

Policy & Procedure Manual

Hewitt-Trussville High School Bands

**2021-2022
School Year**



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HTHS Band Family,

The time has arrived once again to dust off marching instruments, break in the marching shoes, and head to the practice field. We're excited to be a part of another installment of the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band, and I hope you are too! There are many exciting things that we will be doing this year!

Within these pages you will find answers to many of the questions you might have regarding the band, as well as general rules we follow as an organization. This manual is edited each year and should be used as a guide and a reference by any and all involved with the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band Program.

As with any manual like this, it is not completely exhaustive. There will be situations that we may encounter as a group, or you may encounter as an individual, that will require individualized decision making by the administration of this organization. However, using your better judgment, and doing the right thing, will always prove successful.

We are more than excited about this year and we look forward to working with you all again! Let's raise the bar, continue to excel, and have a great time as we do so!

Warmest Regards,

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Ensembles and Organizations:

Instrumental Groups:

The following are the current instrumental groups that are offered at Hewitt-Trussville High School. Membership in these organizations is determined via audition and/or placement. Please note: Prior experience playing a musical instrument and the ability to read music are required to be a member of any of the instrumental groups within the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band program.

Wind Ensemble:

The Wind Ensemble is the top performing concert group at Hewitt-Trussville High School. There are a predetermined number of each instrument in this ensemble and this group usually plays advanced to collegiate-level literature (grade 6). Membership is based upon audition results and selection by the director. Wind Ensemble personnel are expected to be instrumentalists of the highest caliber and therefore actively engaged in honor bands, solo and ensemble, and chamber groups. Participation in all performances is required. Auditioning for the Alabama All State Band is strongly encouraged. The fee for this organization is listed in the fee schedule area of the manual. **Prerequisite:** All members of the Wind Ensemble must participate in Marching Band.

Symphonic Band:

The Symphonic Band is the second performing concert group at Hewitt-Trussville High School. There are a predetermined number of each instrument in this ensemble and this group usually plays intermediate to advanced literature (grades 4 & 5). Membership is based upon audition results and selection by the director. Symphonic Band personnel are expected to be instrumentalists of the highest caliber and therefore actively engaged in honor bands, solo and ensemble, and chamber groups. Participation in all performances is required. Auditioning for the Alabama All State Band is strongly encouraged. The fee for this organization is listed in the fee schedule area of the manual. **Prerequisite:** All members of the Symphonic Band must participate in Marching Band.

Concert Band:

The Concert Band is the third performing concert group at Hewitt-Trussville High School. This group usually plays intermediate level literature (grades 2 & 3). Membership is based upon audition results and selection by the director. Participation in all performances is required. Auditioning for the Alabama All State Band is strongly encouraged. The fee for this organization is listed in the fee schedule area of the manual.



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Jazz Band (Concert Jazz Band, CJB):

The Jazz Band is comprised of a set jazz instrumentation and is open to the following instrumentalists:

- Saxophone (Alto, Tenor, Baritone)
- Trumpet
- Trombone (Bass Trombone)
- Percussion
- Piano
- Guitar
- Bass Guitar
- Vocalist

This group performs at numerous activities throughout the year and participation in all performances is required. Membership is based on audition and selection by the director and is open to all high school instrumentalists. Auditioning for the Alabama All State Jazz Band is strongly encouraged. The fee for this organization is listed in the fee schedule area of the manual. **Prerequisite:** All members of the CJB must participate in Marching Band and must be a member of one of the following: Concert Band, Symphonic Band, or Wind Ensemble.

Marching Band:

The Husky Marching Band is the largest organization on the Hewitt-Trussville High School Campus. Membership in this organization is open to members of the band program. This organization performs at all Hewitt-Trussville High School home and away football games. The Husky Marching Band also performs at the annual Trussville Marching Invitational, regional marching band competitions, and many parades, both regional and national. Participation in all performances is required. The fee for this organization is listed in the fee schedule area of the manual. Upon completion of this course, the student may receive a waiver for the LIFE credit.

Concert/Marching/Jazz and Indoor Percussion Ensemble:

The various Percussion units are an integral part of the HTHS Band program. All percussion students audition for concert, marching, jazz, and indoor percussion ensemble. **Please note the directors reserve the right to adjust the position of students in the percussion section for any reason.** More information regarding various performing opportunities can be obtained by contacting Mr. Adair at Jerry.Adair@TrussvilleCitySchools.Com.



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Band Lab:

Band Lab is offered during various periods throughout the day. This class is utilized by students to perform small group pieces, work on All State music, and prepare for other individual auditions. This class is offered as a whole credit as well as a half credit.

Auxiliary Groups:

The Auxiliary units are an integral part of the performances of the Husky Marching Band during the fall semester. In the spring, each auxiliary unit continues to develop their specific skills during competition season. Below is a brief outline of each of the units. Further information is available by contacting the Auxiliary Coordinators, Sara Barriault and Chaney Bowers.

Color Guard:

Color Guard uses various techniques to add a strong visual presence to the Husky Marching Band performance through a combination of flag work and choreography. Membership in this organization is based on audition. Rules and regulations for this organization are outlined in the Auxiliary Constitution. Further, all auxiliary units are expected to abide by the rules and regulations in this manual as they pertain to their involvement in this organization. Upon completion of this course, the student may receive a waiver for the LIFE credit.

Highsteppers:

Highsteppers use various techniques to add a strong visual presence to the Husky Marching Band performance by way of various dance techniques and choreography. Membership in this organization is based on audition. Rules and regulations for this organization are outlined in the Auxiliary Constitution. Further, all auxiliary units are expected to abide by the rules and regulations in this manual as they pertain to their involvement in this organization. Upon completion of this course, the student may receive a waiver for the LIFE credit. Highsteppers also perform at various other events including HTHS home basketball games.



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Fee Schedule:

Wind Ensemble:

Class Fee	\$50.00
School Instrument Rental Fee	\$50.00 (per semester)

Symphonic Band:

Class Fee	\$50.00
School Instrument Rental Fee	\$50.00 (per semester)

Concert Band:

Class Fee	\$50.00
School Instrument Rental Fee	\$50.00 (per semester)

Jazz Band (CJB: Concert Jazz Band):

Class Fee	\$25.00
School Instrument Rental Fee	\$50.00 (per semester)

Auxiliary:

Class Fee	\$50.00
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Marching Band:

Band Fee/Band Camp Fee	\$150.00
Band Uniform Rental Fee	\$125.00
Uniform Cleaning Fee	\$75.00

Band shoes and other items may be used from year to year, if in good condition. The fees above do not represent other items students may need.

Fundraising opportunities are available to offset some of the costs of this course and its fees. School instrument rental fee does not include instrument accessories or repairs. Percussionists are required to have a stick bag with an assortment of the most commonly used sticks. Percussionists must purchase the sticks for their Marching Band instrument.

Chamber Groups:

There are no fees associated with the Chamber Groups. Entrance fees to competitions and honor bands are paid by the members of the ensembles.



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Auxiliary Units:

Please refer to the Auxiliary Constitution for an outline of the fees associated with these groups.

Reimbursement of Fees:

All students should adhere to the payment calendar. If a student has fundraising profit from a fundraiser, that is NOT refundable as it is for the general fund. Refunds will only be given if it is a payment outside of money fundraised.

Transfer / Roll-Over of Credit:

Money in a student's account from fundraising cannot be used for any other activities other than those that are part of the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band Program.

Absences:

An absence from an after-school rehearsal or performance will be excused in the case of illness of student involved or a death in the immediate family. The student, or parent, must notify the director prior to the absence and provide the director with a note signed by the parents within three school days of the absence. All other absences are unexcused and will negatively affect the student's grade.

Performance Day Absence:

If a student is sick the day of a performance, the parent should notify the director to ensure we will not expect them at the performance. A written parent or doctor excuse will be needed for this absence to be excused.

Marching Band Rehearsals:

Marching Band rehearsal occurs on the following days:

Every Monday and Tuesday, 3:30pm-5:00pm and Thursday, 2:30pm – 5:00pm, Fall Semester

Classroom Absences:

All classroom absences will be governed by the policies and procedures in the Hewitt-Trussville High School Student Handbook.

Grading Procedures:

The following are grading procedures for the instrumental classes. All other areas should refer to their specific policies for grading.



Grading Outline:

The following points will be given for each of the following activities:

In Class Rehearsal	100 Points each
Outdoor Rehearsal	100 Points each
Performance	100 Points each
Music Performance Test	100 Points each

The following deductions will be used during each of the activities:

No Instrument in Rehearsal	10 Point Deduction
No Music in Rehearsal	10 Point Deduction
No Pencil in Rehearsal	10 Point Deduction
Improper Footwear for Outdoor Rehearsal	10 Point Deduction
Late for Rehearsal	20 Point Deduction
Late for Performance	50 Point Deduction
Unexcused Rehearsal Absence	100 Point Deduction
Unexcused Performance Absence	100 Point Deduction
Improperly Attired for Performance	40 Point Deduction
Conduct Rule Infraction	20 Point Deduction per instance
Travel Conduct Rule Infraction	20 Point Deduction per instance
No Instrument for Performance	100 Point Deduction

In the instance of an excused absence, the student will not receive a grade for that activity. Therefore, the event will count neither for nor against them.

Required Materials:

- 1- You will need the following items each day in band:
- 2- Instrument in good working condition
- 3- Mechanical "Click" Pencil with eraser
- 4- Black, 1 inch, 3-ring binder
- 5- Top loading page protectors.
- 6- Music and handouts in binder.



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Code of Conduct:

1. All rules and regulations set forth by Trussville City Schools and Hewitt-Trussville High School will be enforced.
2. Do not talk during rehearsals. Pay attention and do your best to improve on your instrument by learning as much as possible.
3. Have your instrument, music, and pencil and be seated by the tardy bell. Class will begin at this time – if you are not seated and ready you are late!
4. Unpack your instrument in the locker area – do not stand around and socialize.
5. Pencils are required at every rehearsal.
6. Respect each other and the music you are making. The best bands are the ones that rehearse the most efficiently and effectively.
7. Practice clothes/snacks can be stored in dressing rooms, never in your band locker.

Travel Policies and Procedures:

1. Be on time. The buses will leave at the predetermined time. If you are late, it will become your parent's responsibility to get you to the event.
2. There will be two people per seat. (2020 season: COVID-19 restrictions may affect this procedure)
3. Students will sign up for a seat on the bus at the beginning of the year. **THIS WILL REMAIN THEIR SEAT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES.**
4. Be courteous to everyone you encounter.
5. On trips where we will stop to eat, we will often pre-order meals to be delivered to a location. We very seldom stop at a restaurant or food court.
6. You should be dressed in the manner in which the director instructs you to be when leaving the school. If it is a long trip, there will be an area in which to change upon arrival.
7. Transportation to all band activities will be via Hewitt-Trussville High School bus unless other charter arrangements have been made by the proper school authorities.
8. Only Hewitt-Trussville High School Band students, staff and the designated chaperones will be allowed to ride the busses.
9. Students will ride to and from all activities with the band.
10. Students will not be released until all equipment and uniforms have been properly stored. Students will be dismissed by a Band Director.
11. All rules and regulations pertaining to school bus behavior and expectations will be observed as per the Trussville City Schools Code of Conduct.
12. Students will not be allowed to eat and drink on the busses.
13. Radios, MP3 Players are permitted **only with headphones.**
14. Students will obey the bus driver and chaperones at all times showing the courtesy and respect expected from a Hewitt-Trussville High School Band member.
15. Students assume full responsibility for the security of their possessions on



- the bus. Students will not be allowed to carry personal items to the performance area, nor should they expect chaperones to care for their personal property.
16. During overnight trips, if a student violates school behavior policies or band behavioral policies, they will face discipline from the school as well as from the band. Any student who violates school or band behavioral policies will not be allowed to travel with the band for the remainder of their tenure in the program.

Performance Etiquette:

1. Everyone should be in uniform from the point you arrive at an event until the point you leave an event.
2. Be courteous to EVERYONE you encounter.
3. Be respectful of the other bands at the event. Do not talk during their performance. Clap at the appropriate times.
4. Do not do anything that may distract from when another band is performing. This includes when another band is performing in the stands.
5. Do not talk during a band's stage performance.
6. Do not enter or exit during a band's stage or field performance.
7. Only play with the band. No unorganized "noodling" and/or "pecking".
8. No food and drinks are allowed in the stands.
9. No visitors from outside the band allowed into the band section. Parents may stop by at any time as long as they do not impede on the student's performance or get in the way of instruction. NO BOYFRIENDS OR GIRLFRIENDS!
10. All members should stay within their sections in the position designated by their section leader.
11. Be ready to play at all times. Do not set your horns down. Hold them in your hand or in your lap!
12. Students will be allowed to visit the restrooms before the game and during the third quarter.
13. Students need to make certain that they eat before reporting to the band room to dress in uniforms.
14. Stay in full uniform at all times!!!

Uniform Rules and Specifications:

Uniforms are owned and maintained by Hewitt-Trussville High School Band. Maintenance includes all cleaning and repairs within normal usage by members of the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band. A uniform rental and cleaning fee are included in the cost of yearly fees.

Hewitt-Trussville High School does not own the auxiliary uniforms. Those uniforms are owned and maintained by the individual auxiliary member.



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Displaying:

The uniforms worn by the members of the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band are an outward and visible sign of the pride and dedication of our organization. It is a visible symbol of that which we stand for and the standard of excellence that we are trying to achieve and maintain. The public recognizes and judges us by how we look as a group. When in uniform we as individuals are acknowledging that we are a part of an organization and will conform to the rules and regulations of such. As such, the uniform shall always be worn in a manner consistent with these beliefs and high ideals.

1. Everyone will wear the same uniform as directed by the Band Director.
2. The uniform must be worn correctly from the point we arrive at an event until we depart from the event.
3. No instrumentalist or Drum Major will be allowed to wear any jewelry not designated as part of the uniform. THIS INCLUDES ANY TYPE OF PIERCING, RINGS, NECKLACES, OR BRACELETS.
4. Any visible tattoos or other body art must be concealed when in uniform by way of makeup concealer or clothing.
5. Tall white socks must be worn when in Marching Uniform.
6. Make sure that your pants are the correct length and are not sagging or too high.
7. Make sure that the hem line in your pants is intact.
8. Uniforms should be picked up and returned as specified.
9. Wind and Percussion students will be required to participate in an event regardless if they have forgotten a uniform part. Auxiliary students will not perform if missing part of their uniform or equipment. Please see Auxiliary constitution for questions.
10. Grade deductions will occur for all uniform parts missed or not properly worn.
11. Students will wear only approved clothes under the band uniform (i.e. shorts and t- shirts provided by the band). Students will arrive at all performance sites wearing these clothes in order to change into the uniforms.
12. Students will not eat, drink, or chew gum in uniform unless directed to by the Band Director.
13. Students will refrain from public displays of affection while in uniform.
14. Students will remain in full uniform as directed by the Band Director. Coats are to remain buttoned and collars fastened unless told otherwise by the Director.
15. Students may not ever display the uniform in a haphazard, casual, or unsightly manner.



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Uniform Assignments:

- 1- Each band member will be assigned a numbered uniform jacket and bibbers in a garment bag labeled with their name and uniform number. Gauntlets will be placed in the back pocket of the garment bag. The numbers on the gauntlets will not match the number on the uniform as they are all one size.
- 2- Each student will be fitted for and assigned a numbered hat in a hard case. The hat number will not match the uniform number. Each box will be labeled with the student's name on blue painter's tape. This tape must remain on the box for easy identification.
- 3- Please be aware that once a hat is fitted that will be the hat you will wear for the duration of marching season, so make sure your hair is the way you will wear it for the whole season. We do not have enough hats to reassign because of changes in hairstyles. All hair must be put up under the hat (Shako), so everyone looks uniform from the stands.

Repair/Alterations/Replacement:

- 1- Absolutely NO ALTERATIONS of any kind are allowed on the uniforms! One of our uniform team members will take care of any hemming needs on the bibbers. Any adjustments to hems needed during marching season will be assessed and taken care of by the uniform team.
- 2- Uniforms are routinely repaired and replaced by the Band Foundation. However, in the event that repairs are required, and parts need to be replaced due to negligence on the part of the student, that student may be charged for the repairs and/or replacement parts. Negligence will be decided by the director.

Drum Major Uniforms:

- 1- Drum Major uniforms are also owned and maintained by the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band. Student may pay the same fees as stated above. Under certain circumstances the Directors might choose to have the Drum Majors wear formalwear or other attire. This "uniform" must be approved by the Directors.
- 2- If the student wants an additional cleaning on their uniform they will be allowed to do so, at their own expense. However, this is in addition to the cleaning fee and not in place of our substitution of that fee.
- 3- Students who cannot wear the uniform with pride and dignity upholding the high ideals and beliefs of our organization will be denied the privilege of wearing the uniform.



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UNIFORM CLEANING

- 1- The band director will explain specific procedures for leaving uniform jackets and gauntlets for cleaning to the students before the first game.
- 2- Jackets will be dry cleaned as scheduled by the band director. Before your jacket is turned in to be dry cleaned, remove the cape and hook it onto a hanger by the buttonhole to be kept at home until you pick your jacket back up. Do not wad the cape up and put in your garment bag! It will damage the sequins.
- 3- Gauntlets will be turned in for dry cleaning as scheduled by the band director. Gauntlets are to be kept in the back pocket of the garment bag.
- 4- Please note that percussion gauntlets are rounded on the edge instead of a point. ONLY percussion will pick up rounded gauntlets after cleaning. This is very important because we do not have any extra percussion gauntlets.
- 5- If the breastplate has been worn on the jacket, it will need to be removed before turning in jacket for cleaning.
- 6- Bibbers are to be machine washed at home in cold water on the normal cycle using standard detergent. **Do NOT use bleach!** Tumble dry with low heat, remove promptly and hang neatly. Pants should be hung with center crease.
- 7- Students will need to know their uniform numbers when picking up cleaned jackets as they will be hanging in numerical order.
- 8- If you have problems with your uniform such as missing buttons, broken zippers, etc. please notify one of the uniform team members so they can make sure it gets fixed. Both Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Bender are with the band at each game to help with any possible uniform problems.

Student Leadership:

Student leaders are a vital and a necessary part of the band infrastructure. They are necessary to the teaching and discipline process of the band. A student leader's authority is a direct link to the Band Director, sponsors and instructors, and all subordinate students should act accordingly.

Student leaders, from time to time, will make requests of their sections and/or subordinates. All students are expected to comply with those requests. Should a subordinate student feel that a request made by a student leader is unreasonable, then that individual should bring it to the attention of the Band Director in a timely manner.



All student leaders are required and expected to work with their subordinates with a positive, co-operative, and nurturing attitude demonstrating a work ethic that is conducive to the promotion of excellence within the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band Program.

Drum Major:

Drum Major is the highest-ranking student leadership position in the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band Program. The Drum Major is expected to assist in making the program run as smoothly as possible in whatever endeavor that may be required of him/her. The Drum Major and the Band Director work very closely in all matters that directly affect the band or the performance of the membership. The Drum Major's authority is a direct link to the Band Director, and subordinate students should act accordingly.

The Drum Major is not only a conductor for the music but should also try to be the motivational leader of the band. The Drum Major, like the Band Director, should be as equally concerned with the "heart" of the band as well as the music.

Drum Major Responsibilities:

The Drum Major's responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1- Conducting the field music at all Marching Band performances and rehearsals.
- 2- Supervising section leaders and assisting with music and marching.
- 3- Supervising the various duty managers and assisting with the organization of their job descriptions.
- 4- Assisting the Band Director in logistics and other areas that are deemed necessary.

Drum Major Tryouts:

Students interested in becoming Drum Major should apply once leadership applications are made live. The director will decide who the new Drum Majors will be with input from the staff via an audition.

Drum Major Audition Requirements:

- 1- Must be a sophomore in good standing with the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band program.
- 2- Must be making satisfactory academic progress.
- 3- Must be making exemplary progress musically on their major instrument (Musical leadership; i.e. trying out for All State, All District Bands, be able to play all 12 major scales, participate in Solo & Ensemble etc).
- 4- Must have at least one year of marching experience with the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band.
- 5- Must have displayed a character of leadership and cooperativeness throughout the



- previous year.
- 6- Must be current on all school financial obligations.

The Band Director has the right and responsibility to suspend the process in part or as a whole at any time and appoint any and all student leaders if deemed necessary.

Section Leaders:

Section Leaders are an integral part of the leadership team. The Section Leaders are expected to assist in making the program run as smoothly as possible in whatever endeavor that may be required of them. The Section Leaders, Drum Majors, and the Band Director work very closely in all matters that directly affect the band or the performance of the membership. The Section Leader's authority is a direct link the Band Director. Drum Majors and subordinate students should act accordingly.

Section Leader Responsibilities:

The Section Leader's responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1- Supervise and assume responsibility of their sections in terms of marching and musical assignments.
- 2- Assist the Band Director in logistical and other areas that are deemed necessary.

Section Leader Selection Requirements:

- 1- Must be a senior, junior or sophomore in good standing with the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band Program.
- 2- Must be making satisfactory academic progress.
- 3- Must be at or near the top of their section in terms of musical skill, development and expertise.
- 4- Must have one year of marching experience with the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band.
- 5- Must have displayed a character of leadership and cooperativeness through the previous year.
- 6- Must meet leadership requirements as set forth by the Band Director.
- 7- Must be current on all school financial obligations.
- 8- Must attend the yearly leadership seminar.

Leadership Requirements/Clinics:

Students who wish to assume leadership roles will be asked to attend and complete designated training sessions. Certain tasks must be mastered before students will be eligible to assume leadership responsibilities. Tasks may include, but are not limited to:

- 1- Passing off required scales.
- 2- Demonstrating appropriate teaching techniques.



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3- Anything else that the Band Director deems necessary to leadership development.

Student Staff:

Special Ops:

Responsible for many of the logistical workings of the band such as getting areas ready for rehearsals, making sure sections are helping in keeping our areas clean, and general upkeep of our facilities.

Loading Crew:

Responsible for loading and unloading the equipment truck before and after every performance.

Field Maintenance:

Responsible for lining the practice field once a week or as need.

Library Staff:

Responsible for the copying and distribution of any and all music. Only these individuals are allowed to use the copy machine or work in the music library.

Lockers:

Instrument lockers will be provided to students at no charge. Combination locks should be kept on the locker at all times. We are not responsible for items lost or stolen if a lock is not on the locker. The director and Drum Majors will assign lockers based on the size of the instrument. Students should keep their lockers orderly and free from trash at all times. **Under no circumstances should students keep food or other related products that would attract insects.**

All State Band:

The purpose of the All-State Band Festival is to distinguish the most outstanding band members in the state of Alabama and to give them the opportunity for a musical experience of the highest caliber.

The All-State Band Festival will include three bands; Red Band, White Band, Blue Band. Those students with the highest scores will be assigned to the Red Band, next highest scores will be assigned to the White Band and the next highest scores will be assigned to the Blue Band.

If a student is accepted for All State Band / All State Jazz Band they are **REQUIRED** to attend notwithstanding any extenuating circumstance. Students failing to do so will not be allowed to audition/ participate in other honor bands.



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Each student and parent will be responsible for making their own travel and lodging arrangements.

All State Jazz Band:

All-State Jazz Band is available to those students who are actively participating in Jazz Band.

Audition requirements are available from the director.

Auditions are held during the month of January.

Each student and parent will be responsible for making their own travel and lodging arrangements.

District Honor Band:

The purpose of the District Honor Band is to distinguish the most outstanding band members in the Alabama Bandmasters Association, District IV and to give them the opportunity for a musical experience of the highest caliber.

If a student is accepted for District Honor Band they are **REQUIRED** to attend notwithstanding any extenuating circumstance. Students failing to do so will not be allowed to audition/ participate in other honor bands.

Because of the large expense of District Honor Band participation incurred by the band, each student and parent will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

Honor Bands:

Students will have the opportunity to submit applications to many of the various honor bands sponsored by colleges and universities. Selection into these groups is solely the right and responsibility of the host university and should in no way reflect upon the recommendations or quality of the students within the Hewitt-Trussville High School Band Program.

If a student is accepted for an Honor Band they are **REQUIRED** to attend notwithstanding any extenuating circumstance. Students failing to do so will not be allowed to audition/ participate in other honor bands. If an honor band conflicts with a Hewitt-Trussville High School Band performance, the student will be expected to perform their Hewitt-Trussville High School Band obligations before any others.

Because of the vast number of honor bands throughout the school year, each student and parent will be responsible for making their own travel and lodging arrangements. Honor Bands other than Allstate and District IV Honor Bands are



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NOT excused absences from school.

Chamber Concert / Solo and Ensemble:

Solo and Ensemble occurs every spring and allows students to showcase their small group and solo work. A Chamber Concert may take place before solo and ensemble to allow parents and the community to see the hard work the students have placed on performing their music.

Recruiting Concerts:

We will do several concerts throughout the year at the various elementary schools to encourage the students to join band. These events will be announced ahead of time.

Miscellaneous Events:

There will be other events throughout the year that will require all or some of the band. These events will be announced ahead of time and often we will call for volunteers.

Homecoming:

Several events will be required of the band during the week of homecoming. Participation in all events is mandatory and graded.

Senior Night / Events:

Senior Night is usually at the last home football game of the year. Seniors, along with their parents, will be recognized on the field before the game. More information will be made available closer to the event.

Students Leaving the Program:

Any student who leaves the program after July 1st will NOT receive a reimbursement for fees.



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Hewitt-Trussville High School Instrumental Music Department Policy and Procedure Manual Agreement Form

By signing this agreement, the student agrees to the conditions and rules outlined in this band handbook for the school year 2021 – 2022. The student understands the requirements of this course and its extracurricular requirements. The student understands that failure to meet these requirements and obligations will have a damaging effect on their grade for this course. The student further understands that he/she has made a commitment that he/she is expected to fulfill to his/her best ability. The student accepts the daily homework of practice time on his/her respective instrument. **By signing this agreement, the student and family have noted the specific dates and times of performances throughout the year and understands his/her obligations to meet all these events; failure to perform at these performances will have a negative impact on the student's grade in the class.** The director will be sure to allow ample advance notice if necessary, changes in the performance schedule occur. The student further agrees to return all equipment, music, supplies to the music department in the same condition as they were received. These items include but are not limited to sheet music, music books, mouthpieces, neck straps, lyres and flip folders, pencils, leather music folders, textbooks, CD's, tapes and recordings. The student understands that he/she will be responsible for the replacement cost of these items if not returned in the same condition.

I have read and understand the conditions, dates, and requirements of this course.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name/Photo Internet Authorization (please check one):

_____ I give permission for my son/daughter's PHOTO and NAME to appear on web publications

_____ I give permission for my son/daughter's PHOTO (**not name**) to appear on web publications

_____ I give permission for my son/daughter's NAME (**not photo**) to appear on web publications

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school via email: Michael.Guzman@TrussvilleCitySchools.Com



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