

Arcola High School Band Student Handbook



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Objectives

As a member of the Arcola High School Band, you are expected to perform to the best of your abilities and work with the band to experience and understand music. Our attitudes and each of our performances reflect upon our community and school.

Expectations

All band members must be willing to cooperate with others and improve themselves through regular practice. We must have a sense of purpose toward a common goal and be willing to work toward that goal. We need to work hard to achieve individual and group goals. Each student is the determining factor in the success of the band. If you do not know how to do something, ASK!!

1. Respect- self, students, staff, space, equipment
2. Be regular in attendance; account for all absences
3. Be responsible for your actions
4. Make a **sincere** effort to improve and contribute
5. Follow classroom and rehearsal procedures, school regulations and instructions
6. No food, drink or gum! Water only
7. Keep your instrument cubby clean and tidy
8. Bring a pencil every day

Uniforms

The band uniform consists of several parts, some issued by the band and others that must be provided by band members. It is important that all parts be standardized or “uniform” within the band. It is our position that the condition of one’s uniform reflects the pride one has in our program.

1. You are responsible for your uniform and its appearance at all times. If you lose or damage any part of it, you must pay to have it replaced or repaired.
2. Uniforms must be kept **neat** and **clean** while in student's possession.
3. When not in use on band trips, the uniform is to be kept hanging in its bag for protection.
4. After every performance, neatly hang each uniform part and return it to its proper location.

The director may conduct random uniform inspections for a grade. Failure to hang uniform correctly will result in a failing grade.

School Instruments

If you are currently using or need to use a school instrument, please fill out an instrument rental agreement form.

Grading

You grade in band will be determined as follows:

Activity	Percentage
Performances	30%
Participation	20%
Instrument Cleaning	10%
Playing Evaluations/Projects	20%
In Class Activities	20%

Attendance - Attendance is expected at all performances and at all pre-scheduled rehearsals. An excused absence from a band function will require the same criteria as an excused absence from school: personal illness, death in the family, or family emergency. Excuses for absences and tardiness should be submitted in advance, in writing with a parent's signature. Unexcused absences from a performance or numerous rehearsals may result in removal from future activities. **Communication is important to avoid a failing grade for a performance.**

Instrument Cleaning- We will have an instrument cleaning inspection once per semester. I will notify you 2 weeks in advance before the inspection takes place. We will go over proper cleaning procedures for each instrument as a class and a how-to form will be sent home.

Playing Evaluations/Projects- Each quarter, we will have at least one playing evaluation or project. In first quarter, we have a memorization test for the halftime show. In second quarter, we will have a playing evaluation for for chair placement. In the third quarter, you will have to play all 12 major scales. In the fourth quarter, you can either participate in solo and ensemble contest or complete a composition assignment. You will be notified at least 2 weeks in advance of each playing test or project. Playing evaluations take place before or after school (or the first 5 minutes of band)

In Class Activities- Sometimes our theory lessons will require written work. I will always give you time in class to work on these assignments. Once completed and returned, you will have the opportunity to correct your work and turn it back in to earn full credit.

Exam- At the end of each semester, we will have one cumulative exam based on quiz materials and lectures. I will provide a study guide. The content will always be the theory we have learned that semester and translation of Italian symbols and terms.

Lessons

I am available before and after school most days to provide one on one or group lessons. These lessons are free and not graded. I will gladly help you with music, instrument technique or solo repertoire. I will also even help you prepare for playing evaluations! Lessons are 20 minutes once a week and will greatly benefit you and the ensemble. Please check the signup sheet to the left of the board and speak to me one on one to find out more!
One lesson= 2 points extra credit

Officers

We need a band president to take attendance from section leaders, organize events (after school parties, t-shirts, etc.), pass out music, and help remind students of performances and activities via the web/cell phone.

Arcola Band Boosters Association (ABBA)

The Band Parents organization is a very active group of parents who support the band in countless ways. They raise funds for trips and parties, help with uniforms, organize, chaperone trips, and so much more. We hope that all band parents will become active members of this supportive organization. Encourage your parents to become involved!!!

Fundraising

We will have 2 fundraisers each year to purchase new instruments and equipment and to further the success of our program. Your personal fundraising will be put into a personal account to pay for a band trip on trip years.

Supplies/Equipment

If you need new reeds or any other supplies for your instrument call B and J music at 2174431050 by Wednesday of that week. George, our B and J music representative, travels to the school every Friday for repairs and to deliver supplies. Calling the store directly works much better than students telling me and having me relay the information.

Resources

Visit our website for copies of all handouts and information:

<http://www.arcolamusicdept.org>

For music theory help:

<http://www.musictheory.net>

Night Practice Schedule

Monday August 26 th	6.30-9.00pm
Thursday August 29 th	6.30-9.00pm
Thursday August 5 th	6.30-9.00pm
Monday September 16 th	6.30-9.00pm
Thursday September 19 th	6.30-9.00pm
Monday September 23 rd	6.30-9.00pm
Monday October 21 st	6.30-9.00pm

Band Calendar 2013-2014

2013

September 6th

September 7th

September 21st

September 28th

October 5th

October 11th

October 14th

October 25th

October 26th

November 23rd

December 8th

Football vs. Bismark-Henning

Broomcorn Parade

Monticello Invitational 2:00pm

Mt. Zion Marching Competition TBA

Football vs. Hamilton

Football vs. Martinsville

IMEA Auditions @ Effingham HS

Football vs. Cero Gordo

Oblong Spooktacular 6:00am-
11:30pm

IMEA District Festival- EIU

Christmas Concert-2:00pm band
3.30pm chorus

2014

January 22nd-23rd

February 22nd

March 8th

March 18th

March 20th

May 8th

May TBA

All State Conference-Peoria

Band Dinner Concert-Dinner
6:00pm, Concert at 6:30

Solo and Ensemble @ Arcola 10am

LOVC Jazz Band Practice @ Arcola

HS Band LOVC @ Okaw Valley

Band and Chorus Concert- Chorus
6:00pm, Band 7:00pm

Band and Chorus Awards Night

Pep Band Schedule 2012-2013

All high school band students are required to attend 12/15 pep band performances throughout the year. Pep band attendance is calculated as a performance grade. Ask for these dates off work now! Band will leave after halftime except on Friday night games.