Amt Paying: _____

Our goal is for all to participate that would like to, regardless of ability to pay. If you need to make arrangements, please contact Dina Smith.

Per Skyview policy, students out of compliance with the payment plan will be benched until their payments have been caught up. Please note: invoices will not be sent out. If you have questions, please contact Dina Smith.

Contact

Dina Smith
smithx05@comcast.net
360-910-2749 Cell

Payment Locations:

Drop Box:
Located outside of H's office

USPS Mail:

Skyview Band & Dance
PMB 314
800 NE Tenney Road, Suite 110
Vancouver, WA 98685

Participation/ Handbook Contract

I confirm that I have read and understand the handbook, grading policies, calendar, and requirements to participate in the Skyview High School Band program. This contract affirms that I will be in attendance and fulfill my obligations to the Skyview Band.

Student Name (Print) _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (print) _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Preferred e-mail: _____

Please return to Mr. H by Friday, August 30th. This will be graded.

