

# THE PRIDE OF KIRBYVILLE

## KHS BAND HANDBOOK 2019-2020



This handbook contains important information about the KHS Band. Students and parents should read it thoroughly and retain it for future reference. Please fill out the medical release form, the information sheet, and acceptance form sent with the handbook and return them by **August 21, 2019**. Thank you.

## **BAND HALL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Be on time for rehearsals. This means you are in your seat with all needed materials. (instruments, music, pencils, extra reeds, etc....)
2. The bell *does not* dismiss class, the director does.
3. Drinks, food, gum and candy have no place in the band hall during class.
4. Do not run or horse play in the band hall.
5. Excessive noise will not be tolerated during rehearsals. **DO NOT TALK!**
6. Students will play their own instrument exclusively.
7. Students will properly put away instruments and music after each rehearsal.
8. For safe keeping **DURING THE SCHOOL DAY** personal cubbyholes and music slots will be provided to each student. Instruments and music are expected to be stored in this location while at school. **INSTRUMENTS ARE NEVER TO BE STORED IN ANY OTHER LOCATION ON CAMPUS.**
9. Students will be expected to take their instruments and music home daily. They will receive a grade based on this activity.
10. Instrument and folder slots are to be kept clean at all times. They are intended to store instruments and music **ONLY!**
11. Supplies and instrument maintenance are to be taken care of outside of rehearsal time.
12. Woodwind players are expected to have an extra **PLAYABLE** reed at their seat at all times. Brass players are expected to keep their instruments in working order before rehearsal time: (valves oiled and slides movable).

### **PARTICIPATION AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

1. Participation in a middle school or junior high band is a prerequisite.
2. It is also recommended that students participate in band on a consecutive year basis.
3. Band members will be expected to participate in various rehearsals and performances outside of class time.
4. Band members will be expected to follow rules and instructions as given by the directors.  
Direct disobedience or insubordination may result in removal from the band.
5. **BAND IS A FULL YEAR COURSE. HALF CREDIT IS NOT GIVEN FOR COMPLETING HALF A YEAR OF BAND.**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Perfect attendance is expected of all members. Also, tardiness is unacceptable. Please clear all absences **BEFORE** rehearsal or performance time. *The key is communication!*

### **GRADING POLICY**

Grades will be based on the following:

1. **PLAY-OFFS**
  2. **WRITTEN TESTS**
  3. **PARTICIPATION**
1. **PLAY-OFFS** - Most marching band playing assignments will be a pass/fail proposition. You will have a deadline for successfully playing the assignment. You will have as many opportunities as you wish during the given time period to attempt to pass the assignment. Unsuccessful attempts will not be held against you. Concert band playing assignments will receive a grade on the first attempt.
  2. **WRITTEN TESTS** - We will have an occasional written test which will cover essential theory and other band knowledge.
  3. **PARTICIPATION** - Each student will also earn a grade which will be based on participation. This includes taking instruments home, bringing materials to rehearsal, keeping instruments and other items in the appropriate locations, attendance and punctuality to rehearsals and performances. Instrument storage will be inspected weekly. Drill charts and flip folders will be check weekly.

### **HONORS CREDIT**

Honors credit for band will be given to students who complete all regular band requirements as well as the following:

- A. Compete for a spot in the All Region Band
- B. Perform a UIL Class 1 solo for a competition or performance
- C. Attends, as an audience member, two director-approved concert events of high school, collegiate or professional level during the school year.

### **BAND UNIFORMS**

Each student will be issued a complete band uniform. The student will be responsible for the uniform and all of the accessories while it is checked out to him/her. Each band student must purchase a pair of black band shoes. Drum majors, flags, and twirlers may have additional uniform needs. This is covered in the appropriate handouts. The school will dry clean our uniforms at regular intervals. **DO NOT PUT ANY OF YOUR BAND UNIFORM IN THE WASHING MACHINE!!!**

## MARCHING SEASON PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Full Band	Percussion	Colorguard
Monday 7-9:00 PM	Monday 6 – 9:00PM	Monday 6 – 9:00PM

These times were carefully selected to avoid as many conflicts as possible. It is very difficult to practice with empty spaces in the formation so please make every effort to be present.

*Perfect attendance will help to insure participation in the drill.*

**Additional rehearsals may be required if we are unable to prepare for a performance in this amount of time.**

### **A NOTE ABOUT THE BAND HALL**

We simply ask that you keep it clear of trash, keep all items in their assigned locations, and only handle items that belong to you or that are assigned to you. **Food, candy, GUM and drinks are NOT allowed in the band hall during class.** Violations will result in after school detention.

### **TRAVEL RULES**

1. Unless there is a **pre-arranged** agreement, **all** members must travel **to** and **from** the destination with the group. The band director will only release a student to his/her parent or legal guardian when transportation is provided by the school. If you are going to be checked out by anyone else, arrangements must be made through the front office prior to the event. The parent or guardian must check the student out by signing the check out sheet. Everyone, even if you are checked out at the game, will meet back at the band hall to turn in their uniform. You are responsible for your own uniform.
2. Keep the noise level to a minimum while on the bus.
3. **Keep the bus clean.** If there is a bad report from the driver or chaperone, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter privileges may be taken away.
4. Follow the instructions given by the directors, chaperones, or driver.
5. Only headphone operated type devices will be allowed on the bus. No external speakers.
6. The directors, chaperones, and drivers reserve the right to assign seats if necessary.

### **INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS**

Students will be encouraged to participate in All-Region Band and U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble Contests. These events are extremely beneficial in the development of playing skills.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR DAYS**

There is always the possibility that we will miss some school time for Solo & Ensemble Contest and/or Concert and Sightreading Contest. Make sure that you save some extra-curricular days for these events. (17 DAY RULE)

### **SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS**

Regular maintenance will be provided by the school on these instruments. Please handle them with care so that we may keep our repair costs to a minimum. You are responsible for an instrument when it is checked out to you. **YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY ACCIDENTS, ABUSE, OR NEGLIGENCE.** Each six weeks the school owned instrument will be checked for damage.

### **REED AND ACCESSORY PURCHASES**

Each student is required to provide the necessary accessories for his/her instrument. This includes school owned instruments. Please take care of these purchases outside of rehearsal time.

## **STUDENT INSURANCE**

Band students are covered by a supplemental accident insurance policy while attending U.I.L. functions. See the KHS Student Handbook for additional information.

## **CONCERT BAND REHEARSALS**

It may become necessary to have rehearsals outside of the school day for concert season. These will be held to a minimum and will be treated in the same manner as marching band rehearsals.

## **DRUM MAJOR INFORMATION**

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR TRYOUTS:**

Any current KHS band member who will be in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the following school year will be offered the opportunity to try out for drum major. One year of marching with the KHS band is required.

### **SELECTION:**

The KHS Band will have one to three drum majors. The tryouts will be judged by a panel of two or three qualified persons who will be selected by the directors.

## **TWIRLER INFORMATION**

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR TRYOUTS:**

Any current KHS band member who will be in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the following school year will be offered the opportunity to try out for twirler. Anyone interested in trying out must currently be taking twirling lessons from a qualified instructor.

### **SELECTION:**

There will be a minimum of zero (0) and a maximum of four (4) twirlers selected. The judges will only select candidates who they feel are qualified for the position. The tryouts will be judged by a panel of two or three qualified persons who will be selected by the directors.

## **FLAG CORPS INFORMATION**

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR TRYOUTS:**

Any current KHS band member who will be in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the following school year will be offered the opportunity to try out for the flag corps.

### **SELECTION:**

There will be a minimum of zero (0) and a maximum of sixteen (16) flags selected. The judges will only select candidates who they feel are qualified for the position. The tryouts will be judged by a panel of two or three qualified persons who will be selected by the directors.

## **BAND AWARDS AND LETTER JACKETS**

Students may earn band letter jackets by:

1. Making the All-Area Band.
2. Earning a medal at UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest
3. Participation in band 4 years and maintaining at least an 80 average with satisfactory conduct.

The **John Philip Sousa Award** will be awarded to the band member exemplifying the highest standard of musicianship, scholarship, and citizenship as defined by the Sousa Foundation and Instrumentalist Magazine, the sponsor of the award.

## **PERFORMANCES**

You are expected to be at every performance. Excused absences need to be cleared **prior** to the performance. The band directors will determine whether the absence is excused or unexcused. We are very reasonable. COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY. Band hall number = 423-7514.

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Students who are ineligible because of failing grades may participate in band activities that are considered co-curricular instead of extra-curricular. These include our annual concerts.

## **PARADES**

You will be expected to march in a few parades. You may be excused from the band's performance to participate in the parade in some other way if:

1. You are an elected representative for an official school organization (ie: Homecoming Duchess, Homecoming Queen, etc.)
2. You are a city, county, or state representative (ie: Miss Kirbyville)

Our position on parades is very simple. If the band is going to march, then the band will march. It makes us all look bad if we perform with only part of the group present.

## **GETTING HOME AFTER BAND EVENTS**

Please make arrangements in advance to have transportation after practices and performances.

**HAVE YOUR RIDE AT THE SCHOOL BY THE DESIGNATED TIME.** When you have to wait to use the phone to get transportation, it takes too long for everyone to leave the school.

## **\*\*\*MARCHING BAND ALTERNATES\*\*\***

Mainly due to "No-Pass - No-Play, " we do not chart the contest show for the exact number of students enrolled in the KHS Band. Since the number of eligible students changes throughout the fall season, we are forced to leave ourselves a "cushion." Early in the season, we make every attempt to put every student on the field at halftime. However, as contest approaches, we reduce the number of students on the field. **THE CONTEST SHOW IS CHARTED FOR THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WE WILL HAVE DURING CONTEST TIME.**

Alternates are selected using the following criteria:

1: Attendance 2: Ability to meet play off deadlines 3: Marching ability 4: Attitude and effort, and 5: Past eligibility record.

## **SPLITTING THE BAND IN THE SPRING**

During the Spring semester, we may split the KHS Band into two concert bands. The varsity band is called the KHS Wind Ensemble and it will have approximately 40 members. The non-varsity band is called the KHS Symphonic Band and it will have approximately 40 members. A benefit of the split is that we are able to group the students by ability, thus serving their individual needs better. **WE WILL BRING BOTH BANDS TO UIL CONCERT AND SIGHTREADING, UNLESS THE INSTRUMENTATION OF THE SYMPHONIC BAND PREVENTS THIS BAND FROM COMPETING.**

## **DRUG TESTING**

Kirbyville CISD conducts random drug testing for all extra curricular participants for grades 7 – 12. Information regarding the policy will be given by the school.

## **Band/Athletic Physicals**

UIL recently mandated that all marching band participants must have on file a current physical by August 1 to participate. Physicals can be done by your family physician or at the school when provided.

## **Travel Permission**

We, the parents of \_\_\_\_\_ have discussed the trip rules and policies and have given our permission for him/her to make bus trips to activities with the KHS band. We understand that these are approved school trips and that school rules of conduct will apply throughout the trip. We are also aware that district policy on dress is required on band trip. It is understood that precautions will be taken in the interest of the student's safety and well-being. We agree that the faculty members, sponsors, and other adult chaperones who are going will not be held responsible for any accident or misfortune which might occur in connection with this trip.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

### HANDBOOK ACCEPTANCE FORM

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

We have read and understand the information provided in the KHS Band Handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### KIRBYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

Although every normal precaution will be taken to assure the safety of your child, neither the University Interscholastic League nor the school assumes any responsibility in case an accident occurs.

If, in the judgment of any representative of the school, the above student should need immediate care and treatment as a result of any injury or sickness, I do hereby request, authorize, and consent to such care and treatment as may be given said student by any physician, trainer, nurse, or school representative, and I do hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless the school and any school representative from any claim by any person whomsoever on account of such care and treatment of said student.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

Please list any allergies or special medical conditions of which the staff should be made aware.

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**PARENT/STUDENT UIL MARCHING BAND**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

No student may be required to attend practice for marching band for more than eight hours of rehearsal outside the academic school day per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This provision applies to students in all components of the marching band. On performance days (football games, competitions and other public performances) bands may hold up to one additional hour of warm-up and practice beyond the scheduled warm-up time at the performance site. Multiple performances on the same day do not allow for additional practice and/or warm-up time.

Examples Of Activities Subject To The UIL Marching Band Eight Hour Rule.

- Marching Band Rehearsal (Both Full Band And Components)
- Any Marching Band Group Instructional Activity
- Breaks
- Announcements
- Debriefing And Viewing Marching Band Videos
- Playing Off Marching Band Music
- Marching Band Sectionals (Both Director And Student Led)
- Clinics For The Marching Band Or Any Of Its Components

The Following Activities Are Not Included In The Eight Hour Time Allotment:

- Travel Time To And From Rehearsals And/Or Performances
- Rehearsal Set-Up Time
- Pep Rallies, Parades And Other Public Performances
- Instruction And Practice For Music Activities Other Than Marching Band And Its Components

NOTE: An extensive Q&A for the Eight Hour Rule for Marching Band can be found on the Music Page of the UIL Web Site at: [www.uil.utexas.edu](http://www.uil.utexas.edu)

“We have read and understand the Eight-Hour Rule for Marching Band as stated above and agree to abide by these regulations.”

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be kept on file by the local school district.