

Band Handbook

Supplies For Gore High School Band

- Pencil and/or pen
- Folder to keep music in.

Class Summary

Students will be engaging in a more in depth understanding of music by practicing good musical habits, playing appropriate repertoire and furthering their musical experience.

Student Expectations/Rules

1. Students will be expected to come to class on time and be prepared for rehearsal.
2. Have **ALL** necessary materials for class (Music, Instrument, etc.)
3. Instrument should be in proper working order. (oiling/greasing of valves should be done on own time such as at home.)
 - a. Mechanical issues do happen at times. Being able to address the situation without disrupting class time is crucial.
 - b. If music is missing, or instrument does not work and you are unable to address the situation on your own, please let me know.
 - c. During Marching Season, black marching shoes and black long socks (crew socks) are required for Friday night games. You will not march if you do not have black socks.
4. Rehearsal is not practice time. Though we may stop to work on sections, majority of the “practicing” should be done on own time at home or wherever you normally practice. BE PREPARED.
5. CELL PHONES are not to be used EVER in band. UNLESS I state otherwise. If cell phones are used, a cell phone caddy will be made present and phones will be placed in an assigned numbered slot.
6. Bathroom use should be kept to a minimum. Luckily bathrooms are located in the room, but misuse or abuse of the bathrooms will result in use of the bathrooms being lost and bathroom will be used before making it to the classroom or after class. (Unless and emergency happens)

7. Comments towards other students in a negative fashion are not allowed. Constructive criticism done in an encouraging and productive way will be utilized at times. This is used to see if students are paying attention and listening to those around them and what they are playing.

Grades

Grading will be done by the following:

1. Attendance.
 - a. Football/Basketball/Rehearsals/etc., Games, Concerts, Marching/Concert Assessments.
2. Pass - Offs
 - a. Pass offs are where music is played for the director by an individual student. Marching music is memorized, concert music is not, and the grade is based on accuracy of played music.
 - b. Pass offs can be retaken within a week of the original due date.
3. Grade Points.
 - a. Attendances are based on if student shows and participates. 100pts.
 - b. Pass - Offs are based on accuracy of music played. 100pts.

Attendance Policy

The success of our band program is in direct relationship to students' attendance and effort during rehearsals. As a member, students are expected to:

1. Place attendance of band performances as a great importance and requirement.
 - a. Unless a situation arises and meets the criteria below under "Emergency"
2. Show a sense of responsibility by informing your parents/job of performance dates.
3. Show a sense of responsibility by informing the director of potential conflicts well in advance.

Attendance Credit Breakdown

Performance attendance with proper uniform, materials and preparation = Full Credit

Excused absence From Performance

1. requires a written note from a doctor or parent/guardian.
2. Notice of absence should be given no less than a week prior to the performance if possible.
3. Unexcused absence from performance = Complete written assignment.
4. Check Emergencies/Excused Absence List below.

Extra Rehearsals:

There are various rehearsals and performances outside of the regular school day.

During the marching season, the band rehearses from 4pm to 6pm every Tuesday and Thursday once school begins. Attendance at these events is mandatory with a few exceptions (school event or emergency).

Emergencies and Excused Absences.

Emergencies happen. How they are handled are what's important. If an emergency happens the day of an event, please notify me with the situation and what may happen attendance wise for you. **Emergencies and Absences** that are excused are:

1. Illness (Sudden or has been sick the previous day and still is.)
2. Hospitalization of yourself or ***IMMEDIATE*** family member. (Especially parent or guardian).
3. Death in the immediate family. (Unless your family is needed out of town then this applies to only immediate family.)
4. This is not an emergency but is an excused absence: A School based Function/Trip/Event.

Conclusion

This handbook is designed to ensure that all members of the Gore Band program understand the rules and expectations they will be held accountable for. It is imperative that each student commits to the program so we can work together to achieve our goals and reach a high standard of excellence.

There is an Agreement Form after reading through the entire handbook, please fill out this agreement form and return it to Mr. Smith.

Gore Band Handbook and Expectations/Rules Form

I, _____ (student name), have read the entire Gore Band Handbook.

I understand and agree to adhere to all of the rules and expectations stated in the handbook.

Furthermore, I understand that failure to do so will lead to consequences as listed in the handbook.

I commit to being a hard-working, productive member of the Gore Band program and will maintain a positive attitude and help the program achieve a high standard of excellence.

Student Name (Printed) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) _____

Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Medical Needs: Please describe, in detail, any medical needs and preventions that can be made.
