

JONESBORO HIGH SCHOOL BAND

HANDBOOK FOR MEMBERS

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Jonesboro High School Bands

Welcome to the Jonesboro High School Band Program. The Jonesboro High School Band is one of the school's most outstanding organizations and is vital to the morale of our school's community. The members of this band are proud to be a part of one of the community's most respected groups. They are also proud of the superior standard the organization sets and will strive hard to maintain that quality. It is a privilege and an honor to be a member of the Jonesboro High School.

Every superior band should have high standards in performance and behavior. Ours is no exception, so we take pride in our organization by following its rules and regulations. The Jonesboro High School Band consists of the following: Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Auxiliaries and Managers. The term Auxiliaries refers to the Majestic Dolls and competition dance teams.

All participants in the Jonesboro High School Band are subject to the rules of Jonesboro High School as outlined in the Student Handbook and the guidelines presented on the following pages.

Membership Requirements

1. Band members must be in good academic standings.
2. Transfer students must be in good standings with their former director.
3. All students should be able to learn and perform materials and techniques that are taught.
4. Auxiliary members are chosen through try-outs to be judged by a panel of judges.

Attitude:

1. Since members should set the example as model students, each member of the band must maintain a desirable attitude, good behavior, and a spirit of cooperation in all practices and performances. Failure of adherence to this stipulation may result in dismissal from the band.
2. Each member must cooperate fully with directors, auxiliary sponsors, student leaders, chaperones, designated adults and all school authorities at all times. Not adhering to this will result in referral to the appropriate administration and/or may result in dismissal from the band.
3. Band members must respect their student representatives and leaders when elected or appointed. Student leaders are aides to the Band Directors who have been assigned specific duties by the directors to help maintain a superior organization. In addition, student leaders should exemplify the model of musicianship, good attitude, enthusiasm, honesty, and good morality. If student leaders mishandle a situation, the directors should be notified immediately.

Leadership:

1. The directors or a panel of judges on the basis of musicianship, leadership ability, posture, self-discipline, and the ability to react in a performance situation selects drum major(s). The band directors, on the basis of playing ability, dependability, organizational skills, and cooperation, appoint section leaders and student staff members.
2. Leaders will complete leadership training by the directors and or attend training camp. Students who fail to complete this training to the satisfaction of the directors will be removed from their leadership position!
3. Members are seated according to the needs of the band and at the discretion of the directors
4. Heads of Auxiliary's will be chosen by the auxiliary sponsor OR through try-outs to be judged by a panel of judges.

Morality

1. Jonesboro High School band members will not use profanity in the presence of other students or adults while engaged in band activities. Leaders guilty of cursing toward a student will be removed from leadership.
2. Jonesboro High School band members will not use tobacco of any kind, drink alcoholic beverages, or use illegal drugs while engaged in band activities.

Conduct

1. No talking is permitted when the directors or student leader is on the podium, or speaking to the group from some other part of the room. An opportunity will be given for relaxing and talking during each rehearsal.
2. Attendance at activities must be punctual. The band directors and auxiliary sponsors will set times.
3. In performances all band personnel will sit together in the pre-arranged formation at all times while in the stands. Outsiders must be excluded for safety purposes.
4. Students will not use cell phones during rehearsals or performances. Students caught using a cell phone during a rehearsal or performance will result in a performance suspension or exercise. After the third offence, students will be removed from the band.
5. All students must participate in all stand routines.
6. The directors and sponsor will decide restroom use/concession stand on a case-by-case basis.
7. Personal hygiene rules must be carried out.
8. No jewelry is to be worn during performances. Females may only wear studs while in concert attire. Males are not allowed to wear earrings at any time.
9. No shades or sunglasses (games/competitions) unless a part of the performance. Only prescribed glasses are to be worn.
10. No make-up (except for auxiliary).
11. No gum chewing.
12. Students will not participate in public displays of affection (PDA). Students should not engage in PDA at school or any band functions. Everyone does not want to know your business!
13. Students must bring a signed note from a parent or guardian prior to leaving for the performance to check off the bus after a performance. If a parent insists on taking the child after permission is denied, the student will no longer participate with the band. Emergencies will be determined by the directors.

Clinic/Camp

The cost for all camps is the responsibility of band and auxiliary members or parents/guardians. Each member must attend camp. Conflict with a job will have to be resolved. The importance of camp to the group as a whole is of prime importance.

Financial Obligations

1. An assessment for Operational Expenses is required yearly. Auxiliary assessments are determined and set by their sponsors (with the director's approval).
2. Refunds for camp deposits and payments will be at the discretion of the directors. If payment has been sent off by the school, it is unlikely that the deposit will be returned, except in cases of dire emergency. A \$20 late fee will be assessed for payments made after each set due date.

Fundraising

The Jonesboro High School Band strives to provide the very best for our band members. To do this we must hold fundraisers to help with the proper operations of the band. We ask all parents and students to help whenever possible. For students that require assistance, no courtesies will be extended to members who do not participate in fundraisers. Thank you in advance for your understanding and assistance. All monies raised for fundraisers are property of the school. While money can be designated for student fees or trips, the money is still property of the school, and once designated to go to a particular item; it cannot be transferred to another area of the band.

Instrument and Uniform Care

1. Parents and Students must sign an instrument loan agreement form before he/she is issued a school owned instrument.
2. Parents and Students must sign a uniform agreement and must have paid their band assessment fee before they are issued a uniform.
3. Parents and students are responsible for the total cost of damages, loss, or theft of a school owned instrument/uniform that occurs while in the care of the student (damages that are caused by negligence).
4. Students whose uniforms are left improperly cared for or found on the ground will be suspended from performance for the week. If a student is suspended for neglect of uniform, the third offence will result in dismissal from the band.

* Further instructions about care will be provided in the agreement that is issued.

Absentee Policy for Band

It is the student's responsibility to notify the band directors, not the student leader, in advance with assigned note from a parent if a rehearsal will be missed. When missing a rehearsal, the student must fill out a planned absence form.

Students who miss Thursday evening rehearsals will be subject to losing their spot on the field for the half-time performance (illness absences will be determined at the discretion of the directors). However, the student is required to attend as a band member and sit with the band. Students will be required to wear full uniform and stand on the sideline at attention during the half time performance.

Excused Absences

1. Illness verified by a doctor's note
2. Death in the family
3. Unusual circumstances verified by a note from a parent to include, but not strictly limited to: an illness that does not require a doctor's care, yet is serious enough to cause an absence, family emergency, situations deemed appropriate by directors.

Unexcused Absences

1. Skipping
2. Forgetting
3. Employment conflict
4. Club meeting
5. Make-up test/Detention
6. Doctor and other appointments that could be scheduled at a different time *
(Parents/students must find a way that will not interfere with rehearsal.)
7. Trip made in disregard of band commitment
8. Babysitting a younger sibling.
9. Beauty Appointments (hair and/or nails)
10. Failure to secure appropriate transportation to rehearsals and performances**
11. Any conflict not cleared in advance with the band directors

*Doctor's appointments should be scheduled at times other than during a scheduled rehearsal or performance.

** It is the responsibility of the parent and student to secure transportation to and from rehearsals. Students must be picked up promptly after rehearsal. It is not the responsibility of the band staff to remain and babysit students who have not secured transportation. Please respect our time as we will respect yours.

Performance Requirements

Student performance will be monitored on a daily/weekly basis. Based upon their progress, the directors/sponsors reserve the right to place students on sideline status until student performance meets previously set standards. Payment of band dues does not automatically secure a student's position on the field for performance.

Band Trip Procedures

1. All school rules are in effect on all trips!
2. Students are to stay together as a band. Students will not be allowed to wander at their leisure during games. Students must seek permission from the band director(s) or sponsor(s) to utilize the facilities.
3. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they have transportation to and from the band room for both home and away games.
4. Misconduct or violation of school rules and regulations while on an overnight trip may result in the student being sent home (at parents' expense) via the quickest means of transportation.
5. If a student is caught stealing while traveling with the band, it will be the parent's responsibility to post bail and transport the student home, regardless of location.

Discipline Policy

The following consequences may be issued for an infraction of any of the above procedures:

1. Verbal warning/Students are isolated from source of problem
2. Suspension from games depending on the severity of offense/administration notification and parent conference
3. Removal from band

Jonesboro High School Band Performance Schedule

2016-2017

- 8/19 Mt. Zion, Jonesboro (T)
- 8/26 At Eagle's Landing Christian
- 9/02 Spalding (TO)
- 9/09 At McEachern
- 9/16 Tucker (T)
- 9/30 At Stephenson (HS)
- 10/14 M. L. King (T)
- 10/21 At Mundy's Mill (TO)
- 10/22 Clayton County Marching Festival
- 10/28 At Lovejoy (TO)
- 11/03 Drew (T)

*The directors reserve the right to make changes, as necessary, to accommodate school and community events.

***Note: The following page should be returned to the band director immediately.

2016-17 Band Dues

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| Two Band Shirts | \$30.00 |
| Marching Shoes | \$40.00 |
| Spats/Gloves | \$15.00 |
| Headband | \$5.00 |
| Instructor Fee | \$20.00 |
| Windsuits | \$80.00 |

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| Total | \$190.00 |
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You are welcome to make installment payments on your child's band assessment before the due dates. All payments must be cash or postal money order; Payable to Jonesboro High. You may bring your payments to the band room and place them in Mr. Goodwin's hand in a sealed envelope. You will then be given a receipt.

Simply seal your payment in an envelope and write the following information on the outside of the envelope:

Child's Name

Amount of Payment

Purpose of Payment

*Payment Schedule

August 5th, 2016... \$50.00

August 26th, 2016...\$75.00

September 16th, 2016.... Final Payment \$65.00

Parent/ Student Agreement Form

For the Student:

I have read the Jonesboro High School Band Handbook for Members and will comply with the rules and regulations set forth within this document. I will act as a responsible band member and citizen when representing our school and community. I realize that if I do not adhere to the rules and procedures stated in this handbook I would be expected to accept the consequences of my behavior.

Student's Printed Name

Student's Signature

Date

For the Parent:

I have read the Jonesboro High School Band Handbook for members and I fully understand the rules, regulations and consequences. I understand the consequences that may follow specific behavior and agree to these consequences. I have also read the band assessment and fundraising portion of this manual and agree to the financial obligations as well as my needed participation in fundraising activities. I will endeavor to help my child have a successful career in the Jonesboro High School Band program by my support in every effort possible

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date