

Overbrook High School

Marching Band

Band Handbook 2015-2016

Welcome to the Overbrook High School Marching Band. Below you will find important information that will allow us to have the best season possible. Please take some time to read this packet and return the attached form to Mr. Bauman. All forms are due Wednesday, June 24.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of the marching band are expected to adhere to the code of conduct set forth by Overbrook High School. In addition, all members of the marching band must adhere to the following conduct guidelines:

REHEARSAL CONDUCT

All members of the ensemble will be taught and given specific details as to proper etiquette during music rehearsal, basics block, sectionals and field rehearsals. The staff member in charge of the specific rehearsal will define the etiquette. There are 4 basic behaviors that are not tolerated in Marching Band that will always be in effect during all activities:

1. SWEARING
2. DISRESPECT TOWARDS STAFF & FELLOW STUDENTS
3. EXTREME ROUGH – HOUSING
4. OPEN DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

Students should come prepared to each rehearsal with music, drill, instrument, equipment, appropriate clothing and all items needed for a productive rehearsal.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at all rehearsals, band camp, and performances is very important for every member. Your attendance record will be reviewed when being considered for awards, promotions within the band, recommendations by the director, and scholarships. All absences must be communicated by a parent via email to Mr. Bauman as soon as possible. Absences must be

approved before they are considered excused. Please understand that any absence from the activity has a direct effect on the entire program. While we can never plan for illnesses, family emergencies, etc., we must plan appointments and other business around the schedule. The following are explanations of the various types of absences:

1. Excused Absences: These include, major family events (i.e. weddings), religious education classes and/or holidays, standardized tests (i.e. SATs), college visitations/placement exams and previously scheduled family business/vacation that cannot be changed. Parents should email any conflicts to Mr. Bauman as soon as you are aware of them. Also, please be aware that submitting an absence notice does not guarantee that it will be considered excused.
 - a. Illness: If a student is absent from school due to illness, he/she will not be expected to attend rehearsal. HOWEVER, an e-mail is expected from the parent in order to receive an excuse without penalty.
2. Unexcused Absences – Rehearsals: Will result in a suspension from the next performance. Students are still required to attend that performance in full uniform. More than one unexcused absence will put your membership in the program at risk.
3. Unexcused Absences – Performances: Will result in removal from the program.
4. Lateness: Students are expected to be “ready to rehearse” at the assigned rehearsal time. Students who arrive late will be noted and excessive tardiness could affect your participation in future performances. Excused lateness will be granted if a note with proper reasons is provided. In addition, students who are late may also be asked to make up time missed as determined by the director.

ADDITIONAL ATTENDANCE POLICIES

1. Summer Rehearsals - Students are expected to attend all summer rehearsals. The policy of summer attendance is as follows: if you are in town, you are expected to be at rehearsal. Please realize that excessive summer absences and/or absence from band camp could jeopardize your membership in the band. Such excessive absences can have an adverse effect on the rest of the group.
2. A student who misses a rehearsal during the week of a performance, whether excused or for illness, may or may not be allowed to perform on that upcoming weekend's show(s). This rule is strictly to ensure the safety of all students on the field. The band director will make a decision on the day of the performance in these situations. The student will still be required to attend performance in full uniform if these situations occur.
3. Students who work are encouraged to provide their employer with a copy of the band schedule in order to avoid conflicts. Students will not be excused from any performance or rehearsal due to work. Additionally, please do your best to plan doctors appointments and other flexible events around your band schedule

4. Sports - Efforts will be made to accommodate sports participation. However, the same effort must be made to accommodate your band schedule. We will work with you and your coaches, but band can not always take a back seat to sports. We must work to find a happy medium.
5. Students are at NO TIME permitted to leave the school grounds once a rehearsal or report time has started. This includes days when there is a rehearsal followed by a lunch or dinner break before departure for a performance. Students must bring everything they need for the day at the start of rehearsal.

Financial Obligation

All members of the band will have a small financial obligation for the season. Each student will be asked to purchase a pair of marching shoes and gloves (approx \$35). If you have shoes from a previous season that still fit and are in good shape you may continue to use them. Additionally, each student will have a Band Camp fee (approx \$60). This fee will cover food cost during camp as well as this season's band shirt and uniform maintenance/cleaning. As shown, these numbers are estimates based on previous seasons. More accurate figures will be give shortly. Additionally, all students will have the opportunity to fundraise and add money to their student accounts to offset the cost of these fees.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

There are several items that will be required of each student:

Rehearsal Items: Sneakers, water, appropriate clothes (heat, cold, sun, rain, etc.)
metronome & tuner (instrumentalist), Binder and clear page sleeves, "dot book", all equipment required for your instrument.

Uniforms items: Marching shoes, marching/guard gloves, band shirt, black socks

PARENT SUPPORT and RESPONSIBILITIES

The Overbrook Music Boosters Association is a great way to get involved with your child's activity. Their purpose is to boost the overall band program through fundraising, logistical and other means of support so that our students can have the best experience possible in this activity. Please see a member of the executive board of the booster organization for more information about meetings and membership.

Additional Info

Additional information regarding band camp, competitions, fundraising and other aspects of the band season will follow as time dictates. Please continue to look for information to stay informed.

DIRECTOR INFO

Please feel free to contact me at any point during the season to discuss any concerns or questions you may have. I personally believe that communication between parents, students and the directors is crucial to the success of the program.

E-mail: jbauman@pinehillschools.org

Also, don't forget to visit my website for useful tools and information. You will also find a contact information form that must be completed by all members. Submission of this form is due by 6/24.

Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/pinehillschools.org/baumanmusic>

In addition, please register for remind.com updates. This has proven to be a valuable tool for communicating important and potentially urgent information. All band members and parents must sign up.

Remind.com: Sign-up by texting @f5ffbd to short code 81010.

CONFIRMATION OF STUDENT HANDBOOK

Please read through the contents of the handbook carefully. Questions regarding any of this material should be directed to Mr. bauman at jbauman@pinehillschools.org

If you agree to the contents and policies contained in the handbook, please sign the statement below.

STUDENT STATEMENT

I hereby certify that I, _____ have read and understand the contents of the band handbook. I recognize and fully understand the rules and regulations by which I may participate, and I am prepared to accept the consequences for any violation of them.

Student Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the contents of the band handbook. I recognize and fully understand the rules and regulations by which my child may participate, and I acknowledge that he/she will have to face the consequences of violating the contents of the handbook. I also acknowledge that marching band is a physical activity that occurs in all weather and assert that my child is in appropriate physical health to participate. Finally, I give my child permission to participate in all marching band activities for the 2015 – 2016 season including all travel.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

*This form must be returned to Mr. Bauman by
Wednesday, June 24.*