

CRANDALL HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK

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All band members are responsible for the information in the handbook.



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I. PHILOSOPHY

The instrumental music program at Crandall High School is based on excellence. Members strive for excellence in group and individual performance. The utmost standard is held in our conduct and academic standings as well as our leadership and reputation as a campus organization. The end result of our program is more than great musicians. We desire to produce well-rounded students who can apply the concepts of discipline, teamwork, and leadership in a wide cross-section of their lives for years to come.

II. EXPECTATIONS

- Members are expected to actively attend all band events listed in the yearly calendar. Band performances are included as grades in the band class. Students missing a performance due to a director-approved emergency will be given an alternate assignment. *See Eligibility.*
 - Members are required to have all equipment, instruments, music and necessary accessories for class. Not having all materials in class could reflect on their grade.
 - Members are required to practice individually in addition to group rehearsals to ensure each student upholds their part in the ensemble.
 - Members are to respect and obey those in authority over them. This applies to teachers, sponsors, guest clinicians, and the student leadership chain of command (Drum majors, Section leaders, Squad leaders).
Members are required to abide by all Crandall ISD policies both on and off campus.
 - Members are expected to maintain all materials: instruments, music, equipment, uniforms, etc. Any fees assessed due to lack of maintenance must be paid before students are to regain access to those materials.
 - Throughout the season, audio recordings, videos and photos of the band and individuals will be taken and published both online and on various media.
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III. ELIGIBILITY

All band events and competitions fall under the UIL rules of eligibility. Students must maintain a 70

in all classes to participate in band. Students who are ineligible may not ride the bus with the band or sit with the band at football games or other off-campus trips. Students will participate in co-curricular activities like local concerts and school-based events held during school hours. Students who are failing at the 3 weeks grading period will be required to attend tutorials instead of before or after school practice and after school sectionals.

In the event that a student cannot participate in a performance due to eligibility requirements, an alternate assignment will be given.

If a student is ineligible for two or more six weeks or a given semester then parent contact will be made. At this time a students may be asked to take a semester out of band in order to focus on academics or the student may be placed on probation.

IV. EVENTS

Summer

- Drum Major Camp - University sponsored
- Colorguard Camp – Crandall ISD campus or University sponsored
- Drumline Camp – Crandall ISD campus or University sponsored
- University Band Camps – Recommended for all students but not required
- Crandall Summer Band Camp

Fall

- All Football Games (regular season and playoff games)
- All-Region Jazz Auditions
- Cottonfest Parade
- Invitational Marching Contests
- UIL Marching Contest

Winter

- All-Region Band Auditions
- Christmas Concert
- UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest

Spring

- ATSSB All-State Band
- Music Festivals: Regional festival (odd years), Interstate/National festival (even years)
- UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest
- Band Banquet
- UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest
- Graduation

V. COMMUNICATION

As a band staff, we use current communication technology and encourage students to do so as well. However, we need to place the following stipulations on texting, e-mail, messaging, and phone calls.

The band office phones and district e-mail are the only recognized method for contacting directors about absences, tardies, and questions about events. Section leaders and drum majors do have access to directors cell phone numbers if information needs to be communicated or clarified on short

notice. We ask that only these people contact us in this manner, if necessary, only between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Facebook and Twitter are also used as a communication between students and directors. However, we also ask that the same respect to hours is given, and that comments and postings reflect the high standard we uphold as an organization. Facebook and Twitter are not the official online communication networks of Crandall Bands.

The Crandall Band website is always the best source for information about band events. Students should check the website first before contacting directors with questions.

VI. NOTIFICATION

Director Phone and Email Information

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| ▪ Mr. Nutt | Phone: 972.427.6150 ext. 5390 | Email: jnutt@crandall-isd.net |
| ▪ Mr. Welch | Phone: 972.427.6150 ext. 5539 | Email: kwelch@crandall-isd.net |
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Attendance

When a rehearsal has to be missed, please let a director know at least 24 hours in advance via email or phone. In the case of an emergency, the only acceptable form of communication on the same day of a missed rehearsal is by phone.

It is not acceptable to notify directors of attendance through another student.

VII. WEBSITE

Crandall Bands is a large organization. We strive to maintain a top notch website to serve the needs of its many members and parents. The website contains the following:

- Announcements and important band information
- Calendar of band events
- Digital copies of letters that we send home with students
- Information on contacting directors
- Various media from band events
- Band booster club information
- Other helpful information and resources

Students are responsible for the information on the website. Computer access is available to students in the high school and middle school band halls. Members of Crandall Bands make a commitment to check the band website often for information on upcoming events.

www.crandallband.org