



**7-12 BAND  
HANDBOOK  
2016-2017**



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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! The purpose of this handbook is to assist both student and parent in becoming acquainted with the Flyer Band Program and its expectations. Excitement is building behind this band program, and together we can continue to maintain and refine this tradition and build a stronger program.

Remember, you are what drives this program forward. Please continue to support and participate in this very special organization by continuing to work hard. Also, please continue to thank the school board and administration for all the support they provide us.

The Band Leadership Team has been revamped to include members from every section. The Band Leadership Team (BLT) will also continue to meet periodically. Whether you are a member of the BLT, upperclassmen, freshman, or 7th grader, please understand how important *you* are to the success of this program. Excellence can be achieved, but it takes hard work dedication, and teamwork!

My goal is to provide the students of Franklin with a quality and enjoyable music education. I have very high expectations of the students at Franklin because I believe they are capable of reaching their maximum potential in music performance and marching execution. As a member of the Franklin Flyer Band, students will foster and refine leadership skills, develop the utmost respect for their instructors and peers, and become well-rounded individuals.

I encourage you to thoroughly read this handbook. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information below. Our success is defined by YOU, so get excited and THANK YOU for your participation, leadership, and encouragement of the Flyer Band!

Sincerely,

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# **FALL EVENTS SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Event/Opponent</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Report Time</u></b>
September 2	Fri	FB vs Blue Hill	FPS	6:15 pm
September 30	Fri	FB vs Kenesaw	FPS	6:15 pm
October 1	Sat	Harvest of Harmony	Grand Island	TBA*
October 7 HOMECOMING**	Fri	FB vs Arapahoe	FPS	6:45 pm
October 8	Sat	Melody Round-Up	Hastings	TBA*
October 21	Fri	FB vs McCool Junct	FPS	6:15 pm
November 11	Fri	Veterans' Day	FPS	8:00 am
December 3	Sat	G BBB vs Shelton	FPS	TBA
December 13	Fri	Winter Program	FPS	6:30 pm
December 16	Tues	G BBB vs Deshler	FPS	TBA

\*Parade times COMING SOON

\*\*The full band will perform in the Homecoming Parade

# **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of the Franklin Public Schools is to equip all students with the skills and competencies needed to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century.*

# **EXPECTATIONS**

*The students behavior should reflect a pride in his/her school and respect for the rights of other students and teachers. The school is a community with rules and regulations, and those who enjoy the rights and privileges it provides must also accept the responsibilities that membership demands, including respect for and compliance with school rules... In the classroom students will be expected to conform to reasonable standards of speech and conduct, refraining from violating or impairing the rights of others, and not engage in conduct that deprives other students of an orderly atmosphere for study.*

-TAKEN FROM FPS STUDENT PARENT HANDBOOK

## **5 “BAND ACE” EXPECTATIONS**

The following rules apply to **all** Franklin Public School Instrumental Ensembles:

1. ARRIVE to class prepared and arrive ON TIME.
  - You will be granted a 3 minute grace period after the tardy bell. Please use this time to stop at the restroom, assemble your instrument, and gather all materials needed for the class period. If you fail to arrive to your assigned spot with chair, music stand, assembled instrument, and needed materials, you will be counted tardy. A 9th hour will be given following your third tardy.
  - ARRIVE WITH YOUR MUSIC. If you misplace your band music, you may have a second copy. However this will result in deduction of points for your grade and repeated offenses will result in a 9th Hour.
2. Use work time APPROPRIATELY
  - Stay on task and give 100% effort. *You will get what you give.*
  - Check out our new hand symbols. Hold up a fist if you need to use the restroom. Hold up two fingers to travel across the room (kleenex, sharpen pencil, etc). Hold up your full hand if you have a question.
  - No Gum, pop, or food in the band room.
  - Includes not talking when Mr. Hanshaw or a substitute teacher is running rehearsal.
3. Complete assigned task on time with proficiency
  - Practice at least 10 minutes per day- 5 min warm up (Scales, long tones), 5 minutes of woodshed (practice what is giving you trouble)
  - I will always assist you. Please contact me if you are having trouble with parts, instrument, marching, etc.
4. Demonstrate respect for people and property
  - No Gum, pop, or food in the band room.
  - Only bottled water will be permitted in the band room. All gum, food, and pop will be thrown away when entering the room. (food + instruments that you blow through = gross. Also, damaged instruments.)
  - Do not leave clothing.
  - Do not play someone else's instrument.
5. Respond appropriately to teacher directives
  - To earn respect you must give respect. Three things and you'll be golden.
  - 1. Don't talk during rehearsal
  - 2. Be prepared!
  - 3. Strive for excellence

## CLASSROOM RULES:

1. Be Respectful
2. There are times to talk and times not to talk
3. Be Engaged
4. Follow Procedures
5. No Drama
6. Use YOUR Stuff

Violation of these rules will result in time after school or dismissal to the office.

- 1st offense- Verbal Warning
- 2nd offense- Phone call home, assignment to 9th Hour/ACE Form
- 3rd offense- Sent to office

9th hour will be served the day it is assigned with Mr. Hanshaw in the band room, unless you ride the bus. If you ride the bus, 9th hour is assigned the next day. If there is a school related conflict, arrangements need to be made at the **end of the period.**

## **GRADING POLICY**

Marching Band and Concert Band grades will be taken every quarter in the following areas:

1. Daily points (Rehearsal Attendance, Google Classroom) 30%
2. Performances 50%
3. Playing (Playing/Scale/Music Memorization Tests) 20%

**A= 90 - 100%      B= 80 - 89%      C= 70 - 79%      D= 60-69%      F= 0 - 59%**

All scale and memorization tests will need to be completed within a designated timeline. If a student fails to complete the scale/playing/music memorization test there will be a 10% grade deduction for every week that it is late. If late work/missed quizzes or tests have not been made up in 4 weeks, the student will meet with Mr. Hanshaw to discuss further options. There will be opportunities to accumulate extra credit points throughout the semester that will be performance based (extra pep bands, ensemble performances, etc... )

## **CONCERT PERFORMANCE MAKE UPS**

Any student who misses a concert/performance with an unexcused absence will be allowed to make up 75% of the concert attendance points by writing a minimum 3 page formal paper over the missed concert/performance due no more than five school days after the concert. A 10% deduction will be added each day the paper is late. The content of the paper must include an introduction, body, and concluding paragraphs. They are to be written reflections on how important the individual is to the rest of the band. If a recording of the missed performance is available, the assignment will need to include constructive criticism of the performance.

**Plagiarism/cheating of any kind will result in a zero for both the assignment and missed performance and a phone call home by the student.**

## **ATTENDANCE**

**All students are responsible for notifying Mr. Hanshaw about absences to performances in advance (this includes alerting parents to notify Mr. Hanshaw) There will be no exceptions for last minute notifications (except for emergencies). Mr. Hanshaw has the final say in what is deemed as an excused or an unexcused absence.**

1. All students are required to be at all mandatory band functions. These functions include all rehearsals/sectionals and performances for marching band, concert band, pep band, and/or small ensembles.
  - if it is a small ensemble or sectional, only members of that small ensemble or section need to be in attendance.
2. Students who are absent for an unexcused reason will lose all daily points for that day
3. Students who have an unexcused absence from any performance will lose all points for that performance.
4. If a student enrolls in band, he/she is required to participate in both marching band and concert band.
5. Excused absences for school athletes (not club) and activities (One Act, Speech...) will be honored as long as Mr. Hanshaw is notified at least 12 hours in advance. Doctors' notes, family/medical emergencies, or phone calls from a parent at least 12 hours in advance (with legitimate reasons left up to the discretion of the director) will be the **only** other exceptions.
  - a. Only students who suit up on the varsity squad, manage, or contribute to a large extent to the team/organization will be excused from band events.
  - b. Work will NEVER be considered an excused absence.

NOTE: Grades are given during performances, if you show up and play you will not automatically earn a 100%. Observational notes are taken on student behavior and effort while performing and then placed in a grading rubric. Students will receive instruction on proper behavior and etiquette prior to the performances.

# **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT**

Each student should have the following equipment in class everyday. Most of the equipment can be purchased or loaned from the school.

## **EVERYONE HAS A PENCIL**

**Flutes:** lyre\*, swab

**Oboe/Bassoon:** reeds, swab

**Trumpet:** lyre\*, valve oil, pencil

**Baritone/Trombone:** lyre\*, valve/slide oil

**Percussion:** **SEE INSTRUMENTAL FEES**

**Clarinets:** lyre\*, reeds, swab

**Saxophones:** lyre\*, reeds, swab

**French Horns:** lyre\*, valve oil, pencil

**Tuba:** lyre\*, valve oil

\*these items are loaned from the band, if you break or damage it- you replace it.

## **INSTRUMENTAL FEES - PAID BY OCTOBER 1, 2015**

### **Woodwinds and Brass:**

1. Students are responsible for fees that go along with their instrument. This includes reeds, valve oil, slide grease, ligatures, etc...
2. Students who need to use a school instrument will be charged a \$40.00/year maintenance fee. This fee covers routine maintenance expenses.
3. All woodwind and brass students are responsible for the maintenance of all school-owned wind instruments. If a student misuses, mistreats, or breaks a school-owned instrument and it exceeds the \$40.00/year maintenance fee, he/she are responsible for paying the difference above the \$40.00/year maintenance fee.

### **Percussion:**

1. ALL percussionists will pay a \$14.00/year maintenance fee that covers routine maintenance of equipment and routine head replacement.
2. All percussionists are required to buy one pair "concert" drumsticks (Vic Firth SD1 General, 2A, 2B suggested) and a stick bag (Liberty I Basic Stick Bag or ProMark standard recommended) by October 6, 2016. If you do not have one by **October 6, 2016** there will be a phone call home and 9th hour will be served until the student has a personal stick bag with concert drum sticks.
3. All percussionists who intend on playing the drumset are required to buy one pair of drumset sticks. (VicFirth 5A, 5B, Buddy Rich, Dave Weckl suggested).
4. All other drumsticks and mallets will be provided. However, it is strongly suggested that all percussionists purchase their own suspended cymbal mallets, timpani mallets, xylophone mallets, and bell mallets.
5. All percussionists are responsible for the maintenance of all school owned percussion equipment. If a student misuses, mistreats, or breaks a school-owned instrument and it exceeds the \$14.00/year maintenance fee, he/she are responsible for paying the difference above the \$14.00/year maintenance fee.

**ALL PERCUSSION EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE PURCHASED FROM**  
**[www.steveweissmusic.com](http://www.steveweissmusic.com)**  
**DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

**OTHER FEES**

**Reeds**

Clarinet	\$2.00	Brass Oil (valve and slide)	\$4.00
Bass Clarinet	\$2.50		
Alto Sax	\$2.00		
Tenor/Bari Sax	\$2.50		

**FLIP FOLDERS**

Flip folders will be issued to everyone. Throughout the students high school career, they are responsible for the maintenance and care of their flip folders.

1. If you lose your initial flip folder, you will be required to purchase one for \$10.00
2. You are responsible for your own music, please see flyer ace expectations for consequences.

**PEP-BAND SHIRTS**

Every member of the band will be required to purchase a \$10 Pep Band Shirt. These will be used during pep band performances.

**\*\*IF YOU CANNOT MAKE PAYMENTS FOR ANY OF THESE FEES, OR HAVE ISSUES PURCHASING ANY OF THE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT, PLEASE SEE MR. HANSHAW SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE\*\***

# **UNIFORMS/CONCERT DRESS**

## **Marching Band:**

At the beginning of school, every high school student will be fitted and assigned to a band uniform. Some uniforms will be fitted during the summer marching band camps, the rest will be fitted in the first weeks of school. The uniforms will be kept at the school and stored properly at all times. **Students are required to purchase black socks that cover the ankle. Full uniforms will be worn during Melody Round-Up.** Failure to comply will result in a 15% deduction that performance grade.

## **Concert Band (at school):**

At each concert performance each student will provide and wear their own **black socks and black shoes**. Each student will also be required to wear **black dress pants or dress (below the knees), and colored button up long-sleeve shirt or colored top for guys and girls respectively**. Failure to comply will result in a 15% deduction that concert attendance grade.

## **Concert Band (District Music Contest):**

At each concert performance each student will provide and wear their own **black socks and black shoes**. Each student will also be required to wear **black dress pants or dress (below the knees), and white button up long-sleeve shirt or white top for guys and girls respectively**. Failure to comply will result in a 15% deduction that concert attendance grade.

## **Pep Band:**

All students will wear their pep band shirts with khaki shorts or jeans at all pep band functions (with the exception of extreme weather conditions or crazy uniform theme nights.) Failure to comply will result in a 15% deduction that game attendance grade.

**\*\*IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO AQUIRE ANY OF THE ASSIGNED ATTIRE, PLEASE SEE MR HANSHAW SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE**

## **LOCKERS**

All woodwind and brass players will be assigned a locker area at the beginning of the school year.

1. Each student is responsible for cleaning and maintaining his/her locker space.
2. Only instruments, flip folders and Drill Masters will be allowed in these lockers
3. Any gum, food, or drink other than water will be immediately thrown away if found.

## **LETTERING REQUIREMENTS**

Lettering is an honor reserved for those who are leaders by example and demonstrate one of the following criteria:

- Are a junior or senior and have maintained a 95% or higher in band as a freshman, sophomore, and junior (if applicable)
- Perform solo or duet at District Music Contest - OR - be selected for an Honor Band (Other than TVC).

