

The Highland High School Band Handbook 2009-2010



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2009-2010 High School Band Calendar

Marching Band

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- 3-Aug 9-noon Marching Percussion Rehearsal
- 1-4pm Squad Leader Training
- 4-Aug 9-noon Marching Percussion Rehearsal
- 1-4pm Squad Leader Training
- Aug 5th-7th 9am-3pm Marching 2 a day Rehearsals
- Aug 10th-14th 9am-3pm Marching 2 a day Rehearsals
- Aug 17th-18th 9am-3pm Marching 2 a day Rehearsals
- 18-Aug 7pm Cuyahoga Falls Band Show
- 20-Aug 6-8pm Our First Thursday Night Rehearsal
- *During Marching Season we will rehearse on Thursday evenings 6-8pm*
- 25-Aug 2:45-4:45 Our First After School Rehearsal
- *During Marching Season we will rehearse on Tuesdays after school 2:45-4:45*
- 28-Aug 7:30pm Football Game Away vs. Rocky River
- 4-Sep 7:30pm Football Game Away vs. Buckeye
- 11-Sep 7:30pm Football Game Away vs. North Royalton
- 18-Sep 7:00pm Football Game Home vs. Tallmadge - 8th grade night
- 19-Sep 7:00pm Medina Band Show
- 25-Sep 7:00pm Football Game Away vs. Revere
- 26-Sep 9am-1pm Tag Day
- 2-Oct 7:00pm Homecoming Game vs. Green - Alumni Band
- 9-Oct 7:00pm Football Game Away vs. Barberton
- 16-Oct 7:00pm Football Game Home vs. Wadsworth - Senior Night
- Post Game Glow in the Dark Show!
- 23-Oct 7:00pm Football Game Away vs. Copley
- 27-Oct 7:00pm Thank You Band Concert - HS Auditorium
- 30-Oct 7:00pm Football Game Home vs. Cloverleaf
- *Playoff games may be scheduled on Fridays or Saturdays*

Concert Band

- 15-Dec 7:00pm HS Band and Orchestra Concert - HS Auditorium
- 4-Feb 6-8pm HS Band Rehearsal
- 13-Feb TBA HS Solo and Ensemble OMEA Adjudicated Events
- 18-Feb 6-8pm All Star Band Concert - HS Auditorium
- 22-Feb 6-8pm HS Band Rehearsal
- 25-Feb 7:00pm HS Band Pre Contest Concert - HS Auditorium
- 3-Mar TBA HS Band Contest at Revere HS Auditorium
- 20-Apr 7:00pm District Ensemble Concert
- 21-Apr 7:00pm District Jazz Concert
- 23-Apr TBA OMEA State Contest
- April 28-May 1 tentative Band Trip to Williamsburg Virginia
- 11-May 7:00pm Wind Ensemble and 8th Grade Band Concert
- 13-May 7:00pm Concert, Symphonic and Orchestra Concert
- 28-May 6:00pm Band Banquet
- 31-May 9:00am Memorial Day Parades
- 3-Jun Last Day of School for Students
- 6-Jun 7:00pm Wind Ensemble plays at Graduation

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I. Classroom Expectations/ Consequences

As a member of the “Pride of Highland” Instrumental Music Program you will be expected to observe the following rules:

1. Students will respect others, and the environment they are in.
2. Students will be prepared for every rehearsal with music, instrument, and pencil.
3. Students will be seated and ready to begin rehearsals on time.
4. Students will give the director their complete, undivided attention while he is on the podium.

The success of the “Pride of Highland” is only possible through the discipline and cooperation of all members. A disruption of any kind by one or more students in a rehearsal or performance hinders our chance of success and will not be tolerated. Failure to adhere to classroom expectations will be handled in one or more of the following ways:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Demerit(s)/ Consequence
3. Student Sent to Office (refer to Highland Student Handbook for further consequences)
4. During Marching Season 3rd quarter privileges will be taken away in addition to the above consequences.

II. Attendance Policy

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory as a member of the “Pride of Highland.” We do realize there are circumstances in life that prevent us from meeting all of our obligations. The following policies are established to develop responsibility in students and insure a consistent approach from all members of the Instrumental Music Program.

A. Missed Rehearsal/ Performance Procedure

1. Request to Be Absent Form filled out by a student and signed by parent/guardian must be submitted in every instance.
2. Performance Absence Request – **must be submitted at least two weeks in advance of date of absence**
3. Rehearsal Absence Request – **must be submitted at least one week in advance of date of absence**

Absences are considered excused for the following reasons

1. Personal Illness – note from doctor or parent/guardian required upon return to school
2. Death in Family – note from parent/guardian at earliest convenience
3. Vacation – Please follow appropriate procedure indicated above

4. Miscellaneous Reasons – upon approval of director, according to above procedure

***Students are graded for every performance. If a student misses a performance he or she may not receive a grade for that specific performance. (If a student misses an English test he or she does not receive a grade until the test is made up.) Any student who has an **EXCUSED** absence from a performance may earn a grade for that performance in the following manner:

- a two page, double-spaced, typed report on a director assigned topic
- the report must contain two bibliographical references, only one may come from the internet
- it is the responsibility of the student to ask the director for the assigned topic before the planned absence

The report is an opportunity to make up missed work. If the assignment is not made up, or is late, the absence will become to be considered unexcused.

THE REPORT IS NOT AN OPTION FOR AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE.

B. Unexcused Absences – an absence is considered unexcused for the following reasons:

1. Any excuse not listed above
2. Employment – A student’s first obligation is to his or her school work. Employers should be notified well in advance of any school conflict.
3. Any excused absence where the student has not given the required advance notification.

C. Unexcused Absence Penalties

Grade penalties are made to secure the integrity of the “Pride of Highland.” A student who misses a rehearsal or performance is not only missing class work, but also negatively affecting the progress of the entire ensemble. Much of the fun and satisfaction we acquire from music is through achieving success as a group. Missing players from our “team” of musicians prevents us from achieving success, and having fun.

The following consequences are in effect:

1. Unexcused rehearsal – drop of ½ letter grade for each rehearsal
2. Unexcused performance – drop of 1 full letter grade from final quarter grade.
3. Four unexcused tardies are the equivalent of one unexcused rehearsal

III. Marching Band

The following expectations and consequences are in effect during all marching band activities.

- A. No student may leave the stands without permission from the director
- B. Drug, tobacco, and alcohol use is prohibited at all School Functions. Violators will be punished according to School Policy, and risk suspension/expulsion from school.
- C. Insubordination and Disrespect to any Parent or Director will not be tolerated. Violators will be punished according to School Policy.
- D. Buses
 - 1. Students will sign up for buses during Band Camp. Bus assignments last for the entire Marching Band Season.
 - 2. All school rules are in effect on bus trips.
 - 3. Attendance will be taken each time students board buses.
 - 4. Students will ride the same bus at all times.
 - 5. Uniform jackets and pants are to remain on during bus trips unless instructed otherwise by a director.
 - 6. A student may leave an event with his or her parent/guardian only. A note must be received by a director before the student may leave.
Parents cannot give permission for anyone to take their child home besides themselves.
 - 7. During bus rides students will follow all instructions from Directors, Bus Drivers, and Chaperones.
- E. In the Stands
 - 1. All students must sit with their section. Moving between sections is not permitted.
 - 2. Uniforms must stay on during the entire game. Gloves and hats will remain on until a director states otherwise.
 - 3. Only members of the "Pride of Highland" Marching Band are permitted in the stands.
 - 4. Students should be ready to play all pep songs. We succeed through 100% cooperation.
 - 5. Students will be dismissed after halftime for restroom breaks, refreshments, and visiting with the other band. Students are **not** permitted to go into the main stands. At away games students are expected to travel in groups of two or more.
 - 6. Students will return to their seats at the end of the 3rd Quarter. Anyone not in their appropriate seat with their instrument when the clock is at 0:00 will lose future 3rd Quarter Privileges.
- F. Alternates
 - 1. Definition – A person who is in uniform and participates in all game activities except the Half Time Show. If someone misses a

performance it is the responsibility of the alternate to fill that persons spot.

2. Reasons for being made an alternate
 - a. Unable to perform to “show quality”
 - b. Missed rehearsal(s) due to excused absence in which the student cannot perform the show to “performance” expectations.
 - c. Unexcused rehearsal absence
3. During the Half Time Show any alternates not on the field will stand at attention on the sideline facing the field.

IV. Grading

The following grading policy has been devised to evaluate students on their progress as musicians, and their contribution to the success of the “Pride of Highland” Bands.

- A. Effort – 25%
 - Being prepared
 - Appropriate materials in class (Instrument, Music, Pencil, Flip Folder, Drill Charts, etc...)
 - Taking instrument home to practice
- B. Performance – 25%
 - Punctuality to performance
 - Cooperation during performance
 - Appropriate Dress
 - Make Up Work for Excused Absences
- C. Playing Tests – 50%
 - Concert Band Auditions
 - Scales
 - Band Music
 - Assignments

V. Required Materials for Class

A. Percussion

Once Percussionists have reached the seventh grade percussion parts become more complex. The parts require percussionists to use many more instruments and will require different sticks and mallets. As an advanced percussionist you will need to have:

- 1 pair of concert Snare Drum Sticks
- 1 pair of Medium Timpani Mallets
- 1 Pair of Medium Xylophone Mallets
- 1 Pair of Medium Marimba/Suspended Cymbal Mallets (Yarn)

1 Stick bag to keep these items from being lost or damaged
1 Name tag for your stick bag

Marching Percussionists need to have:

1 pair of Marching SD Sticks and a Quiver
or
1 pair of Marching BD Mallets
or
1 pair of Quad Mallets

Once you have purchased these items please label them with a permanent marker so that your sticks cannot be confused with another student's. Here is a website you may want to investigate (steveweissmusic.com). They have put together the Liberty I basic stick pack. It has everything you need and is very reasonably priced. Many music stores have similar packs that they sell.

B. Reed Players
4 playable reeds
Reed case
Appropriate swab
Cork Grease
Name Tag on your Instrument Case

C. Brass Players
Oil (Valve, Rotor or Slide Oil)
All slides in working condition
Mutes as required by the music
Name Tag on your Instrument Case

D. All Students
Instrument
Music
Band Folder
Pencil
Pad Lock
Metronome & Tuner

E. Marching Band Students
Flip Folder with 8 pages
Appropriate Lyre

VI. Cell Phones

- A. The School Rule: The use of cell phones, electronic media devices, personal digital assistants, or any other electronic communications device is prohibited during the school day. The school assumes no liability for theft, loss, or damage to personal property electronic devices. Any object or device, electronic or otherwise, that disrupts a class, meeting, assembly, etc., may be taken away and placed in the High School Office.
- B. This and all school rules will be enforced during:
 - 1. The regular school day – 7:30-2:30
 - 2. All Band Rehearsals - including after school
 - 3. At performances – including Football Games, Band Shows, Concerts

Name _____ Total _____ Award _____

Award System:

Members of the "Pride of Highland" Bands can earn points toward achievement awards presented at the Band Banquet. These awards acknowledge students who have taken a special interest and involvement in their musical activities.

<u>Award</u>	<u>Total Points Required</u>
Instrumental Music Pin	30
Instrumental Music Letter	60
Certificate of Achievement	110
Achievement Award Plaque	165
Outstanding Band Member Trophy	225

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. 4 year Concert and Marching Band Member	10 _____
2. Marching Band Member	10 _____
3. Concert Band Member	10 _____
4. Jazz Ensemble Member	8 _____
5. OMEA All State Band Member	8 _____
6. Taking Private Lessons on your band instrument (15 or more) Teacher: _____	8 _____
7. Pep Band	6 _____
8. District Large Group Adjudicated Event	6 _____
9. OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event: Solo	6 _____
10. Teaching Private Lessons (15 or more) List students on back	6 _____
11. Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony or Orchestra	6 _____
12. Medina Community Band Member	6 _____
13. OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event: Ensemble	3 _____
14. Musical Pit Orchestra	3 _____
15. Taking Private Lessons on a non-band instrument (piano, guitar)	3 _____
16. Marching Squad Leader	3 _____
17. First Chair in Concert or Jazz Band	3 _____
18. Summer Music Clinic Participant (include program)	2 _____
19. Honors Band Member (include program)	2 _____
20. Festival of Music	2 _____
21. Band Council Member	2 _____
22. Perfect Attendance at Band Booster Meetings	2 _____
23. Parents Perfect Attendance at Band Booster Meetings	2 _____
24. Marcher of the Week	2 _____
25. Squad of the Week	1 _____
26. Instrumental Performance Outside of School	1 _____
27. Attend a live Instrumental Music Concert (excluding rock concerts 1 and include programs)	1 _____

2008-2009 High School Instrumental Music Contract

I have read and thoroughly understand the contents of this handbook. I also acknowledge that I am responsible for all information contained within.

Student signature

date

I have read and understand the contents of this handbook.

Parent/Guardian signature

date

This contract must be signed and returned by:

Marching Band Students August 14

Concert Band Students August 28