



Channelview Band Handbook

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Introduction

Welcome to a new year as a member of the Channelview ISD Band Program. We are all very excited to have you as a part of our organization. We look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence.

The purpose of this handbook is to provide a written policy on the operation of the organization, its policies and its procedures. This document contains important information not only for our students, but for our parents as well. Please take the time to read through each page carefully and as a family.

Band is a group activity that relies on every member, working together to meet a common goal. The actions of one individual, positive or negative, can affect the success of the entire group. For this reason, we have guidelines that *everyone* must follow. Each individual should make a contribution to the group as well as meet their own personal musical goals.

This handbook is divided into four basic sections: The first section is a general overview of the policies followed by all three of our campuses offering Band. The second and third sections are divided into more specific information for the Junior Highs and CHS band. We encourage you to look at your school's section, as well as the future campuses you will be attending. **There are pages that must be filled out, signed and returned to the band directors as soon as possible.** Please see the table of contents on page 3 to see what must be returned.

Philosophy

The opportunity to study and perform music is a true need of today's students. Our goal as teachers is not to create professional musicians; we seek to teach our students life-long skills needed to be successful in any avenue they pursue. Studies show that students who participate in music programs such as ours become some of the school's strongest academic students. The skills learned in our program, such as responsibility, respect, hard work, increased self-esteem, commitment, and teamwork, will be reflected in their life after graduating from high school. As an enrichment course in the State of Texas, band is an elective course that has defined objectives for individual students. As an organization, band enhances the lives of every student on campus and promotes school spirit. Our role as teachers is to do what is needed to prepare students not only for performances, but also to give them the tools to be a positive addition to today's society.

The role of the student is to arrive each day with an open mind for learning, a strong will to work as hard as possible and to follow the policies of the band program. The role of the parent is to support your student, your fellow parents and the directors of the CISD Band Program in as many ways as possible.

What We Expect of Band Students

- All students are to conduct themselves properly at all times. Displays of temper, profanity, vandalism, theft, flagrant violation of rules, etc. will not be tolerated. Any behavior that does not reflect good citizenship or violates the CISD Student Code of Conduct may result in suspension of participation of extra-curricular activities (UIL, Solo and Ensemble, Trips, etc.), or dismissal from the band program altogether.
- All members of the CISD Band Program are representatives of themselves, their family, their school, CISD and their community. As such, all students are expected to hold themselves to a higher standard at all times. Whether

acting as part of the program or not, band students should always set the proper example as a model student and community member.

- All members will put forth the effort and time necessary in and out of class to ensure success. This includes being attentive in class and practicing at home. Nothing happens overnight. Being successful is the steady process of continuously raising your standards to get better every day.
- Students must attend ALL scheduled rehearsals and performances. Again, this is a group activity and every individual is a building block contributing to the group's success. Failure to attend required rehearsals and/or performances is grounds for a negative effect on a grade, possible demotion to another band, or removal from the band program.
- Occasionally, band events may conflict with other CISD events. We encourage our students to participate in other organizations. We work hard with other teachers/coaches to resolve scheduling conflicts and to ensure that both the students and the organization's needs are met. In the event of a conflict, the director/sponsor/coach of both groups will work with the student and the parent to resolve the conflict. The student must inform their band director of the conflict in a timely manner.
- An unexcused absence is one that the director has no prior knowledge of or is based on a reason unacceptable to the director. An excused absence is one that the director had PRIOR knowledge of and is based on an acceptable reason. If you are aware of a future absence, inform the director as soon as you know. If you were absent please have proper documentation upon your return. The director will use this documentation to determine if the absence is excused or not.
- This includes a doctor's note for a medical reason or a parent note for a personal reason.
- All members of the program will travel off campus as part of a group at some point during the year. Students must be a perfect representative of their family, school, district and community. As such, when traveling, all students are expected to:
 - Be on time.
 - Dress as directed.
 - Avoid excess noise on the bus and at our destinations.
 - Travel on the same bus for all segments of the trip.
 - Return equipment to its proper storage place.
 - Follow all school and bus rules.
 - Leave the area cleaner than it was found.

If a student is required to leave an off campus event, the parent/guardian must provide written notification **at least one day prior to the event. Students will only be released into a parent/guardian.** Additionally, a student's parent/guardian must check out with a director **in person** before leaving. This is a policy to protect the student, not inconvenience the parent.

Care and Use of Band Facilities

- **BAND STUDENTS WILL ALWAYS FOLLOW DIRECTIONS THE FIRST TIME THEY ARE GIVEN.**
- **NO FOOD, DRINKS OR GUM ARE ALLOWED IN THE BAND FACILITIES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WATER.**
- When you walk through the band hall doors you are to get your materials out and get ready for class immediately. Talking should be kept low and at a minimum.
- Band students will be respectful of other students, staff and visitors. Students should keep hands, feet, and objects to themselves.

- The hallways around band facilities are to be used only by band students. They are not a place for your non band friends to hang out. Before and after school band facilities are to be used for practicing not social gathering.
- No one shall hold, play, or otherwise operate another person's instrument. IF IT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU, DON'T TOUCH!
- Students should play their instruments in class and at band functions only when instructed to do so.
- Non-Band students should never be allowed to enter the band facilities without prior approval of the band directors.
- Students do not enter director offices without permission. Please knock and wait for a response. If the directors are in a conference with students, parents or other faculty do not knock unless there is an emergency.
- Keep instruments in cases with latches closed in its assigned locker or designated area when not in use. Instruments left out and found by directors will be held and students will be assigned a detention.
- Instrument slots and areas must be kept clean. These areas are meant for instrument and required band material and are not a locker.
- **ANY ITEMS LEFT ON THE FLOOR OR IN AN INAPPROPRIATE AREA WILL BE DISCARDED AT THE END OF THE DAY.**
- Each student is responsible for his/her music. Their name should be written on it in pencil on the top left corner of the music. Lost music will have a replacement and copy charge.
- Students should have their name on the outside of their case in a recognizable place. Be sure that your serial number, make and model are written down at home and have been given to the appropriate director for record keeping.
- Personal items are not to be stored in instrument storage rooms, practice rooms, or director's offices without permission. **The directors, school and CISD administration is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.**
- Band facilities are not for play or any other activity deemed inappropriate by the directors. This includes practice rooms, storage rooms, hallways or main band rooms.
- No one is to use sound equipment, video equipment, computers, etc. without permission of the directors.
- Practice rooms are for practicing, recording assignments, pass offs or private lessons. Any items left in the practice rooms will be discarded at the end of the day.
- Periodic inspections will be made of school owned instruments. Each student is financially responsible for any loss or damage.
- Any damage of school property must be repaired or replaced immediately. Any damage or defacement of school or personal property may be grounds for dismissal from the band program.
- It is encouraged that each parent obtains insurance for the student's private instrument. Check homeowners insurance for coverage.

Consequences for Breaking Rules

1. Verbal Warning
2. Detention
3. Parental contact by phone or email
4. Referral to office
5. Constant infractions may lead to dismissal from band program

School Owned Instruments

School owned instruments and equipment are assigned to students who play very expensive instruments such as oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, tenor and baritone saxophones, French horns, large bore trombones, euphoniums, tubas, and percussion. These instruments will be distributed to students according to need. Students are required to purchase their own mouthpieces and ligatures.

To protect the school and your family, it is required to enroll in the Channelview ISD Instrument Protection Plan. It is a plan similar to insurance for school owned instruments. It is handled through the Fine Arts Office at the CISD Administration Building. You must fill out paperwork and pay the yearly fee. Copies of the instrument protection plan

will be distributed to all students that use school owned equipment. Students that play a school wind instrument, percussion instrument or are in the HS Color Guard are required to participate and must pay the fee.

Members are responsible for their assigned instrument at all times. Any damages to these instruments or equipment will be the student's responsibility via the protection plan. Never should a student or parent attempt to repair a school owned instrument. These instruments should NEVER be brought to the repair shop without director's authorization.

Student Owned Instruments

Students are expected to keep their instruments in working order. If repairs are needed for student owned instruments, students can take their instruments to a local music store or talk to a director. If instruments are not in working order and have not been sent to be repaired, participation grades will be lowered. It is highly recommended that you consult your director before buying an instrument, mouthpiece or any other type of band equipment. We recommend that before purchasing an instrument, you ask a director to look over the instrument for quality. Students that play on higher quality instruments struggle less than those who play on instruments of poor quality. Often a good, professional instrument can be purchased for the price of a student model. Parents are encouraged to provide the highest quality instrument that is appropriate for their student. Directors will be happy to assist in instrument selection with parents.

Instrument Supplies

Clarinet, saxophone and double reed players must have four working reeds at all times as well as cork grease. Brass players should have their own individual valve and slide oil.

Here is a list of items every individual instrument needs:

Flute- Polishing Cloth and tuning rod

Oboe/Bassoon- Reeds, reed guard, cup or pill bottle for water and swab

Clarinet/Bass Clarinet- 4 reeds, reed guard, swab and cork grease

Saxophone- 4 reeds, reed guard, cork grease, pad saver and neck or harness strap

Brass- Slide grease, valve/rotary or slide oil, cleaning cloth and cleaning snake

Materials Needed in Class

All students will need to be prepared for class every day. First and foremost, come to class having practiced your part or assignment adequately so that you may make a noticeable and positive contribution to the entire ensemble and to make individual improvement. Staying on top of your practice assignments in band will help your band as a whole have a more meaningful experience this year. Daily, consistent practice will produce positive results and improvement of the individual and band program.

Materials you'll need every day:

1. Positive attitude
2. Pencil with eraser
3. All music and books in your binder
4. Instrument in working order with required materials

6-12 Grading Policy

In computing grades for each nine-week period, several factors will determine the final grade. All grades are computed on a percentage basis and comply with school/district grading system. The grading categories are as follows:

Daily Grades

Test Grades

Extra Rehearsals

Performance

Daily Grades: Daily grades include participation, required supplies, before or after school rehearsals and other daily requirements designated by the director. *TEA has determined that grades can be given for after school performances and rehearsals in Band as this is a performance based class.

Test Grades: Test grades include playing tests other grades deemed a test by the director. *TEA has determined that grades can be given for after school performances and rehearsals in Band as this is a performance based class.

Extra Rehearsals: Band is a core course and does require time before and after school and on weekends. These are mandatory for a grade and may be excused with director's approval.

Performance: Band is a performance based class. Performances are required.

If a student has an excused absence on the day of a test or exam, the student will have 5 days to make up the work. This must be done before school, after school or during lunch with approval of the director.

Attendance

Band members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances and to be on time. Performance dates are set in advance to allow ample time to avoid conflicts. Rehearsals vary based on each particular campus, band, and director so please check your schedule and contact your student's director with any questions.

Students or parents should notify band directors prior to missing rehearsals or performances. When directors deem absences excessive, the student may be removed from the ensemble. Attendance is taken at all rehearsals and performances.

An excused absence is one that is documented by a doctor, or a true family emergency. An excused absence for a family emergency must be approved by one of the directors and must be verified by a parent note or phone call. All excuses must be turned in within five days of returning to school. If a student is going to miss a rehearsal or performance, a director must know as soon as possible. The director's will determine whether or not the absence is legitimate and excused based on information provided. Please make appointments for students before or after rehearsals.

Dropping Out of Band

Students who choose to drop out of the band program forfeit all money paid to the band or earned in fundraisers. Students must return all music, instruments and any other Band property. If the property is not returned, the student is monetarily responsible for any property. The student is also responsible for any money owed to the program.

Students who drop out of the band program are not allowed re-entry into the program. This also includes participation in any pictures, trips or performances in the spring semester. If you are in the marching band in the fall and decide to quit band, you may not have your picture taken with the marching band or participate in graduation. The one exception is a conflict with an academic class required for graduation or because of medical reasons and there is no alternative.

Students assigned to Highpoint or any other alternative learning program will be considered dropped from the program. After returning to school, the student and parent must schedule a meeting with the head director at the school immediately. This meeting will determine whether or not the student may be allowed to rejoin the band program.

Removal from the Band Program

No student is obligated to be a member of the band, nor is participation required for graduation. Participation in the Band is a privilege, not a right. Rules must be maintained and followed for the success of the band program. The Band Directors and Channelview ISD direct these rules. Students who break the rules of the band program are subject to

disciplinary action in addition to the consequences mandated by school administration. Students may be dismissed and/or placed on probation from the Band Program for participating in illegal activities at the discretion of the directors. This includes theft, drugs, alcohol, violence, etc.

Band Booster Organization

Welcome to a new and exciting year as a CISD band parent. Our booster organization is made up of parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and any other adults associated with band students in grades 6-12 wishing to promote music education. We invite you all to be a part of this organization. Studies have shown that students with strong outside support, excel in all aspects of learning.

Our booster organization provides support for the band programs through chaperoning, fundraising, coordinating and anything else the program may need. Meetings are held every nine weeks at the CHS Band Hall. Please contact Aaron Allison at CHS for any questions or if you would like more information. Please include email and contact information on the contact form at the end of this handbook.

Dress Code

All students must adhere to the dress code policy issued by the Channelview ISD School Board. The following are more specific to our situation in band;

1. All clothing must be appropriate length and material to avoid issues with the physical demands of band
2. Students must stay properly groomed, which includes hair length, hair color and being clean shaven
3. Finger nails may be no longer than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch and must be colorless, nude or French tip only.
4. ID's are required during all activities during school hours

ALICE JOHNSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HORNET BAND

LANCE CORPORAL ANTHONY AGUIRRE HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOG BAND

Courses Offered

- * Wind Ensemble
This is the top performing ensemble on campus. Membership in this ensemble is by audition and is subject to change due to grade eligibility, attendance, work ethic or behavior issues. The group rehearses regularly after school and will be a part of the students' grade. All rehearsals and performances are mandatory.
- * Symphonic Band
This is the second performing ensemble on campus. Membership in this ensemble is by audition and is subject to change due to grade eligibility, attendance, work ethic or behavior issues. The group rehearses regularly after school and will be a part of the students' grade. All rehearsals and performances are mandatory.
- * Concert Band and Instrumental Ensemble
These bands are designed for 7th and 8th grade students not placed in the top two bands. The class focuses on technique and skills to increase the musical ability of all the students. After school rehearsals may be assigned at the director's discretion.
- * Instrument Classes
6th grade beginners and students not placed in an ensemble class, will be assigned a class based on their instrument. Here students will work in same instrument groups to advance their skills.

Auditions/Placement

Band placement is determined by auditions throughout the school year. Students will be given music to practice for an appropriate time and will then be placed by their performance. Students transferring in from other schools must audition for a director as soon as possible.

Change of Band Placement

Directors may change the students' band placement. Placement depends on level of musicianship, behavior, dependability, responsibility, and grades in other classes. Please be aware that sometimes a student cannot be placed into the correct band due to scheduling conflicts (advanced classes, remedial classes, etc.).

Uniforms

The standard concert uniform for all 6th grade band members, all Concert band members and all Instrumental Ensemble members are as follows:

- * Band shirt (must be purchased by every student. \$10-15)
- * Khaki pants (NOTE: No shorts, no capris...pants must touch the shoes). This is a standard part of JH school uniform; therefore we do not consider this an extra expense.
- * solid black or solid brown belt
- * school-appropriate shoes

The standard concert uniform for all Wind Ensemble and Symphonic band members are as follows:

- * Black pants or Skirt (must be knee length with black tights) or Dress (must be knee length with black tights).
- * Black shirt (boys need to wear a button up shirt with a collar preferably long sleeve), girls need to wear a dress shirt (or the black top of a dress). Sleeves must be at least 3 inches down the arm, long sleeves are preferred.

- * Boys should wear a Tie. See your director for more color details.
- * Black shoes (shoes should have closed toes and not have a heel more than 1 inch).
- * Black socks (tights for girls if wearing a skirt or dress).
- * Black Belt (girls, if your dress/skirt does not need a belt then you are exempt from this).

Students are allowed to wear their band shirt to school on Fridays. They must wear them with school appropriate pants/shorts/skirts. Band shirts must be tucked in at all times to be in compliance with school dress code and to meet performance dress code. Students are not allowed to modify the shirts by ripping them, etc. Students who do not have a shirt in good condition for the concerts will be required to buy another shirt. Students will also be required to wear their band shirt on the spring trip if they attend.

Lockers

All students will be assigned a locker in the band hall for instrument storage. Due to having more students than lockers, most students will be required to share a locker with one or more other student(s). Students must remember their combinations, and may receive a detention if they fail to lock their lockers, or if they fail to keep up with their combination. Students must pay a replacement fee if a school-issued lock is lost.

The directors will try to accommodate siblings to share a locker if their instruments can fit into a locker together.

Fundraising

Students will have the opportunity to fundraise throughout the year. More details will be given with each individual fundraiser. Fundraising Guidelines:

- * Checks are NEVER accepted
- * Students must personally turn in the money to the directors; parents may not drop off money at the front office
- * Students will be given a receipt upon turning in their money and forms; parents are encouraged to keep the receipt until the fundraiser items have been delivered in case a problem arises.

Spring Trip

All band students are invited to attend the Spring Trip, which is taken near the end of each school year. The band will attend a festival in which select contest bands will perform, and then the entire group will visit a theme park (such as Six Flags, Schlitterbahn, etc). The trip will be out of town, but we will leave early and come back late. We will not be staying in a hotel.

Students are given opportunities to fundraise to offset the cost of the trip. The directors arrange a payment plan so that students can pay off the trip in monthly installments.

In order to attend the trip, students must meet certain criteria. This will be explained in a letter given by the director once the trip has been decided on and planned.

CHANNELVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to the Channelview High School Falcon Band! The Falcon Band has a long tradition of musical excellence and we are delighted that you have chosen to be part of this outstanding organization. The Channelview Band has developed very high performance expectations and maintains a performance standard that ensures the musical growth of all the members.

It is the purpose of the band handbook to familiarize you and your parents with the responsibilities and requirements of band membership. Please take the time to thoroughly read and understand this handbook. The handbook will provide you with the answers to most questions related to the band activities. If after reading the handbook you find that you have additional questions, please contact any member of the band staff and they will assist you.

We look forward to a long and productive relationship with every member of the Channelview Band.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE CHS BAND

The educational objectives of the band department are:

1. To provide students with a pleasant, positive experience that increases their appreciation and enjoyment of music.
2. To increase the students' enthusiasm for the school experience, thus improving attendance and motivating students toward improved academic achievement.
3. To develop an enhanced aesthetic sensitivity for music as an art form by disciplined study and application of its various elements, both separately and as they are combined into a coherent musical whole.
4. To prepare students for a future past CHS.
5. To provide students with a healthy lifelong hobby or avocation.
6. To increase students' involvement in decision-making and therefore create a strong sense of ownership within the band program.

BAND STUDENT LEADERSHIP

There are two types of student leadership in the Channelview Band program and these include Appointed Officers and Elected Officers. The appointed officers are selected by the band staff and their selection is based upon performance, work ethic, dedication and their academic reliability. Selected band officers include the drum majors and the section leaders. These individuals are selected by audition.

APPOINTED BAND OFFICERS

Appointed Band Officers are selected by the directors. These students are selected based on auditions, student work ethic, dedication and academic reliability. Appointed Band Officers have earned their positions and should be treated with respect. Being an Officer is an honor and a privilege. If an Officer does not maintain standards set by directors, the Officer may be removed and another student appointed to the position.

Drum Majors assist and work closely with the directors on marching preparation, administrative work and as agents of the marching band. The Drum Majors promote good band spirit and morale whenever and wherever possible. Drum Major auditions are held in the spring and are open to upper-class band students that have a minimum of one year marching experience and one year playing experience in the top two concert bands. Drum Majors are needed for every second of rehearsal and additional time throughout the year. Because of this, all Drum Majors may not participate in any other fall sport or activity that would force them to miss any rehearsal or performance time. Additional time during the summer is needed for training and organization of the marching band program. If these expectations cannot be met, the position may

be taken away or the student may not be allowed to try out. Students must sign and agree to a waiver given during audition week to audition for the position.

Section Leaders run sectionals and assist with teaching drill and fundamentals. Leaders assist in monitoring and enforcing the rules of the Falcon Band during practices and performances. They are responsible for the performance of each player in their section. If necessary and with directors permission, they may call a sectional before or after school with advanced notice. Section leaders are responsible for uniform checks of their section before every performance. The section leader also assists the librarian distribute music. Section Leaders are chosen by the directors based upon their leadership and performance through the year. If a student is elected Section Leader and cannot meet additional time requirements or rehearsals, the position may be taken away.

ELECTED BAND OFFICERS

Elections will be held for the following positions voted on by the students' peers;

The BAND PRESIDENT attends Booster meetings and/or School Board meetings, when necessary, to provide student input if needed. The Band President oversees Band Council Meetings and helps organize student events.

The BAND VICE-PRESIDENT assists with the president's duties. In addition, the vice president is responsible for making student announcements, planning and scheduling band social events and maintaining a bulletin board. The vice-president oversees meetings when the president is not available.

The BAND SECRETARY takes attendance, collects money for gifts or cards and takes notes for announcements. During football season, the secretary creates a gift basket for visiting bands. The secretary also helps copy and distribute notes or papers to band members during class or rehearsals and maintains the band calendar at the beginning of every month.

The BAND HISTORIAN is responsible for taking or acquiring photographs throughout the year. These photographs will go on the band web site, bulletin board or display case. The Historian is also responsible for collecting any news clippings that may have been printed in the school or local paper. The Historian assists the Boosters with the display case in the main school hallway.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES are elected from each class (freshmen, sophomore, and junior, senior) every year. These representatives are responsible for bringing trash bags onto buses for trips and into the stands at football games. Each representative is responsible for motivating their individual class. In addition, the representatives represent their class in Band Council voting and help plan social events. Additional duties are assigned as needed to class representatives.

BAND LIBRARIANS are responsible for maintaining and organizing the music library, copying and distributing music, making folders and updating the music library database.

SERGEANT OF ARMS is responsible for assisting with duties of section leaders and drum majors. The Sergeant is in charge of setting up and tearing down sound equipment during rehearsals and performances. A Sergeant needs to make sure that water is prepared and taken to rehearsals and performances.

LOADING CREW CAPTAIN is responsible for the safe loading, unloading and transportation of equipment to and from performances. She/he also must assist with setting up and tearing down of equipment before and after rehearsals and performances.

ENSEMBLES AND GROUPS

Falcon Marching Band

The Channelview High School Falcon Marching band is the largest, most visible and recognized performing student organization in the Channelview ISD. Membership is required of all students enrolled in the band program. Membership in the marching band does not guarantee a performance spot in the half-time shows or the contest show. All members will play in the stands at games and march in parades.

The marching band performs at all CHS football games, pep rallies, marching festivals, competitions and other scheduled events. The marching band rehearses after school. Rehearsals times are Monday-Thursday from 3:00-5:30. Attendance at all scheduled rehearsals and performances are mandatory.

Occasionally when the entire band is not needed due to space and time, a “pep band” will be chosen by the directors.

Wind Ensemble

The Wind Ensemble is the most musically advanced instrumental ensemble in the Channelview band program. The Wind Ensemble is designed to provide training for the most advanced students and for the students that seek to achieve the highest levels of performance. The Wind Ensemble performs music at the AAAAAA UIL level and performs music that provides a challenge to the most advanced players.

Membership in the Wind Ensemble is by audition and membership is subject to change due to grade eligibility, attendance and work ethic. The Wind Ensemble rehearses regularly after school and also has a sectional rehearsal requirement. Students are given a semester schedule of extra rehearsals and performances and attendance is mandatory at all activities. The Wind Ensemble is the most prestigious ensemble in the program but it also has the most stringent requirements. It is emphasized that the Wind Ensemble is for the most serious musicians and for those students that understand the necessity of additional rehearsal and practice requirements.

The Wind Ensemble performs at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest in addition to campus concerts and special performances and music festivals. Marching Band is Required!

Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band

The Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band are designed for students that are highly motivated but not as musically advanced to perform at the levels required for AAAAAA music. Both bands perform 4A and some 3A music that provides for the musical development of the members. Both bands rehearse after school and also have sectional rehearsals. A semester rehearsal schedule will be provided for members giving rehearsal and performances dates and attendance is mandatory at all activities. Marching Band is Required!

Concert Bands

The Concert Band is designed for students that are still in the developmental stages of musical maturity. Although the Concert Band does perform in UIL competition, the musical requirements are not nearly as demanding as those of the Symphonic Band and the Wind Ensemble. Concert Band rehearses after school and also has sectional rehearsals. A semester rehearsal schedule will be provided for members giving rehearsal and performances dates and attendance is mandatory at all activities. Marching Band is Required!

Instrumental Ensemble/Instrumental Band

These classes are highly developmental bands set to address the progress of students at a modified tempo. The ensembles are not UIL competition ensembles, but students are encouraged to compete in marching band and perform at Solo and Ensemble contest. We will have 2 or 3 concerts over the year depending on success level. A semester rehearsal schedule will be provided for members giving rehearsal and performances dates and attendance is mandatory at all activities.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To participate in extracurricular band activities, students must be academically eligible. A student who receives, at the end of any grading period, after the first nine weeks of the school year, a grade below seventy in any class (other than an identified advanced class) or a student with disabilities who fails to meet the standards in the IEP may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three school weeks. An ineligible student may practice and rehearse. The student

regains eligibility when the principal and teachers determine that he or she has earned a passing grade (seventy or above) in all academic classes at the end of three weeks of ineligibility.

Ineligible students cannot travel with the band or perform at pep rallies, football games and extra-curricular performances. Students are still expected to attend extra practices and perform on curricular concerts (Christmas and Spring).

If a student becomes ineligible or has grade problems, a director may assign a mandatory tutorial after school. If a student does not attend the assigned tutorial, a discipline referral may be assigned.

BAND EXPENSES, FEES AND FUNDING

There are no band fees or dues for participation in any of the Channelview Bands. The Channelview ISD provides the band program with most of the needed requirements for a successful program. There are a few items that are not provided and must be purchased by the student through the band directors.

Provided supplies, equipment

1. Complete Marching Band uniform.
2. Marching and Concert music
3. Large musical instruments and percussion instruments.

Occasionally, regular band instruments are available to students that do not own a personal instrument. These instruments are assigned on a student need basis and although no rent is charged, students using school owned equipment are required to insure the instrument through the CISD Instrument protection plan. This plan is explained completely in a separate document that will be provided to all students requiring school owned instruments.

School Issued Uniforms

The band uniform is something that should be worn with PRIDE! Participation in the program and the use of its uniform is a privilege. The uniforms are in good condition and they must be kept and returned in the same condition. Uniforms are to be properly hung up after every performance. Alterations must be documented and approved by a director. MATERIAL IS NEVER TO BE CUT.

PERSONAL ITEMS

The Falcon Band is not responsible for students' belongings. Students should not ask any staff member of the band to hold, watch or guard any personal items. Mr. Allison will instruct all staff not to take such items. Leave all personal items at HOME. If something must be locked up, the student must ask for it to be locked in the office. The staff is not responsible for personal items lost or stolen at school or on school-sponsored trips.

According to Texas state law, public school districts are not liable for personal property that is stolen at school. The band department strongly encourages personal instruments be included on the homeowner's insurance policy.

RAIN POLICY

When it is raining, students should not assume that rehearsals or performances are canceled. If rain problems occur, call or check with directors for alterations to rehearsal or performance schedules. If a director cannot be reached, assume that the rehearsal or performance will be held as planned. During marching season, if dangerous weather threatens, the band will rehearse in an alternative location. Please also wear rain appropriate clothing such as rain coats, jackets or ponchos. Keep in mind that we will rehearse if it is possible, but we have the students safety in mind at all times.

UNIFORMS:

Summer Uniform:

The summer uniform is worn at parades and football games when the weather is too hot to wear the regular band uniform. The summer uniform consists of the band shirt, blue jeans, belt, black socks and marching shoes. The jeans must be blue, fitted at the waist, ankle length and have no holes, patches or designs. Black socks must be long and shoes must be clean. Shirts are to be tucked into jeans.

Marching Uniform:

The regular marching uniform will be worn for football games, parades and marching competitions. The uniform must be properly tailored so that pants are ankle length and the sleeves stop at the wrists. **BAND UNIFORMS MUST NEVER BE CUT** – all alterations must be temporary. The uniform consists of band shirt, a shako, plume, jacket, bib pants, black socks and black marching shoes. Black socks must be long and shoes must be clean. Students may want to wear shorts underneath the band pants for comfort and ease. Long hair must be tucked into the hat. No hair may touch the collar of the uniform. No hair should be seen between the brim and eyebrows. NO jewelry will be allowed in the ears, on the neck, on the wrist or around the ankle.

Concert Uniform:

The concert uniform will be worn for all concerts and concert contests. For Wind Ensemble, men will wear black dress shoes, black socks, black tux pants, white undershirt, white tux shirt, cummerbund/vest, bow tie and jacket. Women will wear a black formal gown, panty hose and black dress shoes with a heel no higher than an inch. Students must provide their own shoes, socks, panty hose and undershirt.

All other bands must purchase their own outfits. A black dress shirt must be in dress code and completely black. Black dress pants, black belt, black socks and black dress shoes are the responsibility of the students.

A uniform inspection will be held before every performance. Failure to pass an inspection will result in a lower grade and/or forfeiture of public performance. If a student forgets the band shirt, they will be required to purchase another one for full price. If a student has inappropriate or no socks, they will be charged \$2 for a new pair. A dollar is added every time the student needs to purchase a pair of socks. If they do not have shoes, they will be charged \$20 for a used pair if available. If a used pair is not available, the student will be required to purchase a new pair for full price.

MUSIC:

The band will furnish each student with the music and flip folders required for the year. If music is lost, the librarian will supply a new copy. If copies are needed, the student will be charged \$1.00 per page. Students who lose music must report it to their section leader before or after rehearsal. Section leaders will ask the librarian for copies.

SUMMER BAND CAMP

Summer Band Camp is mandatory for all marching band members. Basic marching techniques, discipline and attitudes are established during camp. Summer Band Camp is also the time for learning the show that is performed at all football games and contests. A different theme is chosen every year. Summer Band Camp is held at Channelview High School. Equipment may be left in the band hall during these rehearsals. Lunches may be brought and students will have use of water and bathroom facilities. Band members should wear hats, sun block, sunglasses, bug repellent, light colored clothing, tennis shoes and socks.

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals vary throughout the year. See the calendar for specific times. Marching band rehearses during the fall. District tryout rehearsals will be once a week in October and November. Solo and Ensemble rehearsals will be in January and February. Concert Sectionals will be in March and April. District Band, Solo and Ensemble and Concert Sectionals will be once a week depending on what section a student belongs to. All sectionals are mandatory and part of the student's grade. Students must be in their spot or seat with all necessary equipment on time.

Students must have all necessary material at rehearsals. During marching season, students must wear appropriate clothing to rehearsal. Blisters are not an excuse for lack of participation.

When the rehearsal is held on the field, all students must have the following materials:

- All music
- Set book
- Instrument
- Pencil
- Set dots

When the rehearsal is held inside the band hall, students must have the following materials:

- Flip folder
- Set book
- All music
- Instrument
- Pencil

PERFORMANCES

The Falcon Band performs often during the school year. These performances include parades, marching festivals, solo and ensemble contest, UIL concert and sight reading contest and other performances as scheduled.

Every year the band performs in the CHS Homecoming Parade usually on the Thursday before the game. After the parade the band plays in the stands for the pep rally.

Grading for performances are based on performance and attendance. A schedule is posted in the band hall every Monday of times and destinations. For every minute that a student is late, 2 points will be deducted from their performance grade.

Contests

Marching festivals and contest are a highlight of the marching season for Falcon band members. These performances include a pre-UIL contest, UIL contest, Sam Houston Marching Contest and others as scheduled. These are all judged by professional musicians and directors.

UIL Concert and Sight-reading competitions are held in April. These contests use the same ratings system as UIL Marching Contest. During UIL Concert contest, each band performs three pieces of music for three judges. The music is selected from a prescribed music list based on school size. During sight-reading, the band is given a piece of music written just for the contest. Each band studies the piece with the director for a set number of minutes, and then performs for the judges.

After marching band, students start preparing for the District and Region Band Auditions. These auditions are held at a school in the area, and with any school in our region. This is a great opportunity for some of our students to play harder music, rehearse with a well-known director, and meet students from other schools. In January, the band meets for two days and ends with a wonderful concert of the music they have learned. If students place high enough in their section,

they have the opportunity to audition for the Area band and All-State. There is an audition fee that the band pays unless a student drops out or is ineligible. If they drop out or are ineligible, they are required to reimburse the band.

In February, the Falcon Band participates in UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest. Students are placed in ensembles by the directors and/or perform a solo. Soloists must have an accompanist. The band will pay the fee of the accompanist, which is usually \$30. If a student drops out or is ineligible, they will be responsible for repaying the band. Students will be given a piece of music from a selection of class I, II or III. Class I is the most difficult. The rating system for solo and ensemble is the same as concert and sight-reading contest with division rating of I, II, III, IV and V. Students that receive a I on a Class I ensemble will have the option of competing at the state level in May at University of Texas at Austin. Solo performance must be from memory to advance to State and must be Class I.

Football Games

One of the band's major responsibilities is supporting the football team at all games and pep rallies. We are there to cheer and play music to get fans and the players involved in the game. Cell phone use, music players, games and any other distracting elements will not be allowed in the stands. There are a lot of expensive instruments in the stands and it is crucial that all students stay in their seats unless asked to do otherwise by a staff member. Students must ask a director for permission to go to the restroom and an adult band booster may accompany them.

For home games, students must report to the band hall at the designated time (usually 6:30-6:45 pm) in full uniform and with all necessary materials.

For away games, students report to the band hall at the designated roll call time. This time will depend on how far we must travel. At roll call, students must be wearing their black shoes, black socks and uniform pants. Jackets must be with the student on a hanger with their hat box. Students must have all necessary materials for the game.

The band does not stop to eat on away games. Therefore, dinner should be eaten before departure. All band and color guard members must remain in the stands at all times during the game, unless otherwise stated by a staff member.

The mascot, cheerleaders and Channelettes are required to perform with the band during halftime. Varsity football players are expected to perform with band during halftime until all contests are finished.

Pep Rallies

All Falcon Band members will need their instrument, flip folder and lyre at every pep rally. Band members that are cheerleaders and Channelettes are not required to perform with the band during pep rallies. Mascots and Varsity football players are also not required to play during pep rallies.

Concerts

The Falcon Band schedules three concerts throughout the year. These include the Winter Concert, Pre-UIL Concert and our Spring Concert. Other concerts may be scheduled for special events such as recruiting and awards. Concerts will be held in the Channelview High School Auditorium. There is never an admission charge for CHS Band concerts.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Lettering

One of the most prestigious awards a band student can earn is a letter jacket. To earn a letter jacket, Falcon Band members must accomplish the following:

1. Earn membership in the TMEA State Band (OR)
Be a member of the Falcon Marching Band for four years
2. Have a history of attending all rehearsals and performances of the Falcon Band
3. Be eligible for all UIL contests

4. Have a history of no discipline referrals from band directors

End of Year Awards

At the end of each year, the band may have a spring banquet. At this banquet we will review the year and pass out individual awards. These awards include the following:

Outstanding Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior- Given to students from each class

Outstanding Marcher- Given to the student that demonstrates the best marching technique during marching season

Hardest Worker- Given to the student that puts in extra time and effort in order to improve themselves and the band

Most Improved Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior- Given to the student that shows the most improvement during the school year

Leadership Award- Given to the student that sets the best example as a leader for the other band members

Falcon Award- Given to the student in each class that has shown great pride in being a member of the Falcon band. This student has worked hard, been reliable and has helped out the band program in many ways

TRIPS

Short Trips

During the fall semester, the Falcon Band travels a great deal. We attend all away football games and several marching band events. When traveling with the band, students must obey all school, district and band rules on or off campus. All students must use school provided transportation to all band events. In the event a student must travel with a parent, the parents must discuss travel arrangements with Mr. Allison before the trip. Under no circumstances will a student be allowed to use personal transportation to or from an event without consent from a director and a written note. Before a student leaves a performance, the student and parent must checkout with a director. Students will not be allowed to travel with friends under any circumstances.

Students will be informed of departure times and these will be posted in the band hall. The band usually returns from football games after 10 pm. The director's will give an estimated time of arrival back to the school. Students will be allowed in the band hall to call parents upon arrival. Students should be picked up within thirty minutes of returning to school. On short day trips, the band will not provide meals. Please plan accordingly with a sack meal or money. As a reminder, personal items should not be brought on trips. The band is not liable for any damaged or stolen items.

Overnight Trips

The directors will provide the student with a complete agenda for each overnight trip. The trip agenda gives detailed information about the event and includes telephone number and directions to the destination. Normal school dress code attire is strictly enforced. Students may need to bring their uniforms or other special clothing. Because of the large number of students traveling, there is a limit of one suitcase and one carry-on. Students are given the choice on what bus to ride, who to room with and who to be in a group with. Directors have the right to change this due to problems with students or parent request. Each night will have a curfew. There will be a full complement of chaperones on each trip. Each chaperone is responsible for a set number of students. Chaperones are not responsible for student's money or possessions. When the Falcon band visits other cities, students are not allowed to leave the band for any reason. Friends and relatives may visit a student at a scheduled place with the approval of Mr. Allison. All food and transportation expenses are the responsibility of the student. These trips are planned in advance and students are informed of the approximate cost. Costs are broken down into installments set up by a travel company. All installments must be on time, or have prior authorization from Mr. Allison. If a student drops from a trip or is ineligible, no money will be returned.

Channelview ISD Band Social Media Agreement

In the Band Program, safety is very important both in person and virtually. Every student needs to feel comfortable expressing themselves and free to try new things that may be outside their comfort zone. Students should not feel anxiety over whether or not what they do in class / online is shared without their permission. Freedom of expression can only happen when students feel secure.

With that in mind: (please initial next to each entry)

_____ I take responsibility for my online profile, including all posts from my device.

_____ I will not video any activities in the classroom unless first approved by the director and student(s) being filmed.

_____ I will not degrade my classmates, teachers, directors or administration on any social media platform.

_____ I will post only positive things about my classmates, teachers, directors and school administrators.

_____ I will ignore any negative comments about me and will not retaliate. I will bring it to the immediate attention of the directors.

_____ If I see a classmate post something potentially negative online, I will bring it to the attention of the teacher / director.

_____ I am aware that I represent myself, class, school, team, family and community at all times, and will do so in a positive manner.

Remember: Your digital footprint can help and hurt you. In the future, you never know when it may become important to your reputation: college admissions, a new job, etc. ALWAYS keep this in mind.

Student Signature (by typing your name, you agree to these terms)

Date

Parent Signature (by typing your name, you agree to these terms)

Date

En el Programa Band, la seguridad es muy importante tanto en persona como virtualmente. Cada estudiante necesita sentirse cómodo expresándose y libre de probar cosas nuevas que puedan estar fuera de su zona de confort. Los estudiantes no deben sentir ansiedad sobre si lo que hacen en clase / en línea se comparte o no sin su permiso. La libertad de expresión solo puede ocurrir cuando los estudiantes se sienten seguros.

Con eso en mente: (por favor, inicial junto a cada entrada)

_____ Asumo la responsabilidad de mi perfil en línea, incluidas todas las publicaciones de mi dispositivo.

_____ No filmaré ninguna actividad en el salón de clases a menos que el director y los estudiantes que estén siendo filmados lo aprueben primero.

_____ No degradaré a mis compañeros de clase, maestros, directores o administración en ninguna plataforma de redes sociales.

_____ Publicaré solo cosas positivas sobre mis compañeros de clase, maestros, directores y administradores escolares.

_____ Ignoraré cualquier comentario negativo sobre mí y no tomaré represalias. Lo señalaré a la atención inmediata de los directores.

_____ Si veo que un compañero de clase publica algo potencialmente negativo en línea, lo llevaré a la atención del profesor / director.

_____ Soy consciente de que me represento a mí mismo, clase, escuela, equipo, familia y comunidad en todo el tiempo, y lo haremos de manera positiva.

Recuerde: su huella digital puede ayudarlo y lastimarlo. En el futuro, nunca se sabe cuándo puede ser importante para su reputación: admisión a la universidad, un nuevo trabajo, etc. SIEMPRE tenga esto en cuenta.

Firma del estudiante (al escribir su nombre, usted acepta estos términos)

Fecha

Firma del padre (al escribir su nombre, usted acepta estos términos)

Fecha

PARENT AND STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM

Channelview Independent School District Band Program

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that my child, _____, will participate in the Channelview ISD Band Program. I hereby grant permission for my child to attend all events in which the band will participate, including but not limited to out-of-town football games and field trips. I understand that my child will be transported to these events by a school approved vehicle, i.e. school buses, charter buses and district vehicles.

I understand that each trip will be chaperoned by Band parents and/or adults. The band carries a full first aid kit at all times and chaperones may give minor first aid treatment. In the event of an accident, I grant the chaperones the authority to give a physician permission to administer medical aid to my child. Any insurance and health needs are listed on the school medical form.

Student Agreement:

I, _____, agree to follow the rules of the CISD Band as stated and explained in the Channelview Band Handbook.

Date _____

Signature of Band Student _____

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment and Agreement:

I, _____, understand and agree to the rules and policies of the CISD Band Handbook.

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

FORMULARIO DE ACUERDO PARA PADRES Y ESTUDIANTES

Programa de banda de Channelview Independent School District

A quien le interese:

Entiendo que mi hijo, _____, participará en el programa Channelview ISD Band. Por la presente, doy permiso para que mi hijo asista a todos los eventos en los que participará la banda, incluidos, entre otros, juegos de fútbol y excursiones fuera de la ciudad. Entiendo que mi hijo será transportado a estos eventos por un vehículo aprobado por la escuela, es decir, autobuses escolares, autobuses chárter y vehículos del distrito.

Entiendo que cada viaje será acompañado por los padres y / o adultos de Band. La banda lleva un botiquín de primeros auxilios completo en todo momento y los acompañantes pueden dar un tratamiento de primeros auxilios menor. En caso de accidente, les doy a los chaperones la autoridad de dar permiso a un médico para que administre ayuda médica a mi hijo. Cualquier seguro y necesidades de salud se enumeran en el formulario médico de la escuela.

Acuerdo del estudiante:

Yo, _____, acepto seguir las reglas de la Banda de CISD como se indica y explica en el Manual de Banda de Channelview.

Fecha _____

Firma del estudiante de la banda _____

Reconocimiento y acuerdo del padre / tutor:

Yo, _____, entiendo y acepto las reglas y políticas del Manual de Banda de CISD.

Fecha: _____

Firma del padre / tutor _____

Acknowledgement of Electronic Distribution of CISD Band Handbook 2020-2021

My child and I have been offered the option to receive a paper copy or to electronically access the 2020-2021 Band Handbook.

I have chosen to:

Receive a paper copy of the Band Handbook

Accept responsibility for accessing the Band Handbook by visiting the Channelview Falcon Band Website:

I understand the handbook contains information that my child and I need during the school year and that all students enrolled in the band will be held accountable for all rules, expectations and policies. I can contact the band director if I have any questions regarding the band handbook.

Printed Name of Student _____

Signature of Student _____

Signature of Parent _____

Date: _____ Students Band Period _____

A mi hijo y a mí se nos ha ofrecido la opción de recibir una copia en papel o acceder electrónicamente al Manual de Banda 2020-2021.

He elegido:

Reciba una copia en papel del Manual de la banda

Acepte la responsabilidad de acceder al Manual de Band visitando el sitio web de Channelview Falcon Band, www.channelviewbands.com

Entiendo que el manual contiene información que mi hijo y yo necesitamos durante el año escolar y que todos los estudiantes inscritos en la banda serán responsables de todas las reglas, expectativas y políticas. Puedo contactar al director de la banda si tengo alguna pregunta sobre el manual de la banda.

Nombre impreso del estudiante _____

Firma del estudiante _____

Firma del padre _____

Fecha: _____ Periodo de la banda de estudiantes _____