



# Band Handbook 2016-2017

3301 South Noland Rd. Independence, MO 64055

## Excusable Absences

1. Excused Illness from school
2. Death in the family
3. Preplanned family event (weddings, vacation, etc)  
**One week notice must be submitted in writing.**
4. Observed Religious Holiday
5. Unavoidable Emergency

## Inexcusable Absences

1. Homework/Extra help
2. Work/Job. Share your calendar with managers.
3. Birthday
4. Family event if **NOT** given ample notice.
5. No ride or transportation. Talk to others for a ride.

## Band Fees

Due to the nature and size of our band program, it is necessary that the students acquire a small portion of our financial responsibility.

Each student will be given an account to/from which they may deposit/withdrawal money solely for band related expenses.

**Marching Band fee** is \$125.00 (instrumentalists only)

**Marching Band Shoes** are \$35 (Freshmen or those that have outgrown their shoes only need to pay for new shoes)

**Gloves** are \$2 a pair (brass and woodwinds only)

**Colorguard fee** is \$125.00 this year.

**Concert Band Attire:** (boys) Tuxedo jacket/pants only - \$60 Rental, OR COMPLETE tux (w/shirt and accessories) - \$100.00 Purchase.

(girls) Uniform formal black dress - \$80 Purchase.

**Additional costs.** Small expenditures for snacks on trips or spending money at events.

\$ Money *should not* be a deciding factor as to whether a student should/can participate. Numerous fundraising opportunities are made available throughout the year and payment plans can be established. Please communicate any concerns to Mr. Reinhardt as early and often as possible.

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## General Band Rules:

1. Respect other people and their property.
2. Insubordination will not be tolerated.
3. Uniform/concert attire will be worn properly at all times.
4. Be in the rehearsal area ready to begin on time. Remember that **Early = On Time**.
5. Chewing gum or candy is not permitted during any rehearsal or performance. Water is okay and encouraged.

## Required Class Materials

1. Instrument/Equipment in proper working order.
2. Printed music and drill charts (if applicable to the season)
3. A pencil. No pens please.
4. Items essential to your instrument or success.  
Includes, but is not limited to:  
*Reeds, mouthpiece, valve oil, cork grease, cleaning kit, stick bag with sticks and mallets, uniform parts, black socks, color guard equipment.*

## Code of Behavior

As a member of the Truman High School Band Program, you are representing not only the band, but also the entire school district and community of Independence. It is through your choice of actions, behaviors, and language that you will reflect our ideals and standards.

A general rule is, if you question your choice, you probably aren't making the right one.

## Band Policy

**Communication** – Students are responsible for remembering events. Progress reports may be accessed via Power School. Teachers may communicate achievement problems to counselors or principals. Teachers may regularly call or e-mail parents regarding student progress/behavior. We also use a text service called Remind 101 see the website for instructions on how to join Remind 101.

**Extra Help** -- All students may take advantage of teacher led tutorials as well as that taught by contracted instructors. By appointment only.

**Incomplete Work** – Assignments not completed in the allotted time will result in the grade of “zero” and marked “Incomplete” until finished. All “Incompletes” must be resolved prior to performance.

**Attendance** Students can not miss more than 1/3 of rehearsals before a performance or they will sit out for that performance.

## Classroom Procedures:

All students are expected to be *inside* the band room *before* the tardy bell sounds. Students will not be allowed out of the room for 15 minutes after the tardy bell or 10 minutes before the end of the class.

There should be silence in the band room when the director(s) begin rehearsal. It should be noted that during the marching season, the “classroom” is the marching field. The above procedures apply to the rehearsals that take place during the school day as well as mandatory practices, including those that occur at 6:30 am on Tues. and Wed. mornings and 6:00pm—8:30 on EITHER Tues or Thurs evenings. (See Calendar)

## Grading Procedures:

Band is unique in that it has curricular requirements, just as any other academic discipline, but also out-of-class time commitments. Out-of-class time commitments include, but are not limited to, required rehearsals which take place before or after school and performances.

Band is a learning activity. Rehearsals are the means by which students learn, and by their very nature, cannot be reproduced or made-up. Therefore, attendance is imperative to a student's as well as the entire band's success.

A student's grade is based on the following criterion:

**Rehearsal Performance** Students must attend rehearsals and participate to the best of their ability. Excused and Unexcused absences are explained on the next page. Unexcused absences will have an immediate and negative effect on a student's grade due to lack of participation.

The spirit with which a student enters a rehearsal or performance opportunity should reflect the best intentions and aim to support the band's goals. (rehearsal etiquette)

### **Preparation & Accountability**

It may be noted that *preparation* applies to work in and out of class. At-home practice is essential. Twenty to thirty minutes per day is an acceptable amount of practice time.

**Playing/Performance Tests** Occasional playing tests may be assigned by a staff member. Students will be given ample time to prepare. These must be completed when due unless absent.

**Performances are Required** and are viewed as major tests and therefore attendance at these is *mandatory*. Failure to attend an event will result in the lowering of a student's grade by at least one letter due to the large amount of points earned through performance. *See next page for unexcused absences.*

**Find this info and more on the Truman Band Website:**

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