

Sunray High School

Band Handbook

2018-2019

Band Leaders

Drum Majors.....Hunter Stone & Emma Morris

Expectations of Band Leadership

Drum Major

- Assist directors in all areas related to marching band, including:
 - Keep uniform room and instrument room clean and organized.
 - Help make sure everyone is on the field or in their seat on time.
- Serve as role models to all members of the band.
- Help students who need assistance with music and/or drill.
- Represent the marching band in all activities.
- Maintain a high level of morale during rehearsals and activities.

Leaders

- Assist directors in all areas related to marching band, including:
 - Keep dressing rooms and instrument room clean and organized.
 - Help make sure everyone is on the field or in their seat on time.
- Help students who need assistance with music and/or drill.
- Provide leadership through musicianship.
- Maintain a high level of morale during rehearsals and activities.
- Lead by example.
- If at any time a leader is not fulfilling his/her leadership duties, he/she may be removed from the leadership team.

Attendance

Rehearsals and performances are **NOT** optional. In order for this band to be successful, we must have full participation from ALL students at each band-related event. The only absences and tardies that will be excused are sickness, weddings, funerals, and UIL conflicting events. **Work is not an excused absence.** When a conflict arises, let a band director know *immediately*. Students who miss a rehearsal will be required to make up the time missed **and** your grade will be changed accordingly.

Tardies

Rehearsal will start at the posted time. A good rule of thumb is to be at the band hall 10 minutes before the start of rehearsal. A student will be counted tardy if they are not ready to play and have all materials in place. The school policy for tardies will be observed.

Grades

Grades will be based on music checks, homework assignments, chair placement audition, performances, evening rehearsals, and daily participation. These requirements must be met in order for the student to pass the course. Any student who is failing any of the requirements may be taken out of the performance group and helped on a remedial level until the student has a passing grade of 70 or above. In addition to daily school attendance, we will be taking attendance at each evening rehearsal, and points will be deducted from the student's grade for each missed rehearsal or tardy.

Band Trips

The band will generally go on a trip every other year, and those students who have completed **ALL** of the requirements will be eligible to participate. To be eligible, students must:

1. Attend and participate in all UIL Contests.
2. Receive 70% or above in band each six weeks.
3. Pay all dues in full by the set deadline.

*There will possibly be a band trip during the 2018-2019 school year. The UIL Area marching contest has changed the advancing years and this may affect our trip years.

School Instruments

Every student that uses a school instrument must return an "Instrument Check-Out Form." This form states that the instrument should be returned in the same condition given to the student minus normal wear. It is the responsibility of the student to repair any instrument damaged by neglectful acts. If you are interested in purchasing an instrument, we will help you find the right instrument at the right price that works for you.

Instrument Room

Students will be assigned a slot in the instrument room where they can store their instrument and music. Students must keep their instrument slots clean and store their instrument inside the instrument case every day, with the case latched or zipped shut completely.

Supplies

Each student will be provided with enough supplies (reeds, valve/slide oil, gloves, drum sticks) to get them through the school year, provided they take proper care of them. Additional supplies may be purchased through the band directors at a small cost.

Gloves: 1 pair provided each year. Extra pair = \$1.50

Reeds: Up to 2 reeds provided each six weeks. Extra reed = \$3.00 each

Valve/Slide Oil/Cork Grease is provided as needed.

Uniforms

The uniform consists of the following parts:

Band Shirt, Jacket, Pants (no jeans showing underneath), LONG Black Socks (solid black),
Marching Shoes

There will be **absolutely no food or drinks** (other than water) allowed while in uniform. Students **must** wear long black socks when in uniform. Students with long hair must have their hair put into a ponytail, French braid, etc. and tucked securely under their hats. *Students will be charged replacement fees for uniforms that are not returned, permanently stained or torn due to misuse.*

Rehearsal Procedures

1. Be in your seat with a pencil, music, and instrument completely assembled by the start of class.
2. If early, practice part of your music that is giving you trouble.
3. Rehearsal will begin on time. (Arrive 10 minutes early to be on time.)
4. Please listen carefully when instructions are being given so they do not need to be repeated.
5. Raise your hand if you need to get out of your seat (rest room, valve oil, tissue, etc.)
6. Give your absolute best every day and learn as much as possible.

Football Game Expectations

1. As soon as the band director selects a stand tune, get the music out and be ready to play. (Always be ready to play the Fight Song.)
2. Perform the music as written to the best of your ability.
3. Sit with your section in the stands.
4. Always be ready to play at a moment's notice!
5. If a student needs to use the restroom, they must ask permission from a band director and be escorted by a director, drum major, or parent sponsor.
6. Non-Band Members are NOT allowed in the band section unless given permission by a director.
7. NO FOOD OR DRINK IN UNIFORM (except for water).
8. Uniforms will remain zipped at all times unless given permission by a director.
9. No hats or jewelry while in uniform. Buttons and Bobcat Pride memorabilia are allowed during the game, but must be removed for half time.
10. After the half time performance, meet on the track to play the Fight Song for the team entrance. After that go straight into the stands.
11. No Public Displays of Affection (PDA).

Discipline Plan

Expectations:

1. Always be prepared and on time.
2. Follow directions, without comment, the first time they are given.
3. No hats, gum, food, or drinks allowed in the band hall.
4. Do not do homework during class.
5. No use of cell phones during rehearsals or school hours.
6. Ask for permission to leave your seat.
7. Respect equipment, facilities, and each other.
8. Follow all school rules.

Consequences:

1. Warning
2. Thirty minute detention in Band Hall or lunch detention.
3. Meeting with director(s).
4. Call parents
5. Meeting with principal and directors.
6. Removal from the band program.

Any behavior that causes severe disruption during a rehearsal or injures another student may immediately receive step 5.

PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW

I have read the Sunray High School Band Handbook and agree to abide by all the policies stated. I realize that it takes cooperation from 100% of the students to make our band a success, and I agree to do my part to help achieve this goal.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Band Director Signature

Date

Approved by:

Date