
Deane Bozeman School

Band Program

High School Band Manual

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BELIEF STATEMENT

I am responsible for my behavior and the results of that behavior. I am responsible for what I become in life, and life does not accept excuses. I will always strive to be the best version of me that I can because I know that my Band Family is counting on me. I am an integral part of the Deane Bozeman School Band Program.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

To participate in band activities at Deane Bozeman School, the student must follow the following guidelines:

1. Be a student at Deane Bozeman School or have a special request to the Band Director.
2. Maintain a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or higher in all academic and elective classes.

COMMITMENT TO PROGRAM

This program runs for the full year and are expected to participate in all required events throughout the year. Students must also be enrolled in the appropriate class. Exceptions may be considered by the Band Director.

BASIC GUIDELINES

- • Students must abide by the Bay District Schools Code of Student Conduct, Deane Bozeman School Student Rules, and the Deane Bozeman Band Manual.
- • A disciplinary infraction that results in Out of School Suspension or repeated disciplinary infractions may result in subsequent **suspension** from Band activities or **removal** from the program.
- • Any instrument or equipment not belonging to or assigned to you is strictly **off limits**.
- • **No** gum, food, or drink other than bottled water is allowed in the band room.
- • For security reasons, the band room is **off limits** to non-band students.
- • **Dishonesty** (this can be lying, cheating, stealing, or anything else dishonest) can result in dismissal from the program.
- • Be supportive of each other and be positive to one another. **Every** individual is important in this Band. Without you, there is no Band! Have **FUN!!**
- • Attend **ALL** rehearsals and performances.
- • Be **prepared** for rehearsals and performances.
- • Be **on time** for all classes, rehearsals, and performances.
- • Keep instrument and equipment in **performance condition** and in **proper location**.
- • **Practice regularly** at home (15-30 minutes per day) and study privately if possible.
- • Keep **YOUR** band facility neat, clean and free of litter.
- • Keep up with and be responsible for the music and equipment issued to him or her.

Failure to meet these requirements could result in a penalty of push-ups, laps or other punishment that fits the infraction which is to be administered by the Band Directors or leadership

“Sound of Roaring Thunder” Marching Band, Symphonic Band, & “Heat Wave” Jazz Band

“SOUND OF ROARING THUNDER” MARCHING BAND

Membership is open to all high school students and 3rd year middle school students by audition.

Attention is focused on continued music fundamentals, advanced technical achievement, and acquisition of performance and rehearsal skills through exposure to a variety of literature. This band will perform at all Varsity football games, pep rallies/in school performances, Local and Regional Festivals/Competitions, FBA Music Performance Assessment, and the annual Lynn Haven Christmas Parade. **After school rehearsals will be required before each performance.**

“HEAT WAVE” JAZZ BAND

Membership is open to all high school students. Attention is focused on continued music fundamentals, advanced technical achievement, and acquisition of performance and rehearsal skills through exposure to a variety of jazz literature. This band will perform at various school events, the annual Christmas & Spring Concerts, Local and Regional Festivals/Competitions, FBA Music Performance Assessment, and other events locally in Bay County. **After school rehearsals will be required before each performance.**

SYMPHONIC BAND

Membership is open to all high school students. Attention is focused on continued music fundamentals, advanced technical achievement, and acquisition of performance and rehearsal skills through exposure to a variety of literature. This band will perform at various school events, the annual Christmas & Spring Concerts, Local and Regional Festivals/Competitions, FBA Music Performance Assessment, and other events locally in Bay County. **After school rehearsals will be required before each performance.**

GRADING SYSTEM

Rehearsal Preparation & Performance 20%: Students will receive full credit, for effective performance within the ensemble. If the student is prepared for rehearsal, on time, participates, and follows band room rules and school policy, the student will receive all available points. Failure to be prepared, tardiness, and inappropriate behavior will result in a loss of Rehearsal Preparation & Performance Points.

Individual Playing/Written Assessments 50%: These will be either performance-based or written and are to be completed via the student's Charms Account Recording Studio, or in person by appointment with Mr. Poiroux or Mr. Johnson. Students will be given ample prior notice to prepare before any assessment.

Group Performances 30%: All performances are mandatory and will be assessed. The director will provide the students with performance dates with ample time to make adjustments in schedule. Performance attendance will be a heavily graded aspect of the class. Additionally, the band is a group activity where students must rehearse and perform in a collaborative fashion: One band, one sound! *Unlike a written test, performances cannot be reproduced. If a performance is missed that is unexcused, a 3 page essay will be assigned to recover the grade.*

ATTENDANCE

Your attendance during rehearsals and performances has a direct effect on your grade. Band is a participation/performance based course. Attendance is mandatory to all rehearsals and performances unless otherwise noted. A list of scheduled concert dates throughout the school year can be found on the band website www.dbsband.com. **Please be aware of these performance dates, and plan accordingly.**

Excused Absences Include

- Extreme personal illness *with Doctor's Note*
- Family Health emergencies *verified by family*
- *Approved* Academic conflicts
- Required Religious observances *(with notice)*
- Extra-Curricular School conflicts *approved by director in advance.*

REHEARSALS

- During football season, in addition to class time, full marching rehearsals are scheduled for every Monday and Thursday after school from 3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted or Thursday Night Football game. **Having an unexcused absence from rehearsal will result in not being able to perform during the Friday night's performance.**
 - Sneakers, or other close toed/closed heeled shoes must be worn at all times. No other footwear is allowed.
- Symphonic & Jazz Band rehearsals will be scheduled as needed and notification will be given at a minimum of two weeks.

PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

- **ABSOLUTELY NO** drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products are allowed at any band function. Any infraction **WILL** result in dismissal from the band in addition to being subject to school disciplinary policy.
- All Show Music Pass-offs must be complete to be able to perform halftime with an instrument.
- All band members are required to obtain a medical release, school rules & procedures form, trip permission form, as well as permission for medication form for all events away from school. Any medications need to be registered and given to the medic at each event. These will be completed at the beginning of the year and they will cover the student for the entire school year. If insurance changes at any time please inform us.
- Students **MUST** ride the band bus to all out-of-town performances. Students may ride home with **ONLY** the custodial parent or legal guardian with signed written permission form from that parent or guardian. Students will be released only when the Director releases the students after the performance. The parent and student must “Check out” with the Director before leaving the event.
- Band members will sit together as a unit in assigned seats at the football games and competitions.
- **NO FOOD** will be allowed in the band section without consent from the Director. The only exception to this rule is if the band has the Third Quarter break. Then they may eat in full uniform and drink clear liquids during that quarter.
- **ONLY THE DESIGNATED CHAPERONES FOR EACH EVENT** are permitted in the band section unless granted permission by the Director. Any others will be asked to leave.

UNIFORMS

- Band Uniforms will be used for Marching Band season & Symphonic Band MPA
- Symphonic & Jazz Bands will wear nice clothes “Sunday Best” for performances other than Concert MPA.
- Students will be held responsible for the uniform issued to them. Replacement of a lost or damaged uniform could cost as much as \$725.00. Uniforms will be checked out to students. Any articles that are lost will be replaced at the student’s expense.
- Personally purchased accessories will include the following:
 - Official Band White Shoes
 - Solid White **LONG** socks
 - Solid White Gloves
 - Current year official band shorts
 - Current year official band t-shirt
- Shako must be worn at the correct angle. Hair must be up and under the hat.
- **NO** jewelry other than a lone stud in each ear.
- **NO** hair ornaments (except black hair ties)
- **When in public, the uniform must be worn correctly and in its entirety.**

MUSIC

- No sharing – **Each student will have his or her own Flip Folder & Concert Folder.**
- Names will be neatly printed in the upper right corner of each piece of music, measures numbered, and make all other marks neatly in pencil.
- When not in use, the concert folders will be stored in the assigned music cabinet slot or locker with lock only. **No other location is acceptable.**
- The student is responsible for purchasing extra folder pages if needed.
- Replacement of the music will cost 25 cents per page. Give request and money to librarian.

INSTRUMENTS

School-Owned

Some instruments (French Horn/Baritone/Tuba) may be provided by the school to avoid large instrument purchases. These instruments will be checked-out to the student at the beginning or the year through the director.

Repair

If it becomes necessary to have a student's instrument repaired, the band director must receive a note from the parent. Students without their instrument in class, or proof of repair, will lose partial grade points and be given a written assignment.

Storage

When students arrive at school in the morning, they may bring their instruments to the band room and place them in the storage racks. Before boarding the bus at the end of the day, students may return to the band room to pick up their instruments. The school provides the storage racks as a convenience to students, but we are not responsible for instruments left there during the day or overnight. Please mark the student's name on instrument cases and personal equipment, lock the case if possible, lock the locker, and insure your instrument through your homeowner's or renter's insurance for optimal security. Keep a record of the make, model, and serial number of your instrument.

****The school is not responsible for instruments/items not in a locked locker ****

MUSICIAN LETTERING

To be able to receive a band letter, one must meet the following criteria:

1. Bandsmen are **required to attend all rehearsals and performances** for the entire year.
2. Bandsmen will be in the Deane Bozeman Band Program for the **Full** year.
4. Bandsmen must **NOT** have been in ISS or OSS the entire year.
5. Bandsmen will have to pass-off all **12 major scales from memory** before the banquet.
6. Bandsmen must participate in FBA District Solo & Ensemble & receive a **Superior**.
7. Bandsmen must **audition** for the Bay County All-County Band.

LIGHTNING LADY LETTERING

To be able to receive a band letter, one must meet the following criteria:

1. Lightning Ladies are **required to attend all rehearsals and performances** for the entire year.
2. Lightning Ladies will be in the Deane Bozeman Band Program for the **Full** year
4. Lightning Ladies must **NOT** have been in ISS or OSS the entire year
5. Lightning Ladies must participate in FBA District Solo & Ensemble & receive a **Superior**

(Please detach this page and return with student)

STUDENT HANDBOOK AGREEMENT

I have read the DBS Band Manual, and understand the expectations and guidelines of the class.

I am also aware of the scheduled concert dates throughout the school year.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent /Guardian Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____