

## **PURPOSE**

The Purpose of this handbook is to provide the band students and parents with information concerning rules, regulations, and policies of the Oak Grove Band Program. It was written by the Oak Grove Band Directors and has the full support of and approval of the administration of Oak Grove High School. If you have any questions, you may call the band office at 601-264-7106 or the high school office at 601-264-7232.

## **LEADERSHIP**

The Oak Grove Band Program is under the adult leadership of the teachers and administrators listed below.

### **Director of Bands**

Sharon Laird

### **Assistant Directors**

Susan Schuman

Joe Ingram

Hanna Cook

Demetric Cooley

### **Oak Grove High School Administration**

Wayne Folkes

Sheila Kribbs

Jeff Vanderheiden

Helen Price

## **DISCIPLINE**

Exemplary behavior is expected of every Oak Grove Band member at all times. Misbehavior will not be tolerated. Listed below are the standard rules which students should follow.

### **Rules**

1. Students should remain quiet during all rehearsals. Students should raise their hand and be recognized by a director before speaking.
2. Food, gum, and/or drinks are not allowed inside the band facilities unless specified by a director.
3. Students must have all required materials for each rehearsal. (Instrument, music, pencil, reed, valve oil, etc...)
4. All instruments should be taken home each night.
5. Students may not leave their seat or spot on the field without the director's permission.
6. Obscene and/or offensive language is not permitted.
7. Tobacco products and/or alcohol are not allowed at any band function.
8. Students should not eat in uniform. Exceptions are made when necessary.
9. Jewelry, painted fingernails, excessive make up, etc... is not allowed while wearing the OGHS band uniform.
10. Students must wear appropriate clothing during marching rehearsals. Comfortable shorts, t-shirts, socks, and tennis shoes are necessary for productive rehearsals. Dress clothes, flip flops, boots, etc... are not allowed while marching.

## **BAND COUNCIL**

Listed below are the offices which comprise the band council and the qualifications for each office. All offices will be elected by the band students. Students wishing to run for an office must sign the band council nomination form.

### **Offices**

Captain – Must be a senior with a minimum of 2 years in the OGHS Band

First Lieutenant – Must have a minimum of 1 year in the OGHS Band

Second Lieutenant – Must have a minimum of 1 year in the OGHS Band

Public Relations Editor – Must have minimum of 1 year in the OGHS Band

Treasurer – Must have minimum of 1 year in the OGHS Band

Drum Major – Must have a minimum of 1 year in the OGHS Band – May not hold another office

Representative – No minimum requirements

## **UNIFORM**

The uniform will be issued to each student with the exception of shoes. Each student is responsible for the uniform when it is in the students' possession. In the event the uniform is lost or damaged, the students will be responsible for paying the replacement costs.

## **BAND FEE**

The band for the high school band is \$100.00. It must be paid before uniforms are issued. Band fees are used to help pay the cost of band t-shirts, music, charter buses to contests, etc...

## **GRADING POLICY**

Students are given credit toward graduation for membership in band. Therefore, students are expected to earn his/her grade in band just as they would in any other class. Students will receive grades based upon achievement and effort during school hours, after school rehearsals, and performances. Daily and participation grades are issued during class meetings.

## **MARCHING BAND**

The Marching Band is an outdoor performing ensemble that performs at football games, contest, pep rallies, and exhibitions. It is comprised of students who are also members of the concert band program. **STUDENTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN BOTH CONCERT AND MARCHING BAND. BAND IS A FULL YEAR COURSE.** Students will be allowed a semester class only in the event of extreme scheduling conflicts.

## **CONCERT BAND**

The Concert Band program is divided into three concert bands: The Wind Ensemble, The Symphonic Band, and The Concert Band. Students will perform and audition and be placed in one of the three bands. **STUDENTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN BOTH CONCERT AND MARCHING BAND. BAND IS A FULL YEAR COURSE.** Students will be allowed a semester class only in the event of extreme scheduling conflicts.

## **RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR AFTER HOURS EVENTS**

1. Attendance at summer rehearsals is required. Students who miss all or part of band camp risk losing a spot in the show or becoming an alternate.
2. All students must be present at after hour's rehearsals. One unexcused absence from a rehearsal may result in the student becoming an alternate. Two unexcused absences from a rehearsal will lower the band grade and may result in removal from the performing group. Work, vacation, hair appointments, shopping, etc... will not be excused. In the event of a scheduled doctor's appointment, please give a parent note to the director prior to the absence.
3. Students must ride the band buses to all performances. Students may ride home with parents or adults designated by the parents but only after the adults have signed the student out at the buses following the performance.

## **PERFORMANCES**

Band is performance based education; therefore attendance is mandatory at all performances. Students should not accept membership in the band without the full intention of being prepared and present for every performance. Students will receive detailed calendars and itineraries throughout the year listing performances and events. An unexcused absence from a performance may lower the band grade by one letter and may result in removal from the performing group. Students must remain at performances the entire length of the event. (Example: Students may not leave a football game after half-time.)

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*** The Oak Grove Band performs at home and away football games, playoff games, and Saturday contests. Football games are played the Friday night of Labor Day weekend, the Friday night of Fall break, and (if the team is involved) a playoff game the Friday night following Thanksgiving. Students WILL NOT be excused from performances for vacations or trips. PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY.

## **ALTERNATES**

Students may become alternates for the reasons listed below:

- 1) Absences from rehearsals and/or performances.
- 2) Excessive discipline problems that are not solved through discipline procedures.
- 3) Inability to perform the drill, music, and/or routine.
- 4) Failure to actively participate in rehearsals.

Alternates may challenge performing members for existing spots. The band directors will judge the challenge.

## **OAK GROVE BAND BOOSTER ORGANIZATION**

The Oak Grove Band Booster Organization is made up of parents, family, and friends who love and support the Oak Grove Band. The boosters help the band by volunteering as chaperones, concession stand workers, seamstresses, sandwich makers, money makers, prop makers, etc... Meetings are held throughout the year and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**OAK GROVE BAND**  
**HANDBOOK AND INFORMATION FORM**  
**2009 – 2010**

**STUDENT HANDBOOK AGREEMENT**

I have read and understand the policies and rules of the Oak Grove Band Program. I agree to abide by all policies and rules. I will strive to be the best Oak Grove Band Member I can be. In the event I should choose to disobey a rule or policy, I understand the appropriate action will be taken.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN HANDBOOK AGREEMENT**

I have read and understand the policies and rules of the Oak Grove Band Program. I agree to make every effort possible to ensure that my child abides by the rules and policies of the Oak Grove Band. In the event my child chooses to disobey a rule or policy, I understand that appropriate consequences will be taken.

**PERMISSION TO TRAVEL AND ADMINISTER MEDICAL ATTENTION**

My child has my permission to travel with the Oak Grove Band to all school approved events involving the band. The events include, but are not limited to, football games, band contests, band clinics, honor bands, concerts, and all other events in which the Oak Grove Band or its members may participate. In the event my child becomes ill or is involved in an accident, the band directors and /or chaperones have my permission to seek any and all medical help necessary to ensure the safety and well being of my child. I will assume full responsibility for all financial needs concerning my child's treatment.

STUDENT NAME (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS NAMES (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

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STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS SIGNATURES \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE NUMBERS: (MOM) HOME \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

(DAD) HOME \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medications your child is taking. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any allergies and/or medical conditions. \_\_\_\_\_

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INSURANCE PROVIDER \_\_\_\_\_