

Purpose

The mission of the SMS/SJHS band program is to instruct students grades 6-8 in music fundamentals in order to prepare them for the SHS Band. It is the hope of the directors that each student gains confidence and knowledge in the area of instrumental music as well as learning the value of responsibility, respect, obedience, and trust. The following guidelines have been developed to insure that all students have the opportunity to succeed in the SMS/SJHS Band program.

Motto

Responsible
Respectful
Obedient
Trustworthy

Goals

1. Develop a TEAM atmosphere by being courteous and helpful to each other.
2. Be HONEST and RESPONSIBLE at all times.
3. Remain positive about yourself, your teammates, and our organization.
4. Improve ourselves daily by being diligent, persistent, and obedient.
5. Build confidence in our musicianship.
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Classroom Rules:

In order to achieve our goals we must create a working environment that is comfortable and productive. We will follow these rules at **ALL** times.

1. Follow instructions the **first** time given.
2. Be **obedient** and **respectful**.
3. Give your **best effort**.
4. Have all materials everyday.

Materials

1. Instrument/ Mouthpiece/ Reeds
2. One subject notebook with pockets and paper.
3. Music for class, technique books, solos, scale sheets, and group music.
4. Pencil.

Procedures

ENTER: Always enter the band room in a quiet/ respectful manner to assure safety and to avoid interruptions. Exit in the same manner.

EMERGENCY: Always ask permission to leave your seat.

CLEANLINESS: We are responsible for the cleanliness and order of our rehearsal area. Please keep the floors, shelves, and tables free from litter and other garbage. Absolutely NO FOOD or DRINKS allowed in the band room!!!

Grading and Performance

Grade allocation will be a combination of the following:

1. 2/3 Tests – includes written tests, playing tests, pass-off lines, 9 weeks tests, rehearsals and performances. *Solo & Ensemble Festival in the spring will be required of all 6-8 grade band members.*
2. 1/3 Daily Grades – based on *preparation, class participation, worksheets, homework, pass-offs and notebooks*. All students must bring their materials to class **everyday**.

*** Our performances are scheduled in advance in order to avoid conflicts. Performances are unlike tests or exams in that they cannot be made up.

*Attendance at ALL rehearsals and performances is **REQUIRED** unless excused by the director(s) **PRIOR** to the absence (Except in the case of emergencies). **Request and permission must be in writing.***

A test grade of ZERO will be given for an unexcused absence to a performance.

***** Parents must contact the directors prior to any perceived absence from a performance. In the event of an emergency, please contact the directors as soon as possible. (562-9494)**

Dismissal from Band

All students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful to our community, school district, and band program. Students must also maintain a passing average in their academic classes.

1. Classroom misconduct: All offenses will be documented. Repeat offenses will result in removal from band.
2. In School Suspension/Detention: Students who are placed in ISS will be required to counsel with the directors before being allowed to continue participating in band. Multiple infractions may result in removal from band.
3. Home Suspension: Students who are given a home suspension will be required to counsel with the directors before being allowed to continue participating in band.
If a student receives three home suspensions, the band directors will review the student's disciplinary situation. At that point, the student may be excused from the band program.
4. Optional Learning Center (OLC): Any student sent to optional school will be given an evaluation by the school administration and the directors before being allowed to participate in band. Immediate removal from the band program may result.
5. Failing grades in band: Students who receive a yearly band average of below 70 will be dismissed from band.
6. Failure of academic subjects: Any student failing their grade level for the school year may be dismissed from band.

Band Fees

Each band member will be required to pay and/or fundraise (profit margin) their **band fee**. This fee will cover the cost of a band shirt, music-charts, instructional materials, registration fees to solo & ensemble festivals.

Band Fees are allocated as listed:

6th Grade Band Students: \$25.00

7th/8th Grade Band Students: \$75.00

The band program will have one fundraiser per school year to aid in the payment of fees.

Instrument Rental

Students that require the use of a school owned instrument (tubas, baritones, bassoons, tenor saxophones, bass clarinets, mellophones and percussion) will be issued an instrument by the directors. Each student using a school owned instrument will be required to pay a **\$25.00 rental fee** to aid in the cost of maintenance, repair and cleanliness of the instrument.

This fee is only charged to students using a school-owned instrument.

Please contact the directors should there be any problem in paying fees.

Fundraising

Fundraising is an important part of our organization. Many needs arise throughout the school year that require us to raise extra-funds. Each band student will be **required** to participate in each fundraising project respective to the band program.

****Remember that you may use your fundraising profit(s) toward your band fee.**

Media-Postings

All photographic, sound, or computer-generated images of any group or individual of the Senatobia Band Program must be approved by the band directors and school administration prior to any postings for public view.

Contact Information

(662) 562-9494 SHS Band Room

(662) 562-4621 SJHS

(662) 562-4420 SMS

******* Please sign and return the last page of this form, the band contract, medical form, media-release form, and band-parent sign-up sheet. The remainder of the handbook is yours for future reference. The success of our program depends on commitment and responsibility from both the students and parents. Please become familiar with these guidelines. Your commitment and support is appreciated.

THANK YOU!!!

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**6th-8th Grade
Handbook 2012-2013**

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