

BAND INFORMATION HANDBOOK

2010-2011

Foreword

The purpose of this handbook is to provide valuable information about the band. To consistently achieve and maintain the high standard of excellence desired by this organization, members should familiarize themselves with the regulations, procedures, and traditions of the band.

It is hoped that some of the questions always prevalent with an organization like ours will be answered in this handbook. If a problem or a question not covered in this handbook should arise, the director should be consulted for an explanation.

Attendance Policies

Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:30pm and Thursdays after school from 3:00 to 5:00pm. After football season, a new rehearsal schedule will be announced. The rehearsal schedule will be posted on the announcement board in the band room and on the band website - www.marchinglions.org .

Students who have an unexcused absence from the last rehearsal before a performance or miss more than one rehearsal in the same week may not be allowed to perform.

An absence from an after school rehearsal or performance is **not** excused unless a student was absent from school on that day. Afternoon appointments with doctors, dentist, orthodontist, etc., should be scheduled on days that we do not have band. An exception may be granted if the student is attending a function for another club/organization on the same day. Students with conflicts with other school activities must check with Mr. Naquin **before** the day of the rehearsal. Mr. Naquin will make arrangements with the sponsor of the other clubs/organizations so that students' other talents can be cultivated as well.

Should an emergency arise or should you get sick just prior to an event, call Mr. Naquin ASAP (band room 893-5694 / cell 590-0392) *NOTE: Do not call the director at home unless it is of utmost importance-call a band officer.

Students who wish to participate in band and in varsity athletics at Covington High School will be required to attend one rehearsal a week for the entire rehearsal. This exception will apply only to a single sport per school year. Students will not be excused from rehearsal the day before a performance, special rehearsals, or rehearsals for state or national festivals.

Discipline

Class Rules:

1. Respect yourself, band members, adults and your director.
2. Always have your instrument and music.
3. No eating, chewing or drinking (except water) during rehearsals.
4. No food, drinks, gum, etc. allowed in the band hall. (except water)

Students are expected to give 100% at all times. Students who demonstrate poor behavior will be given demerits (grade deductions) and possibly a detention. If the behavior continues, the parents of the student will be contacted in order to set up a course of action to correct the problem. In cases where this does not produce the desired results, the student will be referred to the principal or assistant principal and will jeopardize his/her participation in band.

Grading Policies

All members are required to take band for credit. Only students with special permission from the band director will be allowed in band with out a class. All grades will be on the following point scale divided into 2 categories:

- 80% Class/Afterschool Work
- 20% Quarterly Exam

A. Grade & Demerit Values

Point/Demerit Deduction

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| • Check-offs/scale test | 1-2 |
| • Rehearsal or sectional... | 6 |
| • Special rehearsal ... | 14 |
| • Performance ... | |
| ▪ Pep Rally | 10 |
| ▪ Marching Band | 20 |
| ▪ Concert or Jazz Band | 40 |
| • Tardy for or leaving early from rehearsal or sect. | |
| ▪ -1 for each 10 minutes late. | |
| • Tardy for or leaving early from performance ... | |
| ▪ -2 for the 1 st 10 minutes and -1 for each additional 10 minutes | |

The following offenses carry a 1 point/demerit deduction during class and rehearsals and a 2 point/demerit deduction at performances.

- Talking out of turn ...
- Playing out of turn or playing poorly ...
- Failure to bring materials to rehearsal (instrument, music, equipment or drill charts) Each deficiency ...
- Playing another person's instrument ...
- Poor participation (not playing) ...
- Music, instrument or books etc., out of place ...
- Chewing gum, eating, or drinking (except water) in band room ...
- Chewing gum, eating, or drinking (except water) during rehearsals or performances with out permission ...
- Leaning on music stands, littering or knocking down stands or chairs ...

- Inspection (instrument, uniform, equipment and appearance) Each deficiency

The following offenses will receive a deduction amount at the director's discretion

- Disrespect or disobeying the director ...
- Disruptive behavior - horseplay, cursing, practical jokes, etc ...
- Disrespect to chaperones, adults, and student leaders ...

The following major offenses may result in a possible failing grade and disciplinary action.

- Intentionally damaging school property, instruments, uniforms or other equipment:
- Smoking, drinking, or using drugs while attending band function or while in band uniform:
- Stealing, fighting or moral misconduct:

B. Administration of Grades, Merits and Demerits

1. Point deductions and demerits are given by the director for any violation of the rules and regulations of the band. Drum Majors may only give demerits, no point deductions.
2. Bonus points and merits will be given for:
 - a. extra practice done at school under the supervision of the director or student assistant: 1 point & 2 merits per hour practiced
 - b. extra take home work assigned by the director.
(point value to be determined by work)
3. Merits will be given for:
 - a. Service work done for administrators, faculty, and lion boosters.
 - b. Attendance at school plays and performances not required for band.
 - c. Attendance at school sporting events not required for band.
4. All bonus points and merits must be approved in advance by the director. All merit sheets must be completely filled out and signed by a school administrator, teacher or lion booster officer.

C. Penalties for excessive demerits

15 demerits: suspended from performing until demerits total falls below 15, must be in attendance at all band functions and in appropriate uniform but not allowed to participate.

21 demerits: suspended from band until further notice, letter sent home to parent, put on probation from band which includes attendance at all band functions and in appropriate uniform but not allowed to participate.

27 demerits: suspended from all band functions until further notice, hearing with principal regarding status in band, may result in dismissal from band.

Eligibility

GPA Requirement for Marching Band & Band Trip

Students must maintain a 1.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) and a 2.0 average in band for each semester grading period to remain eligible for participation in marching band performances and the band trip.

Uniforms

Pep Rally Uniform

Band T-Shirt, Band Wind Pants, White Socks & White Band Shoes

Marching Uniform

CHS Band Coat, Pants & Hat Band T-Shirt, White Socks & White Band Shoes

Concert Uniform

Girls - CHS Blouse & Skirt

Black Dress Shoes - student purchased

Guys - CHS Tux Coat, Pants, Cummerbund, Bow Tie, Black Socks &

Black Dress Shoes - student purchased

Uniform Inspection

Prior to every performance the band director or his designee will conduct a formal inspection. Band members are expected to wear their uniform properly at all times. Students who do not conform to this rule **will not** be allowed to fully participate in the performance.

Students will be expected to observe the following points to present a neat personal appearance.

1. All uniform parts are to be clean and worn properly.
2. Instrument should be clean and shined.
3. Never wear an incomplete uniform in public.
4. Band uniforms are to be properly put away in the uniform closets after every performance.

Instrument Information

The band department will provide instruments when available for those students who do not own an instrument. Each band member is responsible for the proper care, condition, and repairs of this instrument. Any damages or serious malfunctions should be reported to the director at once. Parents are responsible for the cost of the repairs. If the instrument is lost or stolen while away from the band hall, the student must reimburse the band for the cost of the instrument.

Percussion students, other than bass drummers, will be provided with one replacement head per year and are expected to purchase any additional heads that break. They are also responsible for any damages to the equipment as described in the above paragraph.

A privately owned instrument is the responsibility of the student who owns it. Students should check with their parents to see that the instrument is included on their homeowner's insurance policy. Before purchasing an instrument, students should consult the band director.

Summer Band Classes

All band members in grades 5 through 12 are welcomed to participate in summer band when possible. There is no cost for participation.

Band Camp

Band camp is held the last two weeks of July and is required of all high school band members. There is no cost for participation. Please note:

2011 Dates: July 18th - 28th

Awards

Students must maintain at least a 2.0 in band to be eligible for awards.

Band Trip - The band will take a major trip every year, provided that enough students participate. Students and parents will be given information on cost and dates well in advance of the trip. All members of the band, flag team, dance team and their parents are invited to attend. The following points will affect participation on the band trip:

1. Unexcused absence from any performance
2. Consistently poor conduct in band
3. Any major violation while in band
4. Poor school discipline or attendance record

Letterman Jackets - Students will be eligible to receive a jacket upon successful completion of 5 semesters in band. Students who enter the program as juniors will be eligible after 4 semesters.

CHS Blanket - Students will be eligible to receive a blanket upon successful completion of 8 semesters in band.

Attendance Awards - An award will be presented to students who do not miss any rehearsals or performances. Students who are absent due to their involvement in another school activity or honor band will not be penalized with the permission of the band director.

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

Students must have an annual physical completed and turned in to the band director in order to fully participate in marching band. The physical must be written on the official LHSAA form which is available in the band office.

In addition, please complete and return the attached student/parent agreement page by the end of the week. Students will not be eligible to perform until the form is signed and returned.

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STUDENT/PARENT AGREEMENT

As a member of the Covington High School Band, I have read and agree to comply with all of the set policies of the Band Information Handbook.

Print students name _____

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

As conscientious parents/guardians, we have read and agree to comply with all of the set policies of the Band Information Handbook.

(Parent or Guardian's Signature)

(Date)

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