

Central Junior High School Band Handbook

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Welcome

We are very glad that you have chosen to be a part of the Central Junior High School band program. This handbook has been written for CJHS band members and their parents to provide information regarding the purpose, procedures, and activities of the band program. A guideline of policies and regulations is also included in this handbook. Please read the handbook carefully, then sign and return the form on the last page. We wish you much success in your musical endeavors.

Concert Bands

The Central Junior High Band Program is dedicated to giving students the opportunity to grow musically, socially, and academically. Through musical performance, students learn how to perform and appreciate music of a variety of styles and levels of difficulty. Through group involvement, students learn how to work together to achieve common goals and develop group discipline and respect for fellow students. Students learn to focus on goals and achievements that are more than personal and develop self-discipline. Through the study of harmony, scales, rhythms, etc, students develop skills that will allow them to truly understand and appreciate the foundation of music as well as the aesthetics.

At Central, there is a 6th and a 7th/8th grade concert band. Students will play a variety of music from classical to popular literature. Emphasis is placed on the development of fundamental skills related to posture, breathing, embouchure, fingerings, counting, music reading, and overall tone production. Regular practice is a must and private instruction is strongly encouraged.

Marching Band

The Central Junior High Marching Band is comprised of only the 7th/8th grade Symphonic Band students. The students will learn the fundamentals of marching. They will march in several parades and a high school football game.

Pep Band

This ensemble is comprised of the 7th/8th grade Symphonic Band students. They will perform at a total of 6 boys and girls basketball games. These students will also have the opportunity to perform with the East Peoria Community High School Pep Band at their home basketball games. A schedule of those dates will be given out at a later date.

Jazz Band

Any student in the Central Junior High School Band program (6th, 7th or 8th grade band) is eligible to participate in a jazz band. Jazz Band will be based on auditions. These will take place in late September. The jazz band will meet before school at 7:00 am.

Band Equipment

Instruments

Your instrument is extremely valuable and proper care should be taken to maintain its value. Should your instrument be in need of repair, you must **always check with the Director before taking it to the shop. Never try to repair the instrument yourself**, as you may not have the proper tools or skills required. **NO ONE SHOULD PLAY OR HANDLE AN INSTRUMENT THAT BELONGS TO SOMEONE ELSE.**

School Owned Instruments

Students who play school owned instruments should take the same care as they would their own instrument. The student is liable for damage due to negligence or carelessness and for loss, but not for normal wear. The student must always inform the Director of any repairs needed.

Music and Binder

Required: 3-ring binder and plastic sheet protectors The student will make a binder for their music. All markings on the music should be made in pencil only.

Band Room

These are your rooms and should reflect your attitude towards the band program. Show respect and pride by keeping them neat and clean. **NO FOOD, DRINK, OR GUM IS ALLOWED IN THE BAND ROOM.**

Instrument Storage

Store all instruments in the band storage room. Please **DO NOT** place instruments on top of the lockers as they could easily get stolen. District 86 is not responsible for any damaged, broken, or stolen items left at school.

Rehearsal Procedures and Expectations

1. Be Punctual.
2. Bring materials—instrument, music, and pencil.
3. Be polite, courteous, and respectful to **EVERYONE** at all times.
4. When the rehearsal begins, there will be **NO** unnecessary talking or playing.
5. Be prepared to play the day's music.
6. If you do not have the music, let the Director know as soon as possible.
7. No gum, food, soda, candy, snacks, etc allowed during lessons or rehearsal.

Performances

The Band Director must be given notice 2 weeks prior to the performance to be missed. The exceptions are if the student is participating in a band or school related activity, has an illness, or has a death in the family.

Private Lessons

It is the students' responsibility to practice and learn his/her assigned lesson and band music. If you are having trouble learning your music, do not hesitate to request assistance from the Director. Private lessons are highly encouraged and I have included a list of teachers I recommend.

Flute – Denise Cooksey 673-6168
Flute - LuAnn Stoskopf 698-2658
Clarinet - Sherill Diepenbrock 685-2910
Saxophone - Sherill Diepenbrock 685-2910
Oboe - Gwen Carlton 698-3419
Bassoon - Grant Gillett 682-8977
Trumpet - Randy Cooksey 673-6168
Trumpet - Bill Booher 274-2143
French Horn - David Vroman 677-2605
Trombone – Mr. Newgard 427-5254
Euphonium – Mr. Schneblin 694-8335
Tuba – Mr. Schneblin 694-8335
Percussion – Bob Barker 360-8936
Percussion - Landon Roemersberger 369-6431

The Importance of Discipline

It is expected that each student conduct himself/herself properly with regard to his/her actions, manners, and dress. All band students are expected to demonstrate good discipline—excessive talking, lack of following the rules, talking back to the Director, and a general lack of respect will NOT be tolerated. Because band members are often on display at public concerts, festivals, and performances, each student must always remember that his/her actions represent the band program as well as Central Junior High School.

Parents

Encourage your children throughout the musical learning process. I believe that personal qualities needed to succeed are: A Positive Attitude, Hard Work, and Dedication. They will find that these qualities will transfer over to being a success with anything in life, not just music. I do not expect every one of my students to play professionally or teach music after graduation but I would hope that the skills of goal setting, team work, hard work, dedication, and discipline will stick with them long after they leave Central Junior High School.

Website

You can find the band website at <http://www.epd86.org/CJHS/band/>. It has posted all of the information handed out to the students, news, updated calendars, photos, and much more! Please check the website frequently for changes in case items don't make it home.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your student's progress, please do not hesitate to contact me: newgardk@epd86.org or 427-5254.

Band Grading Policy

The grade for Band is broken down into the following categories:

- **Concert Attendance (Marching Band, Concert Band)**
- **Participation (Prepared For Class, Daily Participation)**
- **Major Grades (Completion of Practice Reports, Playing Tests, Written Tests, Assignments)**

Extra Credit will be given for attending pep band and approved concerts, musicals, plays, etc. In order to receive the extra credit, students must hand in a program of the concert, musical, or play to the Director. Students may also write a report on a professional musician. (See Director for paper details)

Participation and Attendance Grade

Regular attendance and participation is important for the student's daily progress and development.

- The only absences that will be excused for a performance are illness, emergency*, or other circumstances that are discussed with the Director by the parent(s)/guardian(s) at least two weeks prior to the performance.
- Any unexcused absence from rehearsal or performance could result in the lowering of band grade.

*An emergency is defined as a sudden, unexpected occurrence or set of circumstances demanding immediate action. A written or oral explanation/confirmation from parent/guardian should be given to the Director.

Concert Attendance

Public performances are required just like tests. However, performances cannot be made up. The Band Director must receive notice of any absences two weeks prior to the performance. If an excuse is received later than two weeks, it will result in a five page paper from the student. Exceptions include: if the student is participating in a school related activity, has an illness, or has a death in the family. If the student does not show up and has no prior excuse, it will result in the student's grade being lowered by two full letter grades.

Practice Reports

Students are expected to practice at least 120 minutes per week at home.

Practice Record Grading Scale

100-120 min. = A

80-99 min. = B

60-79 min. = C

40-59 min. = D

<39 min. = F

- Students must return their practice reports on the first day of the school week and be signed by a parent/guardian.
- If the report is one day late, the grade will be lowered by one letter grade. After the second day, it will NOT be accepted unless the student has a reasonable excuse (i.e. illness, emergency, etc.)
- If the report is unsigned, the grade will be lowered by one letter grade.

2011-2012 CJHS Band Calendar

Please visit the website for the most current calendar

<u>Events</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Who</u>
Parent/Music Boosters	August 29	6:00pm	CJHS Band Room	6-8 Parents
Rental Night	September 7	4-7pm	CJHS Cafeteria	5 th Grade
Pekin Marigold Parade	September 10	10:00am	Downtown Pekin	7/8 th Grade
EPCHS Football Game	September 16	6:00pm	Eastside Center	7/8 th Grade
Music Boosters	September 26	6:30pm	CJHS Band Room	5-8 Parents
Homecoming Parade	September 30	1:30pm	CJHS to EPCHS	7/8 th Grade
IMEA District Audition	October 10	TBA	PORTA H.S.	Select Students
Music Boosters	October 24	6:30pm	CJHS Band Room	5-8 Parents
IMEA District Band	November 5	All Day	WIU	Select Students
Veteran's Day Parade	November 5	1:30	East Peoria	7/8 th Grade
IMEA District Jazz	November 19	All Day	PORTA H.S.	Select Students
Music Boosters	November 28	6:30pm	CJHS Band Room	5-8 Parents
CJHS Holiday Concert	December 1	6:30pm	CJHS Gym	6-8 th Grade
Elementary Band Concert	December 6	6:30pm	CJHS Gym	5 th Grade
Music Boosters	January 30	6:30pm	CJHS Band Room	5-8 Parents
Mid-Winter Concert	February 15	6:30pm	CJHS Gym	6-8 th Grade
IGSMA Contest	February 24	TBA	TBA	7/8 th Grade
Music Boosters	February 27	6:30pm	CJHS Band Room	5-8 Parents
Solo and Ensemble	March 9 & 10	TBA	ICC	Select Students
Music Boosters	March 26	6:30pm	CJHS Band Room	5-8 Parents
Jazz Cafe	April 13	7-9pm	CJHS Gym	Jazz Band
Music Boosters	April 30	6:30pm	CJHS Band Room	5-8 Parents
Flower Sale Pick-up	May 4 or 11	3:30-7pm	CJHS Old Gym	5-8 th
CJHS Spring Concert	May 8	6:30pm	CJHS Gym	6-8 th Grade
Elementary Band Concert	May 10	6:30pm	CJHS Gym	5 th Grade
8 th Grade Graduation	May 22	TBA	TBA	6/7 th Grade

Dates to be added:

- Pep Band Games
- Jazz Festivals
- Arts in the Park

*****Please Sign and Return by 8-29-11*****

I have read and understood the Central Junior High School Band Handbook for the 2011-2012 school year.

Student's Name (printed) _____

Student's Signature _____ Grade _____ Instrument _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Contact Information

Parent's/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

*E-mail is the most common form of communication

Alternative Email Address: _____

May I use pictures of this student to put on the CJHS band website? Y/N _____