

Central Hardin High School Band



Hand Book

Central Hardin High School Band Handbook 2014-2015

This handbook is designed to help you better understand all aspects of the band program at Central Hardin High School.

Please read through all of the information carefully.

If you do not understand the information in the handbook, please contact the Band Director or any of the Executive Board Committee Officers who would be able to answer or clarify any questions or concerns that you have.

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*****NOTE*****

The Parent/Student Acknowledgment Form and medical Form MUST be completed and signed before any student will be allowed to participate in the marching program.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CENTRAL HARDIN BAND ENSEMBLES:

The Central Hardin High School Band Program offers several performance opportunities of the students of Central Hardin High School. Each ensemble is voluntary and meets at various times either during school as a class or after school. Participation in each ensemble is separate and not mandatory for participation in other ensembles. Below is an overview of each ensemble offered at CHHS.

MARCHING BAND begins in the summer and concludes at the end of October/early November depending on State and National Competition dates. Rehearsals for all groups are mandatory and held consistently after school and are scheduled well in advance so that all members can avoid unnecessary conflicts. The marching band performs at various competitions throughout the state on Saturdays in September and October, and they perform at ALL home football games on Friday nights. **Attendance at contests, football games, and competitions is mandatory.** Expenses for marching band are required and are non-refundable.

CONCERT BAND is a year-round ensemble for all entering freshman woodwind and brass students at CHHS. Rehearsals are a part of the regular school day, and students must be scheduled in class in order to be a part of the group and participate in KMEA solo and ensemble and All-District/All-State festivals and auditions. After school rehearsals are required on occasion and attendance is mandatory. Concerts are mandatory and are held once or twice a semester. Students in Concert Band class can earn A&H credit. Female students must wear all black for concerts. Male members will be required to purchase a white tux shirt and black bow tie for performances and can rent a tuxedo from the boosters for a small fee based on the inventory and available tuxedos. Male students will be fitted for tuxedos in class.

SYMPHONIC BAND is a year-round ensemble for all woodwind and brass students in grade 10-12. Rehearsals are a part of the regular school day, and students must be scheduled in class in order to be a part of the group and participate in KMEA solo and ensemble and All-District/All-State festivals and auditions. After school rehearsals are required on occasion and attendance is mandatory. Concerts are mandatory and are held once or twice a semester. Students in Symphonic Band class can earn A&H credit. Female students must wear all black for concerts. Male members will be required to purchase a white tux shirt and black bow tie for performances and can rent a tuxedo from the boosters for a small fee based on the inventory and available tuxedos. Male students will be fitted for tuxedos in class.

WIND ENSEMBLE is a year-round ensemble. This is the PREMIER instrumental ensemble at CHHS. Students for this ensemble are selected by the band director based on prior performance ability, lessons, and auditions. Rehearsals are a part of the regular school day, and students must be scheduled in class in order to be a part of the group and participate in KMEA solo and ensemble and All-District/All-State festivals and auditions. After school rehearsals are required on occasion and attendance is mandatory. Concerts are also mandatory and are held two or three times per semester. There is a required dress for all female members that must be purchased for all concerts. Male members will be required to purchase a white tux shirt and black bow tie for performances and can rent a tuxedo from the CHHS Band Boosters for a small fee based on availability of sizes in the inventory. Students in this ensemble can earn Arts and Humanities credit.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE: is a year-round ensemble. Rehearsals are a part of the regular school day, and students must be scheduled in class in order to be a part of the group and participate in KMEA solo and ensemble and All-District/All-State festivals and auditions. After school rehearsals are required on occasion and attendance is mandatory. Concerts are mandatory and are held two or three times per semester. Students in percussion class can earn A&H credit. Female students must wear all black for concerts. Female students must wear all black for concerts. Male members will be required to purchase a white tux shirt and black bow tie for performances and can rent a tuxedo from the CHHS Band Boosters for a small fee based on availability of sizes in the inventory.

Information for all Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Percussion Classes -

- ❑ Students must have a good quality instrument (often times the middle school instrument is fine, but if you have questions – ask the band director)
 - Some instruments may not be acceptable if they are in poor repair or are inappropriate
- ❑ **Woodwind players** must use good quality, real cane reeds. Plastic reeds are not acceptable for class. WW players should also have at least 3 good reeds at all times.
- ❑ **Brass players** may need to purchase mutes depending on the music being performed (the band owns a limited number of mutes)
- ❑ **Percussion students** must own a pair of all wood drum sticks (Vic Firth SD-1 or Innovative Percussion CL-1), approved mallets, and an approved practice pad (i.e. Real Feel HQ).

PEP BAND plays at select home basketball games (boys and girls) and tournament games at the end of the season. The band may travel for tournaments depending on the success of the basketball teams. Once members have signed up to participate, attendance is required at all scheduled games. Missed games or repeated tardies will result in removal from the ensemble. Tournament games have limited seating for pep band; the pep band numbers for tournaments will be smaller and will be selected by attendance, tardies, seniority, instrumentation needs, and behavior. The CHHS band shirt is required to be worn for all games.

JAZZ BAND begins after marching season ends. **Students will be selected by audition.** Rehearsals are scheduled after school once or twice a week from. Attendance is mandatory. This ensemble performs concerts around Hardin County, a yearly concert in early May, and at university jazz festivals. A dress code (uniform for performances) is chosen each year by the jazz band director.

WINTER PERCUSSION begins after marching season ends . **Students will be placed on parts by audition.** Rehearsals will be after school and attendance is mandatory. There are expenses to participate which cover items and fees for competition. Any expenses paid are non-refundable. Attendance at all rehearsals and competitions is mandatory. Failure to attend rehearsals or competitions can result in removal from the group.

WINTER GUARD will be held after school through the winter months and will consist of a winter camp for color guard to strengthen skills. **Students will be selected by audition.** There are expenses to participate which cover items and fees for competition. Any expenses paid are non-refundable. Attendance at all rehearsals and competitions is mandatory. Failure to attend rehearsals or competitions can result in removal from the group.

ATTENDANCE

EVERY STUDENT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. Unlike other teams, we cannot afford to have someone “sit out.” When someone is missing from the marching form, concert, competition, or any other performance it can cost the entire band valuable points at competitions and makes it very difficult to perform a show. When someone misses, they let down the entire band! We count on you!

In order to maintain a successful program, **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY** at all rehearsals, events and performances. Students must be at rehearsal **ON TIME** as well.

All conflicts to rehearsals and performances must be *submitted in writing 2 weeks prior to the event.*

The following rules are non-negotiable:

1. If a student misses a rehearsal prior to a performance for an un-excused reason, that student **WILL NOT PERFORM in the next performance.** They will, however, be expected to attend the performance and participate in all other capacities. They will stand on the sideline at attention during the performance. (Refer to rule #5)

2. If a student has **one un-excused** absence, that student must make up the time and will be assigned “make up” work by the directors.

3. After the second un-excused absence, the student and parent will meet with the directors and appropriate disciplinary action will occur which can include removal from the band performance or show.

4. Students who are late without an excused absence will be required to make up the time. **Students who are consistently tardy will be subject to removal from the performance or show.**

5. If a student misses a **performance** without an excused absence, **THE STUDENT WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE ENSEMBLE.**

Half of life is showing up.

Success does not come from luck, but from diligence, repetition, and hard work.

Hard work shows the character of a person:
some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't
turn up at all – Sam Ewing

A few examples of: *EXCUSED ABSENCES*

PERSONAL ILLNESS – A phone call AND a note from the parent is required. A doctor's note is required after the third consecutive absence.

DEATH IN THE FAMILY or SUDDEN ILLNESS – Please send a note and call.

SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES – Arrangements must be discussed with the director and the sponsor of the other activity.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

WORK

PERSONAL MATTERS – (i.e. doctor's / dentist's appointments not relating to illness or emergency, social issues, dates, etc...)

CONCERTS (ex: attending a rock concert)

SPORTING EVENTS

PERSONAL OR FAMILY TRAVEL (especially for contests!)

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

The list of examples above does not include every situation. The director is ultimately responsible for determining if an absence is excused or unexcused.

If a conflict arises, please inform the band director as soon as possible. The sooner the director is aware of a situation, the more likely a problem can be solved. Please write down the situation on paper and turn in to the director.

Don't wait until the last minute or your request will probably be turned down. When in doubt, ask!

YEARLY AWARDS FOR BAND

Bars will be given for every successful completion of one year in marching band. A “band” emblem will be awarded for successful completion of a year in concert/symphonic/wind ensemble/percussion ensemble.

Successful completion of the band year is defined by:

- **A passing grade for the year in Band Class**
or
- **Successful participation in Marching Band (appropriate attendance and attending ALL performances/competitions)**

Additional Recognition will be given for successful completion of the following ensembles and events:

- **Pep Band Games**
- **Jazz Band**
- **Winter Percussion**
- **Winter Guard**
- **Solo and Ensemble**
- **All-District Band**
- **All-State Band**
- **Honor Bands**

Level 10 Awards

An award is given to each student who successfully reaches Level 10 before graduating from Central Hardin High School. This is the highest level of achievement award given to band students at Central Hardin High School

BAND RULES

1. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times! Professionalism and responsibility is required from every student! (School policies apply, and dismissal from the ensemble can occur if rules are broken.) Inappropriate language will not be tolerated by **anyone** associated with the band.

2. Take care of your things! Each student is responsible for his/her own music and equipment. Any repairs and/or problems with music or equipment must be taken care of before rehearsal.

3. No food, drinks, or gum will be allowed in the band room. PERIOD! This is your room – take care of it. Our room should show our professionalism.

4. No public displays of affections/inappropriate behavior.

5. Students will sit together and support everyone at performances, contests and football games. Band members will sit in appropriate sections without moving throughout football games. While at competitions, always support ALL other bands.

DRESS CODE Marching Band

All students wearing band uniforms must wear under the uniform:

- **BLACK SOCKS**
- **WHITE T-SHIRT** with sleeves
- **SHORTS**

- Long hair will be pinned up and secured under the uniform hat.
- Summer "SHOW" shirts will be worn to all contests and most football games. **Khaki shorts are required for the summer uniform.**

Students will remain in full uniform at each contest until otherwise instructed by the band director. **DO NOT WALK AROUND IN HALF UNIFORM!!!**

Color Guard will have specific uniform requirements and must follow all requirements precisely, particularly in regards to undergarments.

BAND CAMP and EARLY WEEK

Percussion Camp will be held June 9 – 13, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Guard Camp will be held June 21 – 25, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Band camp will be held from July 14 – July 18 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

AND July 21 – August 1, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

What to WEAR:

- TENNIS SHOES – REQUIRED (NO other shoes are permitted)
- SOCKS – REQUIRED (you will get blisters if you do not protect your ankles. Sitting out for blisters that were preventable will be considered an UN-EXCUSED ABSENCE!)
- Comfortable summer clothing (Dress smart and appropriately)
- Wear a cap or hat (this will protect you from the sun and keep you cool)
- SUN BLOCK !(min. of SPF 30) - (YOU WILL BURN IF YOU DO NOT PROTECT YOURSELF. Sitting out because of sunburn will be considered an UN-EXCUSED ABSENCE if it has occurred because you did not protect yourself.)

What to Bring:

- WATER! Each student should bring a smaller Coleman-type cooler with ice-water for each day.
- SUN BLOCK! – very important – (bring extra) see above
- Music, Instrument, Pencil

All students should eat a good breakfast before coming to camp, you WILL need the energy. Everyone will be working hard and it is difficult to do so on an empty stomach.

- **DO NOT DRINK MILK and other foods that may sour on your stomach.**
- The school will provide a FREE lunch for the students. However students may bring their own food or walk to McDonald's to get food.
- Do not bring any type of carbonated drinks on the field. Water or sports drinks like Gatorade are best for this type of activity.

*******NOTE*******

Students will NOT be allowed to leave campus during band camp, except they will be allowed to walk to the McDonald's nearest CHHS. NO DRIVING WILL BE PERMITTED.

MEDICAL FORMS

A completed medical form and physical is required for each student. These forms will be in the possession of the Band Director or head chaperone at **all** times. These forms **must** be completed by the student and a physician and must be submitted before band camp. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED. THIS IS A SCHOOL AND BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY!!**

FIRST AID

Unfortunately accidents do occur. A first aid kit is always available. We also try to have someone with medical experience travel with the band. Emergency medical forms must be turned in for every student traveling with the band.

The Band Directors are certified in First Aid Training and will assist with any first aid needs should the need arise. By submitting the emergency medical form, you provide critical information should it be needed by medical professionals in the case you are not able to be contacted.

EXPENSES* FOR MARCHING BAND MEMBERS

It is very costly to run a successful competitive band program. The booster organization does a fantastic job of fundraising to help provide services that the band requires on a regular basis. Sometimes, however, it is impossible to raise all of the money needed, so each student asked to reimburse the boosters a portion of the cost for the individual student incurred throughout the season. Some of these expenses include props for show, transportation, music, drill arrangements, recordings, guard equipment and uniforms, percussion equipment, food and beverages for contest days...

The following is the reimbursable expenses for the 2012 marching season:

\$400

This can be paid in installments.

- \$100 Deposit: Due April 28 with Intent Form
- Payment 1 - \$75 June 9* (first day of summer break)
- Payment 2 - \$75 July 14 (first day of camp)
 - Payment 1 and 2 take care of band camps
- Payment 3 - \$75 August 14
- Payment 4 - \$75 September 15
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If you need a different payment plan, please speak to Booster President.

We can work out a different plan that works for you

*Money should never be a determining factor in anyone participating. We want to make sure that everyone who wants to participate can do so. There are some options, if needed, for paying the band expenses; **Different payment plans are available to those who are interested. Please see the director or booster president for any money issues.**

Payments may be placed in the black box in the band room or mailed to:
CHHS Band Boosters
P.O. Box 447
Elizabethtown, KY 42702

If you have questions about your band account, expenses, or finances, you can talk with the band director and/or the Band Treasurer (treasurer@centralhardinband.org)

Expenses, Continued...

****NOTE****

All paid expenses are NON-REFUNDABLE

EXPENSES FOR COLOR GUARD and PERCUSSION MEMBERS

Additional expenses may be required for certain color guard equipment and percussion equipment for personal use and practice (such as color guard undergarments). Details will be given when the marching band and winter show designs are completed.

TRIPS

TRANSPORTATION

School buses transport students to contests, concerts, parades, etc.... Students are assigned to buses and a student list for each bus is in the band room for general information.

Students will ride the bus to and from each contest. It is asked that all students return home with the band unless there are extenuating circumstances*. There is so that all equipment can be properly loaded and unloaded and put away properly. When a student does not return with the band, his or her equipment must be loaded/unloaded by someone else. This creates the possibility for lost/misplaced/damaged equipment.

*If there are extenuating circumstances, please print the transportation form found on the website and return to the band director before the event/trip in question. Exceptions for medical and family emergencies will be made. The parent is then responsible for getting in touch with the head chaperone to let him/her know that their child will be riding home with them.

No student will be allowed to drive to any competition.

Each student will conform to the code of conduct set forth by the State Board of Education, Hardin County School Board and the bus driver.

We encourage all guests to attend band related functions. Only band members, teachers, and parents (depending on room) are allowed to ride the buses. No boyfriends/girlfriends are allowed that are not in band are allowed to ride the bus.

CHAPERONES

WE NEED YOU! Parents serve as chaperones on band trips. There is to be one chaperone for every 10 students. Chaperones assist the band director with attendance and schedules for the duration of the trip. Chaperones should ensure that rules are followed and that every student conducts himself/herself in a manner that promotes a positive image. Chaperones are not responsible for administering discipline. ANY discipline that may be needed is the sole responsibility of the directors.

Chaperones should behave with professionalism at all times with appropriate language and attitudes. Always be positive and supportive

CONTEST SEATING

Cheering parents, friends, alumni, classmates, etc...are encouraged to sit together as a group to cheer for the band during the performance. The cheering crowd often has a positive effect on the judges as well as our own Marching Band Members.

CONTEST PARKING

Parents and spectators are NOT permitted to park with the school busses and equipment truck while at competitions. Separate parking for spectators will be provided at each competition. Please follow the signs and instructions of the hosts of each contest at which we participate.

CONTEST ETIQUETTE

Parents, Spectators, and fans of the CHHS Band should show support for ALL bands at the competitions. BOOING, JEERING, and RUDE COMMENTS are considered inappropriate and reflect poorly on our students, school, and staff. Please remain positive of all bands that perform.

GENERAL BAND ETIQUETTE

Please remain positive at all times when around the students and on school property. Cursing around or at students is inappropriate. For the well being of our students, please refrain from smoking in the general vicinity of our students, especially around the rehearsal areas, school busses, and equipment vehicles.

BOOSTER ORGANIZATION

WE NEED YOU!!!!!!!

The band booster organization is a non-profit, tax-exempt group whose membership is composed of all parents/guardians of students in the band program. The boosters' goals are to promote interest, goodwill, financial support, support of the program, and are required to be the **CHEERING SECTION** for the band and school to show their **BRUIN PRIDE**.

The group operates on a budget developed by the officers, board of directors, band directors, and approved by the general membership. Upon request, the budget will be made available for review.

Booster meetings are usually held on the 2nd Thursday of every month, unless otherwise publicize

The following is a list of some of the things the booster organization provides for the band:

- The show for marching season, i.e. music, drill, drill writer
- Assists in purchasing band instruments: tubas, percussion equipment
- Assists in purchasing new band and guard uniforms
- Band camp expenses (above the amount collected from students)
- Scholarship funds
- Office expenses (postage, stationary, etc..)
- Percussion, Guard, and band camp Instructors
- Field Commander's Camp
- Guard Equipment and uniforms

- Equipment and food for concession stands (football games, the Annual CHHS Band Car Show, Fiddlers Contest, etc..)

In order to provide funding for the above expenses, the booster organization has numerous fundraisers. Listed below are some of the events, which the boosters are involved.

- Concessions for all high school home football games
- Yard sale
- Classic Car Show
- Craft Fair
- Planning/Managing Fundraising Events
- Many different fundraisers sold throughout the year i.e.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to volunteer their time and effort to the band booster organization. It takes **all of us** to have a successful band program!!! If you have any questions or ideas for fundraisers, please get in touch with the any Executive Board Member.