

Enka High School

Band Handbook



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ENKA HIGH SCHOOL BAND POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Welcome to the Enka High Band Program. The “Band” program consists of the Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Marching Band, and Jazz Band. The work will be very demanding at times, but also very rewarding. The general goals of the Band program are as follows:

1. To teach students to become well prepared musicians through the rehearsal, study and performance of band literature.
2. To develop an appreciation of many different types and styles of music.
3. To develop an understanding of how music is written and its many different components.
4. To prepare future band directors.
5. To learn how to properly function in a large group environment.
6. To learn that each person has a responsibility for the welfare and success of the entire group.

It is hoped and expected that each student will develop a “we/us” philosophy in the place of the “I” philosophy more prevalent in today’s society. This means that the welfare and good of the group should be placed ahead of individual wants and desires. The values of self-discipline, hard work, teamwork, responsibility, and respect for others will be strongly emphasized in the EHS band program. We trust that each of you will strive to always do your best to meet these expectations.

FIVE GENERAL RULES OF A QUALITY BAND PROGRAM

1. All students are expected to respect the rights and feelings of one another. Teamwork is essential to our success and every person in the band is a member of the team.
2. Be on time for class and performances.
3. Be prepared to work. Have all needed materials before coming to rehearsal.
4. Always give your best effort.
5. Always strive to do things in the proper manner. Take no shortcuts.

RULES REGARDING EHS BAND REHEARSALS

1. Be on time for class.
2. Come prepared for class with all needed materials. Materials needed daily are: an instrument, flip folder, 3 ring binders with page protectors,, pencil, accessories (reeds, oil, sticks, mallets, etc.)
3. Each student in the EHS Band is expected to play everyday. If you are too sick to participate, then stay home and get well. If your instrument is broken use your mouthpiece and ask to borrow one. Students will only be excused from playing in class with a doctors note. Students who choose not to play will receive a 0 for the day.

4. There will be no gum, food, candy, or drinks brought into the band room. Water bottles are acceptable.
5. There is to be no non-essential talking or other disruptions when a band director, or representative, is on the podium teaching or a student is asking a question. Not only is this extremely rude and impolite, it is a serious disruption of the learning process.
6. Cell phones and other devices should not be out, seen, or heard by the teacher in the classroom. No texting during class!
7. Keep the band room clean and neat. Put trash in the trash cans that are provided. Take care of all band equipment and put it away properly. Mistreatment of school facilities or equipment will not be tolerated.
8. At the end of rehearsal put everything away in its proper storage area. Do not leave music or flip folders or notebooks in the bandroom. Please stack your chair and music stand on the storage racks provided.
9. Only percussionists are allowed near the percussion equipment.
10. No student is to leave the band room or stadium during a rehearsal without the permission of a director.

REGARDING SCHOOL RULES AND POLICIES

All band students are expected to follow all Enka High School regulations and policies. All students should read the student handbook and become familiar with all school rules. School rules are also in effect for off campus band activities such as football games, concerts, band tour, trips, and parades.

GRADING POLICY FOR BAND

Student grades will be determined by the following factors:

1. Student attention, cooperation and effort during rehearsals are daily grades.
2. Improvement in musical skills and knowledge as demonstrated through teacher observation of daily rehearsals are daily grades.
3. Grades from evaluations such as playing and written test are test grades.
4. Participation in all scheduled band concerts and performances are major test grades.
5. Individual practice outside of the regular band class is checked during rehearsals by “pop tests” and on juries at the semesters end.
6. Attendance of the three away football games, all home games and competitions will be graded.

INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE

Band members are expected to practice assigned and suggested exercises, scales, and music outside of class. In other classes this is called homework. In band it is called

practice. Student practice time will be monitored by the director with “pop tests.” .
Students who can not perform up to the expectations of the ensemble will be put on a mandatory practice regiment by the band director. All EHS pregame and halftime music is to be memorized and will be checked by the director or his designee.

CONCERTS AND PERFORMANCES

All performances of the band are required for its members. The success of any musical group depends on the responsible actions of its members. Each student is expected to be responsible in the area of performances. These include all the performances that are on your performance contract. During the semester grading period band members will earn 50% of their grade through active performance participation. The entire group is depending on each member of the band to be present and to be able to play their part. Concert band must wear the following: Men: Solid black socks, dress pants, shoes, black belt,tie and white long-sleeve shirt. Women will wear dresses provided by the band.

The following are considered legitimate reasons to miss rehearsal or a performance:

1. Death of an immediate family member
2. Serious illness of a band member with a doctors note.
3. A school function

The band director should be informed **in advance** if one of these legitimate reasons exists, and should be presented a doctor’s note or a copy of the obituary upon the students return.

POLICIES REGARDING THE EHS SECTION AT FOOTBALL GAMES

1. Only marching band members and band guests are allowed in the band section.
2. All band members are to sit by instrument sections and students must remain in their sections. Our job is to be ready to play when we are needed.
3. Students are not to play on their own in the stands. This makes the band look and sound bad. Either the directors or the drum majors will give instructions for playing. If you have a section cheer, and it has been rehearsed and approved by a director, ask permission to play. When the band is playing all members will play their part.
4. All students will have their flip folders, lyre and all issued music at every game.
5. No band member may leave the band section during the game without the permission of a director.
6. No food or drinks (other than water) are allowed in the band stands. This only gets on your uniforms and instruments.
7. After our half time performance band members will have a third quarter break. This is a privilege that is earned, and determined by the directors. During the third quarter break, students are to remain in full uniform (minus the shako) unless instructed otherwise by a director. Keep in mind that everyone knows who you are by what you are wearing and that conversation or actions that are

degrading to the band program will not be tolerated. You are to be back in the stands ready to play when 2 minutes are left in the third quarter. Getting back late from the break could cause the entire band to lose this privilege.

Attendance

All students must be at all after school practices and performances. Regular punctual attendance is essential in this course. The following are considered legitimate reasons to miss rehearsal or a performance:

1. Death of a family member
2. Serious illness of a band member with a doctors note.
3. An excused absence that is approved by the director.

The band director should be informed in advance if one of these legitimate reasons exists. Band director should be notified at least two weeks ahead of time for any other absence like work, athletic event, etc.

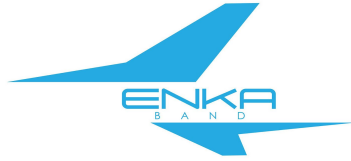
BAND UNIFORM INFORMATION

1. Each band uniform costs approximately \$500.00 to replace. It is imperative that each student treats the uniform with pride and respect. The student will pay for any damaged or lost uniform parts.
2. Only official black marching shoes, black socks, band member shirts and black/navy blue shorts are to be worn with the band uniform.
3. Band members will remain in full uniform at all performances. It is not acceptable to be seen in public with the uniform unbuttoned or the sleeves rolled up.
4. Band uniforms are to be clean and pressed at all performances. The pride that we take in the way we look will also be apparent in our performance. **This means if you get something on your pants that YOU clean them before the next performance!**

FEES

1. Marching Band Fees for all wind players and percussion is \$130. Fees for Colorguard are \$200. In order to perform at the highest level, have the best “assistants” our fees are going to increase. All fees include band camp costs, travel expenses, competition fees, and other items that are discussed at Booster Meetings. If you are in financial need please see Mr. Young and he will work with you to ensure your student gets this opportunity.

Questions regarding the EHS Band program should be reported to Mr. Young.
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2018 Marching Band Calendar

- July 30th- August 4th: Guard and Percussion Camp 8am-4pm
- August 3rd: All Band Members Meet from 8am-12pm.
- August 6th-10th- Full Band Camp 8am-6pm
- August 17th- Football @ Owen
- August 24th- Football @ Home
- September 7th- Football @ Home
- September 12th- Marching Band Exhibition
- September 21st- Football @ Home
- September 28th-Football @ North Buncombe
- September 29th- Land of the Sky Competition (All-Day)
- October 5th- Football @ Home (homecoming)
- October 6th Competition TBD
- October 19th- Football @ Home (senior night)
- October 20th- Competition @ Western Carolina University
- October 27th- Competition TBD
- November 2nd- Football @ North Henderson
- November 17th- Asheville Parade/Asheville Outlets Parade

**I reserve the right to add or take away from the calendar as needed. You will get at least a two week notice, but most likely more than that.

***All Practices are for everyone Tuesday's and Thursday's from 3:30-6:00 pm starting August 14, 2018. All practices are mandatory. Students may only miss for sports/emergencies if they work it out with me and the athletic coach in advance. If a student misses for any other reason, I reserve the right to take points off of their grade.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

As a member of the Enka High School Band Program, I have read the policies and guidelines set forth in the band handbook and will follow them to the best of my ability.
I have also read the performance schedules and agree to follow them.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date: