

Scottsboro High School Wildcat Marching Band



2021-2022 Handbook

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Introduction

The purpose of this handbook is to provide a convenient reference for students, parents, administrators, and directors who have questions concerning any aspect of the band program at Scottsboro High School. An honest effort has been made to include and explain each facet of the band program.

It is my hope that as responsible students and interested parents, you will read this handbook very carefully so you will better understand the entire program. Students, you will be responsible for knowing and abiding by all rules and regulations set forth in this book.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR(S)

Dear Member,

Welcome! You are about to make history! There are many opportunities for you to excel musically in this program.

The band has a great history in winning, family closeness among the members and their families, traveling, performance, and tradition! Just talk with other band members or their parents and you will soon understand that being in the band is much more than a class.. it's a way of life! The band will develop such tradition through discipline, both as a whole and with self. Each member must be dedicated to being all they can be musically or this program will not be enjoyable for them. Loving band is in their heart... If love does not exist, the student will not grow musically or as a self-disciplined individual. The members give up much of their time, money, and outside friendships to be a part of this program. Many band members will be marching on the college level with a scholarship when they graduate from Scottsboro High School.

Band gives students the means to succeed not only as a musician, but also as a well-rounded, self-disciplined young person. The band provides the member a chance to work with others to achieve a goal, the opportunity to perform individually or as a group, honor bands, solo and ensemble, All State Tryouts, traveling opportunities, friendly competition within the band and with other bands, various styles of music, appreciation for other performing groups, scholarship opportunities, and a chance to make memories for a lifetime!

We are here to give the members the tools they need in order to build their musical future. We hope that you take every opportunity to succeed and give back to someone else the knowledge that has been given to you!

Again, let us welcome you to the Scottsboro High School Band. We hope that you learn and prosper from the experience of becoming a member.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Leek
Spencer Johnson
Allison Haley

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE **"Pride of Scottsboro Marching Band"**

MARCHING SHOES - If Needed - \$30	DUE DATE — <u>July 23</u> , 2021
BALANCE OF CAMP FEE \$100.00 for all members	DUE DATE — <u>July 23</u> , 2021
UNIFORM FEE \$25.00 for all band members	DUE DATE — <u>July 23</u> , 2021
BLACK BIBBERS if needed-\$50.00	DUE DATE — <u>July 23</u> , 2021
GLOVES if needed - \$6 Black Gloves	DUE DATE — <u>July 23</u> , 2021
MEDICAL FORM (Pg. 15) AND COPY OF INSURANCE CARD (FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED!)	DUE DATE — July 22, 2021
STUDENT AND PARENT INFORMATION FORM (PG. 17)	DUE DATE — July 22, 2021
BLACK SOCKS — Solid Black Calf length at a minimum	DUE DATE — First Ball Game
LYRE if needed \$5.00 —	DUE DATE — First Ball Game
FLIP FOLDER if needed \$5.00 —	DUE DATE — First Ball Game
EXTRA FLIP FOLDER SHEETS (.50 per sheet) –	DUE DATE — First Ball Game

* All fees must be paid for by July 23, failure to do so will result in the student losing their spot on the band field! All financial concerns must be addressed prior to this day! Because the show is custom written for the numbers that we have, it is impossible to add students back into the marching formations once the show has been finalized. Many items have to be ordered and the band saves shipping costs by ordering in bulk. Items will not be ordered for the student unless they have been paid for! If you are unable to pay for everything by the date given please contact Mr. Leek to arrange for payments to be made. We will make it work!

ATTENDANCE

Each band member is expected to attend:

1. All performances
2. All rehearsals during the school day
3. All after school rehearsals — Mon.-Thurs. afternoons
4. All sectionals called by the section leaders, Instructors, and Director
5. The annual band camps in July and evening rehearsals leading up to the start of school.
6. All football games- **Must stay for all four quarters or your grade will be lowered unless there is an emergency as defined as excused below.**

Absences from band rehearsals and/or performances are classified as either excused or unexcused.

Excused:

1. Personal illness (with doctor's excuse)
2. Death in the family
3. Special permission from the Band Director in advance, only for special emergencies.

Unexcused: Absence due to any other cause will be unexcused.

It is the responsibility of the student who misses rehearsal to bring a proper note from the parent or guardian to the director's office when he/she returns to school. The note must contain the following information: (a) name of student, (b) date of note, (c) date of absence, (d) reason for absence, (e) signature of the parent or guardian, and (f) a phone number where the parent/guardian can be reached.

*****Not having a ride to practice is not an excuse*****

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO CONTACT THE DIRECTOR PRIOR TO A REHEARSAL OR PERFORMANCE, PREFERABLY IN WRITING, IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE TARDY OR CANNOT ATTEND. IF YOU HAVE A JOB YOU MUST WORK AROUND THE BAND SCHEDULE. YOU WILL NOT BE EXCUSED FOR BEING SCHEDULED TO WORK ON REHEARSAL TIMES. UNDERSTAND THAT THE DIRECTOR MAY HAVE EXTRA CALLED REHEARSALS. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MARCHER TO CONTACT THEIR EMPLOYER LETTING THEM KNOW IN ADVANCE ABOUT REHEARSALS.**

Unexcused absences from rehearsals will result in a lowering of the student's grade (See grading)

If a student has two unexcused absences from rehearsal, he/she will be subject to dismissal from the band

If a student has one unexcused absence from performances, he/she will be subject to dismissal from the band.

Each student is responsible for hearing and seeing all announcements. Failure to look and listen is not a reliable excuse. A time for meeting will be specified for all performances and rehearsals. This is not an arrival time, but a formation time. You should be dressed and ready by that designated time.

IF YOU ARRIVE ON TIME - YOU ARE LATE!!

It is crucial to the band program as a whole to have every single member at rehearsal! When one person is absent, the band is not at its full potential which, therefore, calls for more rehearsal time and then everyone's time has been wasted.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

1. Warning to student.
2. Private student/ director conference.
3. Private student1 director conference. Parent notified.
4. Private student/ director/ parent conference
5. Probable dismissal from the program.

DISMISSAL FROM THE BAND

And band member under the influence, possession of, or consuming any alcoholic beverages or drugs during any band function, including any part of a band trip, may be **DISMISSED FROM THE BAND AND WILL BE REFERRED TO THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION!**

Other possible actions that may lead to dismissal are:

1. Unexcused absences from rehearsals.
2. Unexcused absences from performances.
3. Continued conduct, which is considered detrimental to the Scottsboro Band
4. Disrespect of an adult chaperone, instructor, or director.

GRADING SYSTEM

All members must be passing ALL classes to march with the Scottsboro Marching Band.

The grading system for the Scottsboro Band students will be based on the following:

1. Individual performance assignments. (Technical studies, solos, contest music, concert music, rhythm exercises, tuning, etc...)
2. Individual written tests (Musical terms, theory, etc...)
3. Attendance at rehearsals (Grade will be lowered for each unexcused absence. Also see Attendance Section)
4. Attendance at performances (Grade will be lowered to an 'F' for an unexcused absence. Also see Attendance section)

Grades are not given, but earned! All a student must do is his/her very best. A grade is not given on ability, but rather on determination and work ethic.

Assignments will be posted in advance of the due date for completion of the assignment. Students must do their best to be prepared for all assignments and tests.

All make-up assignments, tests, rehearsals, and performances must be arranged by the student with the director within the time allotted, or the student will be given a '0' as a grade. Generally speaking the student should make-up for these missed assignments within a week after returning to class.

OTHER BRANCHES OF THE SCOTTSBORO HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

SYMPHONIC BAND

The Symphonic Band is a group of elite musicians in the band that will be performing two to three more concerts than the concert band.

The uniform for the Symphonic Band consists of the marching uniform minus the hat. No medals are to be worn on the marching band jacket.

CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band is a performing group that consists of all remaining band members. They will be performing two concerts, one in the spring and one at Christmas.

The uniform for the Concert Band consists of the marching uniform minus the hat. No medals are to be worn on the marching band jacket.

STEEL DRUM BAND

The Scottsboro High School Steel Drum Band, Steel Goin', is a performance group made up of individual band members selected from the band, mainly the top performing group. The steel drum band will rehearse one afternoon a week after school and occasionally at the end of fourth block. When preparing for a performance, more rehearsal may be required. Steel Goin' is a Caribbean musical experience. The music performed will range from the whimsical "Limbo" to the "William Tell Overture". This performing group is fun and exciting. Attire is Hawaiian shirts, khaki shorts and/or pants. Shoes will depend on the weather and the location of the performances.

SCOTTSBORO HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

The Jazz Band performs all genres of Jazz, from blues, 40's sue, Bee Bop, Boogie, Rock, and Fusion. This group meets once a week after school.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Is marching band an extracurricular activity?

No! Marching band is an extension of the marching band academic class and is graded accordingly!

2. Will I receive a grade for band or is it like middle school band?

In high school, band is an academic class graded on the 100-point system.

3. Do I have to purchase my uniform?

The marching and concert band uniforms are provided by Scottsboro High School, with the payment of a \$25 rental fee.

4. Is it possible for me to be in both marching band and fall sports?

Because of the rehearsal schedule and performances, it is very difficult to be in both but not impossible

5. Are Rookie Week, Band Camp, and Post Camp required?

Yes, Rookie Week is where we teach the new members the basics and style of marching that is used.

Band Camp is where we learn the field show. Post Camp is the last couple of rehearsals before school starts.

6. I know that the band has a busy rehearsal schedule, but will I still have time to study and be involved in other school activities?

Yes! The band is represented by its members in academic clubs, sports, and the SGA.

7. Once school begins, what will the rehearsal schedule be like?

The band will rehearse on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:50-5:30pm. There are no rehearsals on Wednesday so that you can make all doctors' appointments and/or attend church. Friday nights are usually games and the band attends all games, both home and away.

MUSIC, EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

- Each student is responsible for the care of any and all equipment, music, uniforms, etc. issued to him/her. And music, equipment or uniforms lost or damaged must be replaced or paid for by the student.
- Each student is expected to have all proper music, equipment and uniform at rehearsals and performances.
- Students issued a school owned instrument are expected to care for that instrument as their own while in their care. They should take care of and pay for any repairs and adjustments. The student is expected to be responsible for the repair or replacement of the instrument issued in case of loss or major damage.
- All band students are expected to take pride in our band room. They are to put trash in the proper trash cans. There is no food or drink in the band room unless the director grants permission.
- Damaging the band room or any of its equipment will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action will be taken and the student must pay for the damages.

UNIFORMS

- When you are in uniform, you are no longer an "individual", but a representative of the Scottsboro Band, Scottsboro High School, and our community.
- Your uniform is to be complete at all times in public. Coat on and zipped, collar hooked, and hat on (when applicable). The director will grant any exceptions.
- No jewelry will be worn while in uniform
- Hair must be a natural color and must be worn under the hat. No headbands.
- Always remember that before, during, and after public performance, you are in the spotlight because of the uniform you wear. The impression you leave must be a superior one!
- No medals will be worn on the marching uniform.
- When in uniform there is a conduct that must be observed: (1) no personal contact with another person, (2) treat everyone with the utmost respect, (3) no derogatory language towards another person or band. Remember that wearing a band uniform is derived straight from the military.
- Students must pay for repair of damaged uniforms or replacement of lost articles of the uniform. If a uniform is lost or damaged, all or part of the replacement cost will be the responsibility of the parent.
- The member's parents will replace any missing parts.

BAND BOOSTER ORGANIZATION

The band booster club is an organized group of parents, friends, alumni, and patrons whose main goal is to support the band financially and emotionally.

Vision

The band booster organization is a group who actively demonstrate their love and support of the Scottsboro High School Band. Band boosters will serve as an example to the students in character, integrity, and respect for authority.

Mission

Their demonstration shall be through giving of their time, talents, and finances to activities that support the Band Director, staff, and participants of SHS Band.

Objectives

The organization will respectfully support the initiatives of the school appointed Band Director and assisting staff. Matters concerning the direction of the band program shall remain the responsibility of the Band Director under the authority given by the administration of Scottsboro High School and the Scottsboro City Schools. The Booster Organization will in no way undermine or interfere with the Band Director's duties, responsibilities, and/or authority over the program. The Boosters will instead focus its efforts in providing practical hands-on assistance and financial support for the programs and budgets generated by the instrumental music department faculty. These areas of support include but are not limited to the following:

- Fundraising
- Transportation
- Logistical support at shows, concerts, and competitions
- Equipment and supply purchase, maintenance and repair
- Marketing, promotion, and advertising of the program
- Solicitation of community and corporate endowments and sponsorships
- Provision and demonstration of encouragement, program spirit, and pride
- Band Festival in October

Meetings throughout the year are scheduled by the Band Director and will be announced in advance.

If you would like to volunteer to chair or help on a committee please contact Mr. Leek!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- The student code of conduct approved by the board of education is in force at all times!
- No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products
- ABSOLUTELY NO talking back to an instructor, section leader, or member of the leadership team
- Have instruments, all music, and all equipment at every rehearsal DO NOT be late to practice!!
- NO baggy pants!!
- No sandals, flip flops, combat boots, or bare feet
- No chewing gum during rehearsals
- No cokes or milk during rehearsal days (Heat and these products DO NOT MIX!!)
- YOU MUST WEAR DEODORANT EVERY DAY!! (there is nothing wrong with reapplying throughout the day)
- On breaks, you must keep your horns in formation. The section leader will decide your instrument formation.
- NO playing on anyone else's instrument or equipment
- You are responsible for all of your personal belongings (if something is stolen, it is not the responsibility of the Director, School, Staff, or Boosters)
- PDA will not be tolerated (It is against school board policy)
- Take care of the building and grounds and help keep them clean. (Includes instrument storage rooms)

I'm sure these are not ALL the rules, but a good thing to think about before you do something is: IF YOU ARE QUESTIONING WHETHER OR NOT YOU SHOULD DO IT....DON'T!!

COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

- No guys allowed on the girls bus and no girls allowed on the guys bus - for ANY reason.
- No members are allowed to stay or go back to the buses without parent supervision. If there are no parents around the bus, come back to the stands.
- You are not allowed to wander off the competition site.
- When we are setting up equipment, you will need to be in the stands watching bands, concessions, or souvenir booths only!
- Do not move around while a band is on the field.
- Be quiet and give respect when a band is on the field. EVERY band deserves respect!! You clap for them at the end of songs and at the end of their show. NEVER laugh or make fun of a band on the field.
- NO PDA at competitions in or out of uniform.
- ALWAYS be respectful to other band members. No matter WHAT they may say to you, you say "Thank you" and walk off PERIOD!
- Always answer a staff with yes ma'am, yes sir, no ma'am, and no sir. ALWAYS! The SHS Band has a reputation of being one of the nicest bands in the state of AL. DO NOT RUIN THAT. One person and their mouth can ruin everything that has been built.
- You must wear your travel uniform when you are out of uniform.
- Do not be disruptive on the buses. If the chaperone tells me that there were personal problems with this on the bus - we will remedy this at the next rehearsal.
- Make sure the buses are left clean and that we do not leave anything on the buses. There will be a bus captain for each bus to make sure this job is done.
- When roll is being called on the bus - CLOSE YOUR MOUTH!
- NEVER, NEVER disrespect another member in public (you should not do this in private either but definitely not in public.)
- Winning respect and competitions start when you step out of the band room door on Saturday morning!

MARCHING BAND CALENDAR

VIEW THE CALENDAR ONLINE @ WWW.SCOTTSBOROBAND.COM

Please keep five Saturdays clear for contests.

- Sep. 25th Mid-South Marching Festival Gadsden, AL
- Oct. 2nd Festival TBA
- Oct. 9th Festival TBA
- Oct. 16th Where the Mountains Meet The Lakes Marching Festival Scottsboro, AL
- Oct 23th Festival TBA

Scottsboro High School
2021 Wildcat Football Schedule

Week	Date	Opponent	Place
	TBA	Cookout	Home
0	Aug 20	North Jackson	Home
1	Aug 27	Madison Academy	Away
2	Sep 3	Oxford	Home
3	Sep 10	Arab	Away
4	Sep 17	Springville (Homecoming)	Home
5	Sep 24	OPEN	
6	Oct 1	Ft. Payne	Away
7	Oct 8	Oneonta	Away
8	Oct 15	Southside Gadsden	Away
9	Oct 22	Pell City	Home
10	Oct 28	Fyffe	Away

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone Number (Number you can be reached at) _____
What Grade are you in? _____ T-Shirt Size _____ Instrument _____
Instrument serial number if school owned _____
What other activities are you involved in?

PARENT INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone Number (Number you can be reached at) _____
Place of Employment _____ Email _____
(For emergency purposes only)

Please write at least one Home Game Date that you will help at our concession stand. _____

Please check the following areas that you can provide service for the band:

<input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Hauling Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Band Camp (providing Gatorade, water, or popsicles) <input type="checkbox"/> Tow the band equipment trailer. (24ft, 10,000lbs gross weight.) <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing <input type="checkbox"/> Donating Medical Supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Copying Services <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with Paperwork	<input type="checkbox"/> Donate Paint <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Painter <input type="checkbox"/> Concessions for games <input type="checkbox"/> Donate Hardware Supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Mowing practice field <input type="checkbox"/> Donate Canopies for band camp <input type="checkbox"/> Lining off practice field <input type="checkbox"/> Halftime Pit Crew <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Committee
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Parent's Signature _____ Students Signature _____

Date _____ Date _____

*This page must be signed and returned by July 22, 2021 stating that both parent and student have read this handbook!
Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the band program!



Scottsboro High School Band Medical Form



Participant Name: _____
(Last, First)

Date of Birth: __ / __ / ____
(Month, Date, Year)

Participant Address: _____

Soc. Sec. # _____
Home Phone: _____

Participant's Local Physician: _____

Physician's Phone Number: ____ - ____ - ____

Past Medical History: _____

Last Tetanus Booster: __ / __ / ____

Allergies: _____

Physical Limitations or use of adaptive equipment? ___ no ___ yes

If yes please describe :

Prescription Medications: ___ no ___ yes, please list _____

Is the participant responsible for taking their own medications? ___ no ___ yes (Please provide name of person who is to medicate participant: _____)

Participant Insurance Information:

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Customer Service Number: _____

Policy Number: _____ Group ID: _____

Name of Insured: _____ Relationship to participant: _____

Please provide primary and secondary emergency notification information

<p>1. Parent or Guardian _____ Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: Day ____ - ____ - ____ Night ____ - ____ - ____ Cell ____ - ____ - ____</p>	<p>2. Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship to participant: _____</p> <p>Phone: Day ____ - ____ - ____ Night ____ - ____ - ____ Cell ____ - ____ - ____</p>
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Permission for Medical Treatment:

I, the undersigned being of legal authority for the participant enlisted above, hereby authorize representatives of the Scottsboro High School Band to provide information and secure medical treatment to the participant listed on this form.

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Notary Signature)

Date: _____

Notary Seal:

My Commission Expires:

