

Noble High School

Band Handbook

2023-2024



HS Band 2023-2024

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Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. This class is a two semester course designed to teach you the fundamentals of playing your instrument, marching, and to prepare the ensemble for a variety of performances.

What is expected of you as a member of the Noble Band

As a member of our band, you are representing our school, our district, our community, and our state. Every band member should be conscious of their behavior and the impressions that it makes. Your words and actions will be heard, seen, and interpreted by many people. Represent this program in the manner that it should be represented. Take pride in what you do and how you do it.

Band Rules / Expectations

1. Be on time for class and all performances.
2. Treat others with respect at all times.
3. Treat the room and all materials with respect at all times.
4. Refrain from using cell phones or electronics during rehearsal.
5. LISTEN at all times. Talking while the teacher is speaking or giving instructions is NEVER appropriate.
6. Food and drink are only allowed in the classroom when we are not actively rehearsing. During band rehearsals, water is the only thing allowed. These are privileges that can be taken away at any time, so clean up after yourself.
7. Practice, practice, practice!
8. Always do your best.
9. Follow all Noble Public Schools rules and policies.
10. **NO GUM EVER!**

Required Materials:

Students will need the following items for use in this class.

- Instrument and accessories
- Black 1-inch three ring binder
- Pencil
- Foundations for Superior Performance (Blue Book)
- Flip folder and lyre
- Black pants, black shoes, and black socks for casual performances (worn with our polos)
- Band camp shirt and shorts to wear underneath our uniforms
- Shiny black marching shoes (Dinkles) or Color Guard shoes

Beginning of Year Band Costs:

Band Camp Fee = \$120.00 | This covers the cost of all meals and activities for the week of band camp, along with the shirt and shorts we will wear underneath our uniforms. (If you missed band camp, you will still owe \$25.00 to cover the cost of the shirt and shorts.)

Uniform Fee = \$30.00 | This covers the cost of your performance polo and uniform cleanings for the year.

Marching Band Shoes = \$35.00 | Many of you already own these, but if you do not have them, you will need to order them within the first few weeks of school. We have some used pairs available for \$5.00 each.

*** Do not let the costs keep you from participating in band. We are always willing to make arrangements for anyone who has trouble with these costs. Just let us know and we will work with you. ***

Performances and Rehearsals

This is a performance organization. Performance dates are provided far in advance. Attendance at all performances is mandatory and each student will receive a performance grade. If you have an unexcused absence, you will receive a ZERO for that performance.

- **If there is a conflict with another school activity**, please contact Mrs. Asbury as soon as you know about the conflict. It is the band's policy to work with other school organizations in order to allow students to participate in multiple clubs/sports/organizations. However, it is the student's responsibility to communicate with Mrs. Asbury when a conflict arises.
- **If you have a job**, because we provide performance dates in advance, it is your responsibility to make sure you are off work for our performances.

Academic Eligibility

All students must meet criteria for academic eligibility as set by the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association. A student must be passing all classes that he/she is enrolled in to be eligible to participate in competition. The first week a student is failing in a subject he/she will be on probation for the following week. During this week they may continue to compete with the band. However, if they are not passing at the end of the week of probation or are failing in another class they become ineligible to compete with the band.

Transportation

The school provides transportation for all band students to authorized out-of-town events. All students are required to ride the buses provided by the band to and from the event. Students may ride home from events only with their own parents. Teachers do not have the authority to release students to anyone other than their parents. The students will be chaperoned by adults on each bus and are expected to follow all Noble Public Schools rules. Students who fail to follow those rules will be subject to disciplinary action.

Concert Attire

For our winter concert, students will wear concert black. Students will also have the option to wear a holiday-themed sweater/accessories. For our spring concert, students will dress in semi-formal attire. This includes nice dresses, slacks, button-up shirts, suits, etc. (No jeans, tennis shoes, flip-flops, t-shirts.) All attire must be school appropriate.

Grading Policy:

NHS uses the standard ten point grading scale.

90 – 100 = **A**

80 – 89 = **B**

70 – 79 = **C**

60 – 69 = **D**

0 – 59 = **F**

Your grade in this class is broken down into five main parts:

1. Performances: The majority of your grades will come from our performances throughout the year.
2. Semester Concert: The winter and spring concerts will be a large part of your end of semester final.
3. Assessments: Chair tests, scale tests, etc.
4. Assignments: You will occasionally have written assignments to complete over music theory, music vocabulary, music history, etc.
5. Other/Participation: Participation grades, rehearsal grades, etc.

Late Work Policy

Missing assignments will be entered into the grade book as a ZERO the day after it is due, but you are able to turn it in late for full credit.

Extra Credit

Extra credit opportunities will be provided occasionally throughout the school year, and may be offered upon request as well.

Fundraising

We will run numerous fundraisers throughout the school year to cover the many expenses associated with a high school band program. Most of these fundraisers will also allow you to build up your individual tour account balance, which helps pay for our big trips every other year. These fundraisers are vital to the success of our program, and cannot happen without your help and the help of your parents, when available.