

North Moore High School Band

“Music, Community, Service”



Band Handbook
2023-2024 School Year

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

It is my privilege to welcome you to the North Moore High School Band community, and what I hope will be one of the most enjoyable, educational, and engaging experiences of your tenure here at North Moore!

My name is Clay Perry, and I am the director of bands here at North Moore High School. In a nutshell, I believe that music has the power to make us better. Through music we learn to express ourselves personally and collectively, learning valuable skills of independence and teamwork that transfer into all walks of life. Music has the ability to reach across boundaries and touch our lives in ways that no other art form can. It makes no difference who you are, where you come from, or where you're going, music is for us all.

In this handbook, you will find all of the information you need for us to get started on this wonderful journey of music making. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the contents of this document.

Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to share the making of music with each of you!

Best,

Mr. Clay Perry
Director of Bands

Mr. Joseph Patterson
Principal

Mission Statement

The North Moore High School Band Program is designed to be an engaging agent by which students will learn and demonstrate the necessary skills to be successful musically, professionally, and personally. It is the mission of this community to provide a quality musical experience in which all students will learn to express themselves musically in a positive and constructive way while focusing on the formation of leadership and teamwork skills within each participant.

Program Goals

- Create a positive, meaningful, and entertaining musical experience for each participant.
- Engage and inspire each student to better him/herself musically and personally.
- Compete successfully in local and regional competitions.
- Instill lasting values within each student such as commitment, a strong work ethic, positive leadership, teamwork, and determination.
- Progressively improve our overall musical and visual product with each rehearsal and performance.
- Engage the community through our participation in extracurricular activities including parades and pep rallies.
- Encourage elementary and middle school band students through combined performances and clinics.
- Create a sense of pride for our school, our band, and ourselves.

General Expectations and Requirements

- Students are expected to demonstrate proper etiquette at all band functions, representing themselves and their school with dignity.
- Students are expected to demonstrate respect for themselves, their peers, and their instructors.
- Students are expected to actively engage in all activities with purpose and a positive attitude.
- Students are expected to participate at the highest level of which he/she is personally capable.
- Students are expected and required to attend all required rehearsals, performances and functions while demonstrating promptness. Students will be held to a high level of professionalism during all rehearsals.
- Students and instructors are expected to demonstrate teamwork, relying on each other to achieve success.

Marching Band

The Marching Band is one of the flagship ensembles of North Moore High. The band performs at all home football games, pep rallies, and school sanctioned parades. The North Moore High School Marching Band is a competitive organization that requires commitment and dedication. The marching band will attend four to five competitions annually based on the needs and desires of the program. The marching band is open to all enrolled band students. Auditions will be held to determine chair assignments, not acceptance into the organization. No student will be denied membership based on their audition. Auditions for drum majors and the selection of section leaders is the sole responsibility of the band director who will choose these individuals based on a number of different criteria including but not limited to: leadership skills, attitude, musicianship, and dedication. The marching band rehearses Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00pm during the marching season as well as competition day mornings.

Symphonic Winds

The North Moore High School Symphonic Winds is open to all students by audition. The audition process will determine admittance into the organization as well as placement within it. This organization performs several concerts a year in conjunction with the performing arts department. Specific dates can be found on the Band Calendar.

Concert Winds

The North Moore High School Concert Winds is open to all students by audition. The audition process, like the marching band, determines only placement within the ensemble, not acceptance. All students who wish to participate in the Concert Winds will be welcomed. This organization performs several concerts a year in conjunction with the performing arts department. Specific dates can be found on the Band Calendar.

Jazz Band

The North Moore High School Jazz Band is open to all students by audition. The audition process will determine acceptance as well as placement. The Jazz Band will complete several community outreach engagements at local elementary and middle schools as well as an annual retirement home tour. In addition, the Jazz Band plays two school concerts a year. This organization meets one day a week after school.

Uniforms

Uniforms for marching band will be provided to each student with the exception of shoes and gloves. Each student is responsible for the purchase of his/her own footwear and gloves, which can be purchased from the band office. Shoes and gloves need not be bought every year as long as they pass pre-season inspection. Uniforms for Symphonic and Concert Winds as well as the Jazz Band will be Sunday best, which includes a tie for gentlemen. (All attire must meet Moore County Schools dress code criteria.)

Private Instruction

Students are strongly encouraged, but not required, to take weekly or bi-monthly private lessons with a qualified instructor. Private lessons will greatly improve the quality of our organization as well as the student's musical experience. For assistance finding a private teacher or general questions about private instruction, please contact Mr. Perry directly via email or phone.

Auditions

Auditions for ensembles will be held at the beginning of each respective season. Marching Band auditions will take place in the first weeks of July while the remaining ensembles requiring auditions will be held during the first week of November. Specific audition requirements will be posted four weeks in advance of the audition date. All auditions will be blind to ensure fairness. (Drum major and Guard auditions will not be blind due to the necessary visual qualifications of the position.) Scheduling conflicts will be dealt with case by case, all efforts will be made to ensure each student is placed in the band for which their audition qualifies them.

Equipment

Students are required to have with them each day all of the elements essential for them to successfully complete the day's tasks. This can include but is not limited to their instrument, any and all of its accessories, music, and a pencil. Items such as valve oil, reeds, and cork/slide grease can be bought through the band office or ordered online through various vendors. Students who require the use of school owned instruments and equipment are responsible for the regular maintenance of said instrument or equipment as well as any repairs incurred through misuse or negligence. Students who play a school owned instrument exclusively for the duration of the term are expected to purchase their own mouthpiece and/or reeds as necessary. There is no additional fee for the use of school owned instruments or equipment.

Financial Obligations

ALL marching band members must pay a mandatory band fee of \$100.00, \$150.00 for color guard. A donation dots scratch off will be provided for each student in an effort to reduce financial strain for our students and families. Students will also be required to sell two \$50.00, 50/50 raffle tickets for our annual supper and auction that takes place every spring. The total thereof being \$100.00 that each student will be responsible for. Students **will not** be able to return these tickets, they are responsible for either selling them or purchasing them. An average band fee of a competitive marching band our size is \$300.00 and is paid without the option of fundraising in most cases. We wish to avoid this, as it would most certainly result in many children not being able to participate. Therefore, this plan was developed in close collaboration between Mr. Perry, the NMHS Band Boosters, and Mr. Patterson and is endorsed by all three in an effort to ensure that the financial needs of the band are met and that families are granted an opportunity to avoid incurring the cost directly. Shoes, gloves, and t-shirts **are not included** in this fee. Due to the inherent cost of travel and the many expenses incurred as a competitive ensemble, these fees are absolutely essential for us in order to be competitive. The \$100.00 fee must be paid or arrangements must be made by **September 26th**. Please contact Mr. Perry to make arrangements for payment if necessary. Everything possible will be done to ensure that your child is able to participate. These fees are paid to the North Moore Band Boosters and are separate from the mandatory Moore County Schools band fee of \$10.00 per student per semester. **These fees must be paid with separate payments.** The \$10.00 county fee will be collected in first period along with all other county fees. Again, items such as T-shirts, marching band gloves, and shoes are not included in either of these fees and are the responsibility of the student. All other moneys needed for competition fees, transportation, food, etc. will be raised through various fundraising activities. Each student is expected to

participate in fundraising as it is vital to the survival of the band program and helps to eliminate the need for higher initial fees. Please contact Mr. Perry with any and all concerns regarding financial obligations.

Transportation Policy and Medical Information

All students are required to use provided school transportation to and from all school-sanctioned activities. Exceptions to this rule will be handled on an individual basis and must adhere to all Moore County Schools guidelines and be cleared through the proper administration. The Transportation Release form as well as the Medical Information and Release form can be found at the end of this handbook. These forms must be filled out, signed, and returned along with the Student Account/Fundraising page and acknowledgement form. Students who choose to leave campus during downtime between rehearsals, such as lunch during marching band camp, must provide signed documentation from their parent/guardian as to whom specifically they are allowed to ride with. No student will be allowed to leave in a vehicle that is not his/hers without this documentation. Furthermore, North Moore Band Boosters, North Moore High School and/or Moore County Schools are not liable for any damages to or loss of any personal property being transported to and from band functions.

Attendance Policy

In addition to all Moore County Schools Policies and Procedures, students are **required to attend all rehearsals and performances.** Due to the nature of music making, where each individual is necessary to perform successfully, no absences will be excused without prior clearance from the director. Any and all foreseeable conflicts should be brought to Mr. Perry's attention immediately. Understandably, emergencies are sometimes unavoidable and will be dealt with individually with consideration and discretion.

Behavioral Policy

Students are expected to behave in a manner suitable to a constructive and positive environment. Students who demonstrate behavior that is detrimental to such an environment will be subjected to the actions outlined in the Moore County Schools Disciplinary Code and Procedures.

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters is a volunteer organization that is **absolutely vital** to the success and survival of the North Moore High School Band program and is open to anyone who would like to contribute their time and energy. This organization's main purpose is to head up fundraising, after school function logistics, volunteering, and the overall betterment and success of the North Moore High School Band. The Band Boosters meet the third Tuesday night of every month at 7:00 pm. Any changes in scheduling will be announced via email and the band website.
www.nmhsband.weebly.com

Grading Policy

Active Involvement: 50%
Quizzes: 25%
Tests: 25%

Active Involvement – Active Involvement is defined as the students involvement in any and all rehearsals and performances scheduled in or outside of the standard school day as well as their conduct during these rehearsals and performances. Students begin each six weeks with 100 points. For required outside of class rehearsals, each unexcused tardy will result in the student's grade being lowered 5 points while an unexcused absence will lower the student's grade 10 points. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in lowering the student's grade 20 points. Unsatisfactory behavior during class, i.e. disrespectful and/or disruptive behavior, will result in a 3 point deduction per offense. Points may be earned back through a variety of opportunities. Please see Mr. Perry if you are interested in taking advantage of earning back Active Involvement points.

Individual Assessment – Throughout the term, students will be required to complete individual assessments. Assessments can range from scale tests to rhythmic exercises.

Band Calendar Fall 2022

August 25 - Home Football, 4 - 9:30 pm

September 1 - Home Football, 4 - 9:30 pm

September 9 - Flatwoods Festival Parade, 9:30 am, Bennett, NC

September 30 - Pinecrest Competition, ALL DAY

October 6 - Homecoming, 4 - 9:30 pm

October 13 - Home Football, 4 - 9:30 pm

October 14 - South View Competition, ALL DAY

October 21 - Western Alamance Competition, ALL DAY

October 27 - Home Football, 4 - 9:30 pm, Jr. High/Concession Night

October 29 - Union Pines Competition, ALL DAY

November 4 - Possible Competition, ALL DAY, TBD

November 9 - All County Auditions, 4:30 pm, Union Pines

November 11 - Veterans Day Parade, 9 am - Noon, Southern Pines

November 17-18 - All County Clinic, Pinecrest

December 2 - Robbins Christmas Parade

December 7 - Bennett Christmas Parade

TBD - Goldston Christmas Parade

December 14 - Christmas Concert, 7:30 pm

***All rehearsals and performances on this schedule are mandatory for all band members.**

Conflicts and exceptions will be dealt with on an individual basis at the sole discretion of the director.

*Schedule is subject to change, students will be notified via classroom announcements, email, and our website. www.nmhsband.weebly.com

Contact Information

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910-464-3105, School

910-783-5981, Cell

Student Account/Fundraising Policy

All money earned through fundraising that is allocated for individual student accounts to be used for trip expenses, t-shirts, or any other authorized items and expenditures will be carried on a non-continuing yearly schedule. All funds not used during the year they are earned will be absorbed into the band booster account to be used for the advancement and welfare of the program and its students in successive years. Each year, every student will begin with a balance of \$0.00 in their account. Throughout the year, 3-5 fundraisers will be designated for students to earn money to offset the aforementioned expenditures. Please remember that all monies raised, whether allocated to your student's individual account or not, are used to ensure that all students are afforded the musical, educational, and personal experience that each and every one of them deserve.

Student Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Acknowledgement Form and Travel Release

I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read, and understood the contents of the North Moore High School Band Handbook for the 2023-2024 academic year and give my child permission to travel with the North Moore Band on school approved transportation to all band functions for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Date:

Student:

Date:

Please return this form and all other forms/pages requiring a signature no later than September 4, 2023.

North Moore Marching Mustangs Medical/Permission Form

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

In the event of an emergency, illness or accident, parent or guardians will be contacted at the earliest possible moment. However, as contacts cannot always be made immediately, we need permission for emergency medical care. Please complete and return this form by April 23rd, 2009.

Student's name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____ Home phone: _____

Address: _____

Father's Phone: Work: _____ Home: _____ Cell: _____

Mother's Phone: Work: _____ Home: _____ Cell: _____

In case of your absence at your given phone #s, who may we contact to grant permission for emergency procedures?

We hereby appoint: Name: _____
 Phone: Work: _____ Home: _____
 Address: _____

As the person who, during my/our absence shall be authorized to consent for all medical and/or surgical treatment and/or special procedures (including by way of illustration and not limitation, administration of anesthesia, blood transfusions, diagnostic test, etc.) which may be required during our absence. Without in any manner or limiting the foregoing appointment and authorization, if circumstances permit, I/we would like to have our doctor consulted with such medical and/or surgical treatment and/or special procedures.

Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION:

Insurance Company: _____

Claims Address: _____

ID Number: _____

Policy Number: _____ Group Number: _____

Subscribers Name: _____

Subscribers Employer Name, Address & Phone #: _____

If there is a known history, please circle: Allergy to bee stings
 Asthma
 Epilepsy/Seizures
 Dizziness/ Fainting
 Diabetes/ Hypoglycemia
 High Blood Pressure

Please List any allergies or other health problems:

ALLOWED MEDICATIONS AND DOSAGES – circle all that applies to your child.

<u>Medication</u>	YES	NO	<u>Dose</u>
Aspirin**	YES	NO	1 or 2
Tylenol	YES	NO	1 or 2
Ibuprofen	YES	NO	1 or 2
Advil	YES	NO	1 or 2
Imodium AD	YES	NO	1 or 2
Pepto Bismol**	YES	NO	1 or 2
Maalox/Antacid	YES	NO	1 or 2
Benadryl 25 mg	YES	NO	1 or 2
Other _____			_____
Other _____			_____

**May cause allergic reactions

My child is on the following prescription or over the counter medication and dose:

You have my permission to dispense the above listed medications to my child.

Parent/Guardian Name _____
 (printed)

Signature: _____

Date: _____