

# Hedgesville High School



## Eagle Band 2011-2012 Handbook

## Band Objectives

1. The students will gain a love and appreciation of music through performance.
2. The students will develop various skills in wind or percussion instruments
3. The students will provide musical needs for the school and community.
4. To develop responsibility, teamwork, interaction, and a healthy emotional outlet.

## Attendance

It is important that all students attend all rehearsals and performances. They need to arrive on time and come prepared with all needed equipment. Remember, if you are early you are on time and if you are on time you are late. Conflicts with performances must be submitted in writing as soon as possible. **Aside from emergency situations, no excuse will be accepted two weeks after a performance date has been announced.** An absence from a performance will be considered unexcused if I do not receive a call or note before the arrival time of the performance. Any excuse given after the performance will not be accepted.

*If you have more than three unexcused absences of any kind (practices, performances, school) you will not receive your band ribbon for the year. If you are new to the group, that means you will not receive your letter that year. If you have more than five unexcused absences for the year, you may not be permitted to be in the band the following year*

When you schedule appointments for after school keep in mind that the band rehearses from 3:00 – 5:00 after school every Tuesday and Thursday. Make sure that you schedule appointments for Monday or Wednesday.

Classroom attendance is also very important. Absences from class to do anything in the school will be granted on an individual basis. The student must present the note from the teacher BEFORE class begins. Any student who brings me an excuse after class for why they missed will be marked with an unexcused absence and be given a 0% for that day's class participation grade. Band class is not a free period for you to make up work or do tasks for your organization. Be prepared for me to say NO.

# Behavior

It is of the utmost importance that the students do not talk while we are rehearsing. It is very difficult to give instruction to 70+ students when some of them are talking to each other. Also if they are talking, they are not listening to the instructions that I am giving them. When the band rehearses, each student needs to behave as if they were in a performance and take the rehearsal seriously. I will periodically give breaks to the students so they can relax and talk.

When the band is performing in public the students need to remember that they are representing our school, county, and sometimes state. They need to be on their best behavior at all times. Remember that all school rules apply (especially dress code and public displays of affection) when students are at any band event. This includes all band practices and all band trips. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in severe penalties, possibly even removal from the band program.

## Bus Conduct

1. Nothing should ever go out the windows, especially trash and body parts.
2. Clean up after yourself when you exit the bus.
3. Do not shout to anyone outside the bus.
4. You are to obey the chaperones at all times.
5. Remain seated while the bus is moving.
6. Foul language is strictly prohibited.
7. No public displays of affection will be permitted on the bus. If this becomes a problem, one of the students will be moved to the other bus.

## Trip conduct

1. Always remember that you are representing your band with every action that you do.
2. The band section in the stands is for the band only.
3. You are expected to take care of your own instrument at all times.
4. Always applaud other bands' performances and always cheer for the football team. Negativity of any kind will not be accepted.
5. No band member will leave the stands while the game is in progress.
6. You will be permitted to leave the stands and go to the concession stand during the third quarter. You must be back in the stands when the game clock hits 1 minute left in the third quarter. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you don't get food, tough luck.
7. All band members must play all stand tunes.
8. Any band member who fights either physically or verbally with anyone else will be kicked out of the band.

## Grading

The three types of grades that will be issued in band class will be participation, performances, and playing tests.

1. Participation Grade (100 pts. per week): This grade is issued weekly in the class. Actions that will affect this grade include tardiness, unprepared for class, behavior in class, etc.
2. Football Performance Grade (50 pts. per performance) : Each student will receive a grade for each football game during that grading period. Actions that affect this grade are the same as the participation grade.
3. Competition Performance Grade (300 pts. per performance) : Each student will receive a grade for each competition during that grading period. Actions that affect this grade are the same as the participation grade.
4. Concert Grade (200 pts. per performance): Each student will receive a grade for each concert during that grading period. For concerts 100 pts. go to participation and 100 pts. to playing. Actions that affect this grade are the same as the participation grade.
5. Playing Test Grade (50 pts. per playing test) : Sometimes during the year I will issue playing tests to all the students. These tests will be played in front of the class and the students will be notified in advance what the playing test will involve.

## Classroom Procedures

1. Be in the classroom before the bell rings.
2. Play only when asked to.
3. Respect the property of others.
4. No food, drink (except water), or gum in the band room.
5. Make sure that all equipment is returned where it belongs after the rehearsal.
6. Only band students will be permitted in the band room before school, at lunch, after school, or before a football game.
7. Violation of these will result in a cut in your participation grade.

## Equipment Use

If you are using any equipment that is owned by the school (i.e. sheet music, instruments, uniforms, stands), you are responsible for the care of that equipment. If any of this equipment is lost, stolen or damaged due to neglect on your part you are responsible for replacing it. If you use any school instrument, you are required to fill out an instrument usage contract ***and pay the \$25 instrument rental fee.***

# The Uniform

Uniforms are distributed to every student each summer. Each student must remember the uniform number that they are given. When traveling or performing, the entire uniform will be worn or carried in a garment bag. If for some reason any part of the uniform becomes damaged, it will be the student's responsibility to replace those damaged items. The total cost for replacing a full uniform is approximately \$450.00

## Uniform Guidelines

1. Every part of the uniform must be clean and neat in appearance.
2. Students with long hair must wear their hair up inside their hats or in a bun just under the brim of the hat.
3. All boys must be clean-shaven or have a neatly trimmed beard.
4. There will be no jewelry *of any kind* worn while in uniform. *Piccolos, clarinets, color guard, and percussion may not wear any nail polish.*
5. You must wear only your marching shoes when in uniform. These shoes must be completely clean and polished.
6. There will be no gum chewing while in uniform.

## 2011 Schedule of Events

Tuesday, August 2	Performance at the Fair
Thursday, August 25	Away football game at Washington
Friday, September 2	Away football game at Heritage VA
Friday, September 9	Home football game vs. Mountain Ridge
Friday, September 16	Away football game at James Wood
<b>Saturday, September 17</b>	<b>Martinsburg Band Spectacular</b>
<b>Saturday, September 24</b>	<b>Keyser Band Competition</b>
Friday, September 30	Home football game vs. Martinsburg
<b>Saturday, October 1</b>	<b>North Hagerstown Band Competition</b>
Friday, October 7	Home football game vs. Musselman
<b>Saturday, October 8</b>	<b>Elkins Forrest Festival</b>
Friday, October 14	Away football game at Boonsboro
<b>Saturday, October 15</b>	<b>Apple Harvest Parade/ Musselman Comp.</b>
Friday, October 21	Homecoming game vs. Hampshire
<b>Saturday, October 22</b>	<b>Chapter Championships</b>
<b>Sunday, October 30</b>	<b>ACCs at Hershey, PA (overnight leaving 10/29)</b>
Friday, November 4	Home football vs. Wheeling Park (senior night)
Saturday, December 3	Christmas Parades

Please note that some performance may be added throughout the season. These updates will be added as soon as that performance is confirmed.

## Handbook Agreement

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read the Hedgesville High School Band handbook thoroughly and understand completely all rules and regulations that are stated in it. By signing below I agree to follow these guidelines to the best of my abilities or suffer the consequences.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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As the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ I have read the Hedgesville High School Band Handbook and understand completely all the rules and regulations that are stated in it.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_