



Marching Motion Band
Jack Yates High School



Director of Bands: Carl LaJaunie Jr.
Assistant Band Director: Deonte Reese

Attendance: Your attendance during class, practice, and performances has a direct effect on your grade. Band is a participation/performance-based course. Attendance is mandatory to all rehearsals and performances unless otherwise noted.

Excused Absences Include:

- Extreme personal illness with Doctor's Note (or absence from school)
- Family Health emergencies verified by family
- Approved Academic conflicts
- Required Religious observances (with notice)
- Extra-Curricular School conflicts approved by director in advance.

Again, communication with the director is crucial when an absence is known. The director should know about any conflicts **at least TWO weeks prior** to the event in question. The best method of communication would be via e-mail or through phone contact, preferably by the parent or guardian of the student. **Absences that are excused will be subject to a make-up assignment.** Absences that are not excused will result in a demerit.

Note: Even if the director is informed about the conflict with ample time, it **does not** guarantee that the absence will be approved

Demerit System: If **two demerits** are received in one week, you will be **suspended and will be unable to perform for that week.** Demerits can be given for unexcused absences and behavioral issues. These may include the following: profane language, disrespect to band director, teacher, administrator, or section leader, etc. Being suspended from school or having failing grades will result in an **automatic suspension! NO PASS NO PLAY!**

Grading Policy: The student's grade will be based on Daily Participation Points, Performances, Tests, and Quizzes. Daily Participation Points: Student will receive 5 points per day for rehearsals and 5 points a day for class. If student is prepared, on time, participates, and follows classroom rules and school policies, and attends rehearsal, the student will receive all 5 points.

Performances: All performances are mandatory. The director will provide the students with performance dates with ample time to adjust the schedule. Performance attendance will be a

heavily graded aspect of the class. Unlike a written test, performances cannot be made up or reproduced. Additionally, the band is a group activity where students must rehearse and perform in a collaborative fashion.

Tests and Quizzes: These will be either performance-based or written and will take place during the class period. Students will be given prior notice to prepare before any test or quiz.

Performance Guidelines:

- Be early for report times. To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late.
- Come prepared physically and mentally
- Have equipment and/or materials ready to go before report time.
- No jewelry will be worn with marching band uniform.
- Before performances, there will be a brief uniform inspection.

Failure to follow performance guidelines will result in a lower performance grade.

Uniform Bags: Uniform bags are to be used only for band trips. Students will use a label furnished by the school for identification. Students will not use wire hangers. Other garments may be carried in the bag provided if they are on a hanger with a smooth or curved end to prevent bag punctures. Students will clean the bag before returning.

Plumes/Gloves: Plumes and gloves will be issued by the director. Students will have to keep care of the plume and gloves and will have to pay for a replacement if they lose theirs.

Uniform Shirts: Students will wear the band shirt during marching season. Students are required to wash after each use.

Uniform Hat Containers: Students will use hat containers for band trips only. There will be a label furnished by the school for identification. Students will clean the hat container before returning.

Bow Ties/Ties: Director will issue bow ties or ties during concert season. Students will turn in ties after each use.

Marching Band Travel Suit: Students will wash their travel suit after each use. The travel suit is not to be worn during normal school hours unless given permission by the director for an upcoming event on the same day.

Socks and Shoes: Students will wear white shoes with white socks for marching band. Band boots will need to be purchased. Students need to keep shoes clean and intact. Black shoes and black socks will be worn for concert season.

Inspection: There will be an inspection before each performance. Failure to comply with the rules will result in the student not being able to perform.

Fees: Each band student will be required to pay a fee of **\$150**. This will be to cover band uniform rental, band shirts, shorts, travel suits, partial travel, and any other miscellaneous fees.

Fundraising: In order to participate in band fundraising, parental permission and parental recognition of financial liability are necessary. Your child will be required to sign another form verifying merchandise checked out. Parents should understand the following guidelines concerning fundraisers: All money earned from fundraisers will be held in the band account for band related expenses. All money and merchandise are due on the specific date of a fundraiser. No profit will be credited to a student's account until all money is turned in. Any merchandise not returned will be entered as an unpaid balance in your student's individual account.

My child has permission to participate in fundraising for the band.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Known allergies or other vital information:

Please attach a copy of the insurance information or insurance card.

I will not hold Houston Independent School District, the school, band staff, or sponsor(s) responsible for injury/illness occurring with my child.

Parent/Guarding Signature: _____ Date: _____

Other general information:

- All students must have a physical done, either by their own doctor or by the school doctor. Physicals done by school doctor will cost \$25. Dates that the doctor comes will be given out as the doctor reports to the school.
- Students must be added into the Band App. The app is available to all iOS and Android users. Please see Mr. LaJaunie for information on how to get into the band app.
- Parents will be given a code for RemindMe. This is how I will communicate with parents regarding any information for events, practices, performances, etc.
- All parents are welcome to join the Band Booster Club.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the package. I am looking forward to having a great year and rebuilding this band program to what it should be! Thank you for letting your child participate in the band program. He/she will have many great opportunities because of their involvement in band!

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