

2022-2023
BAND HANDBOOK
ANTIOCH HIGH SCHOOL
BANDS

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To the Students and Families of the Antioch High School Band Program:

Welcome to yet another year of AHS Band! Whether it be your first in the program or your 4th and final, the directors and staff are so excited that you have decided to be a part of the outstanding tradition of the Antioch High School Band. From its days on Blue Hole Road campus to performing “SHINE BRIGHT” around the Nashville area, the Antioch band program has always strived for excellence in marching and concert band. We know that 2022-2023 will bring more of the same!

As one of the largest band programs in Nashville, the Antioch Band is excited about the 2022-2023 school year. Last year, we had great success with our marching and concert band programs as well as the reestablishment of Pep Band and Jazz Band. We look forward to continuing to grow, learn, and becoming more successful as a school band program. Additionally, we will continue to support our Antioch community, the entire city of Nashville, and the State of Tennessee. Our marching band and concert ensembles look to expand to other states and regions soon, taking our program on the road!

The Concert Ensembles at Antioch drive our instruction. We are proud of our Beginning Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble. The Wind Ensemble was invited to perform alongside the Nashville Symphony and all three concert ensembles attended Performance Assessment last Spring. We look to continue this tradition this year we as showcase our concert ensembles more!

Please use this band handbook as a reference point for all things BAND-related. We hope that your time here at Antioch is full of great memories, success, and most of all...FUN! As always, communication is key so please let any of the band directors know if you have any questions or concerns as we are always at your service.

Sincerely,



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Feel free to contact us anytime if you have any questions,
concerns or compliments!

We LOVE and NEED family involvement!

Here are some ways you can stay connected:

1. Join us on Facebook - **Antioch High School Band** (closed group, request to join!)
2. Students---join the Antioch High School Schoology Group in addition to your band class for important resources!
3. Text message updates via the **“Remind” App**. (See next page)

To access the Remind App:

The remind text will give instant communication especially on trips from competitions, football games, and any of our events.

This is important for students in ALL bands

To join, text @ahsmb2k22 to 81010 (students)
@ahsbp2k22 to 81010 (parents)

E-Mail Distribution

Mr. Zimmerer sends out weekly emails via the MAIL CHIMP platform. Please read your email each week for important announcements, info, and all things band!

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

All members are expected to strive to be their personal best, elevate the morale of their peers and their program, and make the goal to be better today than we were yesterday. We will always strive to “**seek perfection, and never compromise.**”

Should any difficulty arise with these objectives, your attention will be directed at the issue and you will be expected to take responsibility to correct yourself. Should you need additional assistance in correcting a behavior detrimental to the progress of the organization, additional steps will be taken to ensure the *success* of the group.

Given the fact that you have **CHOSEN** to be a part of this outstanding organization, we should not anticipate any issues with expectations or responsibility.

NEVER will you **EVER** have to ask your directors to have a positive attitude so it's only fair that you never have to be asked to do the same! Regardless of ability, if your attitude is not positive, you're not giving your all, and you're not enjoying your experience, you should rethink your participation as part of this organization.

Be positive and optimistic towards rehearsals, performances and the program!

Course Objectives

By the end of the year, each Antioch High School Band member will be able to:

1. Respect the ensemble and its rehearsals.
2. Demonstrate the proper method of playing his/her instrument
3. Be prepared for all rehearsals and performances.
4. Interact responsibly in a large group.
5. Display characteristics of outstanding self-discipline in all aspects of life.

Attendance Requirements

ALL REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES ARE MANDATORY.

Members **MUST** commit to being a member of the program for a full year. Members are required to be at **ALL** rehearsals.

This includes:

- Band camp (marching band)
- After school rehearsals (marching and some concert band)
- Other rehearsals added by the directors (at least a 2 week notice)

The band follows a regular rehearsal schedule and any changes to the schedule will be announced in advance. This allows students to plan other activities and obligations around our schedule.

Excused absences

- a. Personal illness - doctor's note required
- b. Death in the family
- c. An emergency (communicated to the directors as soon as you can)
- d. Special permission of the director obtained IN ADVANCE by the parent or guardian.

Unexcused absences:

- a. Work
- b. Homework / Projects
- c. Social opportunities

With ANY absence, the student MUST submit an absence form located on the band schoology page and schoology group. Missing rehearsals can result in the lowering of the academic grade, placed on a non-performance status, or even removal from the program.

CONSEQUENCES

Late to Required Rehearsal- Lowering daily grade by one letter

Missed Rehearsal- Loss of weekly grade/points

Missed Performance, Unexcused- 0 for the performance, which may result in failure of the course.

“To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late!”

Grading Procedures/Course Credit

General

-Any unexcused missed performance or rehearsal results in a 50% grade for the event. Excused absences are the only exceptions. In order to receive credit for absences, the student must inform the directors.

-Tardiness to a rehearsal or performance will result in a deduction of points in the grade book (see above)

-Playing tests will occur periodically. Failure to complete playing tests will result in a 50% in the grade book.

Other

P.E. Credit: Two semesters of Marching Band completes the P.E. requirement for graduation.

Fine Arts Credit: One year in concert band completes the Fine Arts requirement for graduation.

Definition of “Good Standing”

Students wishing to participate in additional ensembles and honors programs, including but not limited to Honor Bands, band trips, and “extra ensembles” must be in good standing. Many of the ‘audition only’ (All Mid-State, All State, etc.) groups require that a student be a “member in good standing” in their own school music program.

A member in good standing must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in a band class.
- Meet all participation and attendance requirements.
- Meet their financial commitment; account and yearly dues are up to date.

Students who do not maintain class enrollment or other “good standing” requirements will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular music department trips.

MARCHING BAND

The AHS Marching Band will strive to be one of the best bands in Middle Tennessee. The marching band performs at football games, contests, pep rallies and other performance opportunities in the area. Students must:

- 1) attend all rehearsals and performances
- 2) contribute to their “fair share” of the band budget through band fees. (pg. 17)
The band fees are paid to Antioch High School, as marching band is an extracurricular activity.

Marching Band Registration

Link: <https://forms.gle/87waa75cdtHmSM3CA> Or Scan the QR Code



Regular Rehearsal Schedule

Tuesday and Thursday: 2:30-5:30PM

Some Thursdays will be 5:30pm-9:00pm, due to field access.

See Calendar for required dates!

Rehearsal Procedures

It is important that all rehearsals be productive and positive in order for our goals to be reached. The following guidelines ensure we will reach and surpass our goals.

1. Arrive 10-20 minutes before the scheduled time.
2. Be prepared both in preparation AND individual equipment.
3. Complete focus with no excessive conversation.
4. Follow the guidance by directors, staff or leadership members.
5. Always give 110%, even if you don't feel like it!

Fair Shares

For the 2022-2023 School Year, the Antioch Marching Band fair shares are \$275. Refer to the Fair share portion of this handbook for more details (pg. 17). This is a deduction of fair shares from previous years and the LOWEST in MNPS.

Remember, fair share payments are collected by Antioch High School, NOT the AHS Band Boosters.

Performances

Please follow the AHS BAND calendar for all required events!

Football Games

The marching band will perform at every home football game plus two away football games. Should the team make the playoffs, we may be required to attend.

Marching Band Competitions & Parades

Contests are scheduled on Saturdays and are an all-day event.

Please refrain from scheduling anything on these Saturdays.

The actual performance schedule will be posted by the first week of August.

PLEASE refer to the Calendar NOW!

Uniform Maintenance

The marching band uniforms are provided by MNPS. Each uniform is unique to each student and will be kept in the band room. It is the responsibility of the student to keep up with his/her uniform and make sure every piece of the uniform is in great condition for upcoming performances. Students are to purchase shoes through our vendor for \$35.00. If taken care of, these shoes will last the entire four years.

Any piece of uniform that is damaged or lost will be billed to the student.

BAND CAMP 2022

Band Camp Dates/Times:

Week 1: July 25th -29th , 2022 (8:00AM-5:00PM)

Week 2: August 2nd , 4th , and 5th (3:30PM-9:00PM)

IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN BAND CAMP, YOUR STATUS AS A MARCHING BAND MEMBER IS IN JEOPARDY.

What do I need for band camp?

- TSSAA Physical (This is required by MNPS. Participation will not be allowed without it.)
- Dot Book (passed out on first day)
- Pencil
- 1 gal water jug (Yes, 1-gallon minimum, NO SHARING)
- Instrument in working condition with all necessary accessories

****COVID 19**** Covid 19 procedures and protocols MAY still be in place during the 2022-2023 school year. Per MNPS and MNHD, the band directors will notify if the following items will be required- Mask, Bell Cover (provided by MNPS), Social Distance, Instrument Mask (winds only and provided by MNPS).

Rehearsal Attire

- Light colored T-Shirt for outdoor rehearsals
- Loose Fitting Shorts
- Comfortable footwear (FLIP-FLOPS AND SANDALS NOT ALLOWED)
- Hat
- Sunscreen!!!!

Meals

Students should eat breakfast before coming to camp. Lunch will be provided during Week 1. Dinner will be provided Week 2. Please inform the directors of any concerning food restrictions prior to band camp.

Heat Safety

Since we will be rehearsing outside the majority of the time during band camp, please be sure to plan ahead to avoid any injuries such as dehydration, heat exhaustion, and severe sun burns. Drink a lot of water before rehearsal and make breakfast a priority! The directors will be monitoring the weather to avoid rehearsing in high heat indexes.

Leadership

Students on the leadership team will be called on to participate in numerous tasks for the development of the band. The leadership team role is to assist the band directors and staff with the logistical operations of the band program. The leadership will strive to keep positivity high in their section with feedback when appropriate and will also dispense positive criticism when necessary.

An application process will help identify those individuals.

We have implemented the position of “section leader”. The section leader is expected to assist the band staff in the teaching of music and drill, tuning, fundamental skills, and section discipline. This includes leading sectionals. The section leader must display strong leadership characteristics but also have obtained strong musical achievement. Each section will have at least one section leader, but larger sections may have more.

CONDUCT

ALL SCHOOL RULES AND POLICIES ARE IN EFFECT AT ALL BAND FUNCTIONS.

All band members are expected to follow the instruction of any teacher, staff member or chaperone without question unless said instruction is a violation of civil law or moral standards.

- ◇ All students will ride on buses to and from off-campus activities. If wish to leave early, they must sign you out in person with the director (no other staff member) at the end of the event.
- ◇ Any band member possessing or using any tobacco, drugs, or alcohol at any band function is subject to **immediate removal from the organization, referral to school authorities, or the appropriate law enforcement agency.**
- ◇ Students should be respectful of each other’s instruments, uniform and other personal property. Uniforms will be labeled accordingly, and students shall be responsible for their own uniform parts.
- ◇ When we line up to march or move anywhere, there is to be absolutely **no talking**. When we move together, we are observed by the public and other bands. Do not embarrass yourself, your section leader, your fellow band mates, your director, or your school by acting in an immature manner.

- ◇ Students should make sure they either load their equipment themselves, or see it be put on the equipment trailer any time equipment is being moved. Following any rehearsal or performance, it is each person's responsibility to ensure that all of your equipment is put away correctly BEFORE you leave.
- ◇ While in uniform, there will be no public displays of affection shown. To uphold that sense of pride and professional reputation, holding hands, cuddling, and other forms of PDA will not be allowed.
- ◇ The boosters will provide water in the stands at football games. Students will be given a break during the third quarter of each game. They may eat food in the stands during that time only.
- ◇ **Only band members will be allowed in the band section of the stadium.**
- ◇ Members should remain in full uniform unless the entire group is instructed otherwise
 - Always wear the black band uniform t-shirt under your uniform
 - Visible pierced jewelry is not permitted during performances
 - Profanity deteriorates the credibility of your organization. Keep your language clean. Do not embarrass yourself, your staff, your directors, your program, or your school.
- ◇ Upon arrival back at school, each member should do their part to unload the truck and make sure everything is put away. Students will be dismissed at the conclusion of that process.

**You are a representative of the Antioch High School Band,
Antioch High School, and Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools.
Represent yourselves and your organization accordingly!**

CONCERT BANDS

Ensembles

Wind Ensemble: This is the premier ensemble at Antioch High School. Open to students in grades 9-12 by audition only. This ensemble is comprised of the most outstanding instrumental musicians at Antioch High School. This group has a primary focus of preparing the finest literature for the modern band. Students in this ensemble will be pushed musically and personally beyond the normal standard of the band program.

Symphonic Band: Open to all students in grades 9-12 with prior band experience. This ensemble will concentrate on the continuation of the development of skills such as tone production, rhythmic proficiency, intonation, and technical ability.

Concert Band: Open to all students in grades 9-12. This ensemble also focuses on the development of fundamental skills.

Beginning Band: Open to all students in grades 9-12. This ensemble is for students who have never played an instrument before and would like to learn now. They will participate in the Winter and Spring Concerts.

Fair Shares

For students participating in concert band only and NOT marching band, the fair share payment is \$35.00.

This money will be used to purchase music, meals/transportation to concert band events, and other equipment.

Conduct

Refer to the conduct section on pg. 11 & 12.

Performance

A detailed performance calendar for the entire year has been given at registration night. Any missed performances will affect the student's grade.

AHS Fall, Winter, and Spring Concerts

Three concerts are scheduled throughout the school year. Each student is **required** to perform with proper concert attire.

Concert Performance Assessment

Concert Performance Assessment (CPA) takes place once a year during the Spring semester. The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band perform for a panel of judges and receive a grade (1-5). If the ensemble earns a straight superior rating (All 1s), then the ensemble is invited to the state concert festival.

Concert Band Attire

Students will be in professional concert black attire during concert band performances.

- Solid black dress pants/suit/tie, solid black shirt/blouse, solid black dress or skirt are allowed. Must wear solid close-toed dress black shoes.
- Dresses and skirts must be at finger-tip length, no slits above the knee and must be school appropriate. This is not a formal but professional event.
- Clothing should NOT prevent the student from performing their instrument comfortably.

INSTRUMENTS

School Owned Instruments

These instruments are property of MNPS and are to be treated with the utmost respect. Instruments must be checked out through the director. Students will be held responsible for repair costs if it is determined that the repair is due to improper care and handling.

Instruments will be provided for marching AND concert bands.

Personal Instruments

Your instruments should be kept in top playing condition. Always check with the director before taking your instrument in for repair. IF you are thinking about purchasing your OWN instrument, please see one of the band directors for a detailed list of instrument brands, music stores, and recommendations. **DO NOT PURCHASE A NEW INSTRUMENT WITHOUT DIRECTOR INPUT. PERIOD.**

Instrument Security

School owned instruments are documented in departmental inventories. Personal instruments should be registered with your homeowners or renter's insurance.

Accessories

Reeds, valve oil, mouthpieces, ligatures, and etc. will be provided.

Reeds may be purchases through the band at the following rates:

1 reed= \$3.00

2 reeds= \$5.00

BAND FEES

Marching Band Member Fee: \$275.00

Concert Band Member Only Fee: \$35.00

Funding the Band Program

The Antioch High School Band program is funded by band fees and fundraising. A budget is set by the director and the executive board of the Band Boosters Club to determine donations and fundraising efforts. This budget is then divided by the number of students and understood as to how the school fees can support the students. This figure then becomes the “**fair share**” of the budget that each member is responsible for.

The band fee/fair share of each student will be notated and kept track by the Antioch High School Bookkeeper and Director of Bands. Statements and receipts are available upon request. If you need to pay your fee with a method other than cash, check, or money order, please contact the director of bands. All band fees are due by dates notated on the band calendar. Failure to pay band fees may occur in hold on student accounts.

Other Ways to Support the AHS Band

Amazon Smile: Support the band with every Amazon purchase by adding the band as your charity. smile.amazon.com/ch/62-0977062 or Antioch Band Boosters Club

Kroger: Add AS675 to your community rewards to support the band with 4% of every purchase using your Kroger Card.

BAND BOOSTERS CLUB

The Antioch Band Boosters is the parent support organization that deals with logistics and finance within the band program. There is NO formal membership dues or application. **We require that all parents volunteer to help the program AT LEAST ONCE.** The members of this booster club often serve “as parents” to all the students in this program.

We can ALWAYS use your support!!

Mission Statement

Antioch Band Boosters Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the music programs of Antioch High School. In cooperation with the directors and the school administrators, it is our goal to provide support, both moral and financial, to the valuable programs through fundraising and encouragement of active parent participation in all activities.

Booster Meetings

All Booster meetings are held in the High School Band Room on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7pm (unless otherwise noted). All parents and community members are invited to attend.

JOIN BOOSTER REMIND!

Join the AHS Band Booster Remind Group by texting @ahsbandfn to 81010. This Remind group is run by the AHS Band Boosters, not the AHS Band Directors.

MISCELLANEOUS

Honor Bands

Auditions for the All Mid-State Concert and Jazz bands are held in late November and early December. All students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to audition. Auditions will include a prepared excerpt (available from the director), scales and sight-reading.

The top students from the All Mid-State band could be selected as a member of the All State band and participate in the Tennessee Music Educators Association State Conference in April.

Small fees for cost, hotel, meals, etc. MAY be required for participation. Often, colleges and universities use membership in these organizations as partial criteria for music scholarship consideration.

Other “Honor Band” activities, such as the Festival of Winds and Percussion at Tennessee Tech University, may be available to AHS students throughout the year. Students will be financially responsible for all honor band fees outside of All Mid-State and All State.

Solo and Ensemble

Solo and Ensemble Festival is held in late April and gives students an opportunity to excel individually or with small groups. Students may select their own music, or the director will assist in the selection process. As with Mid-State, there is a small entry fee to be paid by the student.

Private Lessons

Private lessons are one of the single biggest factors in the growth and development of a band program. Students that study privately show rapid improvement in individual musicianship and thus boost the overall quality of the band program. As students improve, their excitement towards practicing increases, they continue to improve, and the students becomes a stronger contributor to the overall success of the band program.

Private lessons on most instruments are available at Antioch High School from instructors approved by the director. These lessons are scheduled during class or after school. Each private lesson teacher has different policies regarding length of lesson, payment, etc., so contact the teachers directly for additional information. A list of approved private lesson teachers is available from the director.

AHS BAND Commitment Agreement Statement 2022-2023

In becoming a member of the Antioch High School Band,

I realize that conscientious attendance and preparation for rehearsals and performances are essential for the Antioch High School band to operate successfully.

I agree to follow all of the Policies and Procedures set forth in the AHS Band Handbook.

I agree to contribute to my portion of the “fair share” band fee pledge.

I understand that marching band is extracurricular, concert band is curricular.

I understand that band is an elective course, and should I elect to not comply with policies and procedures or cease to have the proper attitude as a musician and a person, that I am in jeopardy of being removed from the program.

_____ Student Name (Printed)

_____ Student Signature

We as parents understand that there is a great importance in my child’s activity in a group such as this.

We also understand that Parent Involvement is expected from every family. We agree to offer our time and services to help the band be successful in all endeavors.

_____ Parent or Guardian Name (Printed)

_____ Parent or Guardian Signature

_____ Date