

Sylvania
Northview High School
Band
Handbook

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I. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Northview High School Band program. The Northview band has a long history of excellence and achievement. We are confident that you will find membership to be a satisfying and rewarding experience.

As we continue to strive for excellence we are reminded that the band experience is an exercise in cooperation. Band is a team effort and success comes from commitment and dedication to a common goal.

This handbook has been written for the Northview High School band members and their parents with the intention of giving information regarding the various policies, regulations, and activities of the Northview band program.

II. THE BAND PROGRAM

As a member of the Northview band you will have the opportunity to participate in a number of diverse musical activities.

MARCHING BAND

The marching band is an integral part of the pageantry and excitement generated at Northview varsity football games in the fall. The band will provide entertainment during the pre-game and half-time activities, as well as provide spirit and support for the Northview team and its' fans. The band also participates in a number of parades, including the Fall Festival parade, and the Memorial Day parade in the spring. The band may also participate in a limited number of special events, such as band festivals or competitions.

A band camp is held at Northview in August, two weeks before the first week in which classes are scheduled to begin. These very important rehearsals are where we learn the marching fundamentals and musical skills needed to present our fall schedule of performances. Attendance at band camp is **MANDATORY!** Failure to attend any of these rehearsals may exclude students from participating with the band at one or more performances and may result in the lowering of the students' first quarter letter grade.

AUXILARY

The Majorettes and Flag Corps are an integral part of the Northview Marching Wildcats. They provide color, pageantry, and excitement to the marching band. Auditions are held in the Spring each year.

CONCERT BAND

At the conclusion of the fall marching season, auditions will be held and the band will be divided into three concert bands.

The Wind Ensemble will consist of mostly upperclassmen and experienced players. The emphasis will be on the more advanced techniques of performance and the literature covered will be of the highest level.

The Symphonic Band will consist of mostly upperclassmen and experienced players. The emphasis will be on developing more advanced techniques of performance and the literature covered will be of a higher level.

The Concert Band will consist of mostly underclassmen and less experienced players. Basic musicianship and fundamental skills will be stressed.

The concert bands will present a number of formal concerts each year as well as participate in the Ohio Music Education Association Adjudicated Events.

HONORS PROGRAM

An Honors Option will be available to students who are enrolled in the Wind Ensemble and have permission of the director. This program will focus on the development and application of critical thinking skills - analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and problem solving. Students must demonstrate an appreciation of the aesthetics and an understanding of the creative process in music. Student responsibility, intrinsic motivation, independent study, and research will be emphasized.

JAZZ BAND

Jazz band is a full year class that meets two days a week from 2:35 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. The jazz band will utilize traditional big band instrumentation: saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and a rhythm section consisting of piano, guitar, drum set, and bass. Membership is by audition. You must be a member of the band or have permission of the director to be a member of the jazz band. Traditional jazz, contemporary, and popular music literature will be studied. Emphasis will be placed on improvisation.

The jazz band performs for many school and community functions, as well as hosting the annual Northview Jazz Festival. The jazz festival features a top college or professional jazz band in an educational setting and provides a forum for many area high school jazz bands to perform together.

PEP BAND

The pep band provides spirit and support for Northview winter sports teams. The pep band performs at 12 events consisting of several boys basketball games, several girls basketball games, and one hockey game. The pep band may also perform at pep assemblies. All band members must perform at a minimum of 4 games.

MUSICAL PIT ORCHESTRA

Each year the Northview Drama and Music departments present a musical production. Students may be asked to become members of the orchestra for the musical based on the instrumentation needed.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Students are encouraged to participate in the annual Ohio Music Education Association Solo and Ensemble Contest. The purpose of this contest is to promote and encourage students to improve basic musicianship through solo and small ensemble performance. Music performed must be selected from a list published by the Ohio Music Education Association.

III. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A. STUDENT OFFICERS

Each year officers will be elected by the band members and will assist the directors in the operation of the band program. Offices and their responsibilities will be as follows:

President

- student representative of the band
- heads and appoints committees for social events, fund raising, etc.
- in charge of organizing spring awards banquet
- coordinates all student officers

Vice President

- assist the president with all activities
- assume the duties of president when necessary

Secretary

- arrange to send invitations, thank you & get well cards & other correspondence from the band
- take minutes at all band officer meetings

Treasurer

- collect all monies due from band members
- keep accurate records

The following officers will be appointed by the band directors:

Librarians

- distribute and collect all band music, folders, folios, and other music related items
- keep music files and records complete and organized

Quartermasters

- distribute and collect band uniforms for all band activities
- keep uniform room neat and orderly

Loading Crew

- load instruments and equipment on trucks and busses before and after trips

Field Commanders

- student conductor of the Marching Band
- assist the directors in the operation of the Marching Band

IV. RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. BAND REHEARSAL RULES

1. You must be in the band room when the tardy bell rings.
2. You must be in your seat with instrument & music three minutes after the tardy bell rings.
3. No one is to play their instrument or anyone else's before class begins.
4. Class begins when the director steps in front of his stand. Be quiet from this point on.
5. You are not to talk when the director is rehearsing the band.
6. You must stop playing your instrument immediately when the director stops the band.
7. If you have a question, raise your hand, do not ask your neighbor.
8. There is no gum, food, or drink allowed in the band room.

B. PRACTICE ROOMS

Band members may use one of the practice rooms (FOR PRACTICING) during their study hall. A signed pass must be obtained from one of the directors and given to the study hall teacher.

Practice rooms are for practicing a musical instrument or voice. They are not to be used as a replacement for the study hall.

NO FOOD OR DRINK will be permitted in the practice rooms, hallway, or band room at any time.

C. FOOTBALL GAME PROCEDURES

On game night, students will be expected to arrive at school early enough so that they can change into their uniforms, prepare their instruments, and be in their seats at the designated time. Students will be notified of the designated time on the first day of game week.

Quartermasters will distribute and collect the uniforms before and after every performance.

During the football game the following rules apply:

Sit in your assigned seats.

Do not play unless directed to do so.

Do not play anyone else's instrument.

All instruments except sousaphones and percussion are to be held, do not lay them down.

No gum, food, or drink will be allowed in the stands or on the busses.

The complete uniform is to be worn at all times unless instructed by the directors.

The band will be dismissed for the third quarter of the football game. You may get refreshments at this time. (This is a privilege and not a right.) You must be back in your seat when the third quarter ends so that we can play the "fight song" between the third and fourth quarter.

After the game the band will return to the band room where students will return their instruments to the proper place and change out of their uniform. The uniforms must be put on your hanger properly and returned to the quartermaster. The quartermaster will not dismiss you unless the uniform is neatly placed on your hanger. Band shoes must be stored in the students' hall locker or taken home.

D. MARCHING BAND DEMERITS

In order to have the finest marching band possible, the above rules and procedures must be enforced. Any infraction of the above rules and procedures will result in the student receiving a demerit. Earning a demerit will result in the following:

First offense - removal of 1/2 the third quarter privilege for one game

Second offense - removal of the entire third quarter privilege for one game

Third offense - same as the above for two games

Fourth offense - the student will not be allowed to march at one game thus lowering the quarter grade by one letter grade.

E. TRIP AND BUS REGULATIONS

All band members must travel to and from all activities on transportation provided by the school.

Only band members, staff, and chaperones are permitted to ride school busses.

If a parent wishes to have their child ride home with them after a performance, the parent must present a signed note to one of the directors in advance, and must personally meet with a director upon leaving with their child.

Be courteous to drivers and chaperones. They are in charge and you are to follow their directions.

No food or beverage on the bus unless otherwise noted.

Remain on the same bus both going and coming home.

Remain seated at all times. Keep heads, hands, and arms inside the bus.

No screaming, whistles, or other loud noises are permitted.

Any use of stereos, tape players, etc. is at the discretion of the driver and the chaperones.

No playing of instruments is allowed on the buses

Upon arrival, all are to remain on the buses until you are given directions.

F. SYLVANIA SCHOOLS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will not bring discredit to themselves or their school. They should not be involved in the use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco. Failure to abide by the code of conduct, or other behavior derogatory to the individual or the program during the calendar year, will lead to denial of participation.

No student shall possess, conceal, use, convey to another, be in the presence of illegal drug/alcohol activity, or offer for sale, or attempt to purchase any alcoholic beverage, illegal drugs, non-prescribed drugs, prescribed drugs illegally used, look alike drugs, or any mind altering substance. A student will abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of the Sylvania Schools and the laws of the community at large. Included in the prohibition are any substances represented as controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, and tobacco. A violation of this policy by any student who participates in any extracurricular activity shall be deemed in violation of the Code of Conduct, and the student shall be subject to the penalties described herein. Penalties for violation of this Code of Conduct shall apply to both athletic and extracurricular participation concurrently.

This Code of Conduct must be signed before the student participates in any extracurricular tryout, practice, game or event. The student will be subject to the Code of Conduct for the entire calendar year.

The Code of Conduct shall be deemed to have been violated under the following circumstances: (1) when a student is observed in violation of the Code of Conduct by school personnel or (2) when a student has been charged by any law enforcement officer with an activity prohibited by this code, or (3) by an admission of violation by the student or his parents, or (4) when a student brings discredit to himself/herself or the school (including but not limited to being at an underage party where drugs/alcohol are present, vandalism, fighting, theft...).

Board Adopted: January 24, 2005

G. ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students must attend all rehearsals and performances.

All rehearsals and performances will begin and end on time.

Members who are not in their places at the designated time with the proper equipment will be marked absent, tardy, or excused as the case may be.

Daily Rehearsals - Students should remember that their attendance and performance is important to everyone else in the group and affects the total success of the band. An unexcused absence from class may result in the lowering of a letter grade in addition to any disciplinary action taken by the school office.

Performances - **ATTENDANCE AT ALL REQUIRED BAND PERFORMANCES AND ACTIVITIES IS MANDATORY!**

Any unexcused absence from a required performance **WILL** result in the lowering of a student's letter grade and could lead to dismissal from band. At least a two week notice will be given for additional performances not listed in this handbook.

Band Camp - **ATTENDANCE AT BAND CAMP IS MANDATORY!** Any unexcused absence from band camp may result in the lowering of a students' letter grade and could lead to dismissal from band.

Excused absences – The few exceptions to the rule of mandatory attendance at all performances are a personal illness or injury, a family emergency, a religious holiday, or participating in another Northview sponsored activity (*with the permission of the director*).

In order to be excused, a note, written by the parent or guardian, must be presented to a director as soon as possible. Phone calls or e-mails from parents or guardians prior to the absence are acceptable but need to be followed by a note. *The director will determine whether or not the absence is excused.* Failure to present a valid excuse will result in an unexcused absence.

If the directors determine that an individual student is not adequately prepared to perform at a specific event (due to an illness or missed rehearsals) they can deny the student the opportunity to perform. The student is still required to attend the event in full uniform unless personally excused by the directors.

H. GRADING SYSTEM

Band is a full-year class that carries one full credit. Band is both a curricular and an extra-curricular activity. Therefore, every band activity in which a student participates, both inside and outside of the classroom must be taken into consideration in the grading process.

Students will be graded on the following:

1. REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE: Students should remember that their attendance is important and affects the total success of the group.
2. PERFORMANCES: Attendance is mandatory at all required performances. The opportunity to perform for a public audience is an integral part of the curriculum that cannot be taught, provided, or experienced during the school day.
3. WORK HABITS: Students will be evaluated on their participation and conduct in daily rehearsals.
4. MUSICIANSHIP: Students will be evaluated by individual performance assessments as well as evidence of regular practice outside the classroom.

The grading scale is as follows:

Weekly Grade

Full credit will be given each week to students who participate in daily rehearsal and have all of the necessary equipment, music, and supplies. Points will be taken from the weekly grade for students who are unexcused from daily rehearsal and from students who do not have the necessary equipment, music, and supplies.

Concert Attendance

Full credit will be given to students who attend evening or out of school required performances, have the necessary equipment, music, and supplies, and display proper concert etiquette. These performances are listed in the back of the handbook in the band calendar. Partial credit will be given to students who attend the evening or out of school concert, but do not have the necessary equipment, music, and supplies. Partial credit will also be given to students who do not display proper concert etiquette.

School-Day performances

Periodically the band is asked to perform for events during school. Examples of this would be the marching band tour. Full credit for a school day performance will be given to students who attend these performances with all necessary equipment, music, supplies, and display proper concert etiquette. Partial credit will be given to students who attend, but do not have the necessary equipment, music, supplies, or who do not display proper concert etiquette.

Playing tests

Playing tests may be given periodically. Total points possible will be based on the length and difficulty of the playing test.

Students' quarterly grade will be based on the total number of points earned.

I. HONORS PROGRAM GRADING

A student who is enrolled in Wind Ensemble may take Band for Honors credit with the approval of the instructor. Students must fulfill the criteria for an "A," as listed above, as well as fulfill the following additional criteria:

1. Student is taking private lessons and receives a "good" or "excellent" evaluation for the quarter.
2. Student is studying Class "A" literature for the soloist.
3. Participation in Solo/Ensemble contest at the Class "A" level is required.
4. An honors project is required for each quarter that an honors grade is attempted. Students must see the Director for a list of suggested projects and have the project approved by the Director *before* submitting the project.

V. BAND AWARDS

Throughout the year, band members are able to earn a number of awards through their participation in various band activities.

A. MARCHING SEASON AWARDS

End of the season pizza party is held following the Marching Band Concert. "Fun Awards" will be voted on & presented by band members.

Marching Band Concert - After the football season a concert featuring the highlights of the half time shows will be presented. During this concert the directors will present the following awards:

The 8 to 5 Award - presented to the student who best represents the Northview band tradition, demonstrating outstanding leadership, enthusiasm, pride, and marching skills.

The MVP Award - presented to the most valuable player in the marching band.

Director's Awards - presented for outstanding achievement

Flag Corps and Majorette awards

B. SOLO AND ENSEMBLE AWARDS

These awards, distributed by the Ohio Music Education Association, are earned by students receiving a I or a II rating on their solo or ensemble performed at the district solo and ensemble contest.

C. FINAL AWARDS

These awards are presented at the spring Band Awards Banquet:

The John Philip Sousa Award - chosen by the band director, this award is presented to the senior band member who has contributed most to the Northview Band during his or her school music career.

The Gilmore Award- chosen by the band director, this award is presented to a senior band member who has contributed greatly to the Northview Band during his or her school music career.

Most Improved Musician Award-chosen by the band director, his award is presented to a senior band member who has shown significant improvement on his or her instrument.

The following awards will be presented to all band members in good standing:

1st year award - a certificate

2nd year award - an official Northview chenille letter with the band insert added.

3rd year award - instrument patch

4th year award - senior plaque

VI. BAND UNIFORM

Students will be fitted for a uniform each year to ensure proper sizing. The uniforms will be stored at school and issued to the students before every performance. Likewise, the uniforms will be collected and properly stored after every performance. Band shoes must be stored in the students' hall locker.

The marching uniform consists of hat w/plume, jacket, slacks, white gloves, black socks, black shoes as designated by the band director.

The concert uniform consists of blazer, slacks, white tuxedo shirt, bow tie, black socks, black band shoes
The pep band uniform consists of slacks and official band T-shirt
A Band polo-shirt may be worn for some official band functions

UNIFORM REGULATIONS

1. The uniform is to be worn as a complete unit at all times unless otherwise directed
2. Do not wear large jewelry while in uniform.
3. Shorts, sweats, long underwear may be worn under the uniform in cold weather.
Jeans or long pants are NOT to be worn under the uniform!
4. Hair, shoulder length or longer, MUST be put up under the hat.

VII. BAND AND ORCHESTRA BOOSTERS

The Northview Band and Orchestra Boosters have done much over the years to provide a great deal of assistance to our program. Meetings will be held on a regular basis in the band room. Parents of all students in the band program are automatically considered members. However, membership is open to all interested persons. Parents are encouraged to attend as many meetings as possible. Your opinions and help are genuinely needed.

Some of the responsibilities of the booster organization include:

1. Purchasing and maintaining uniforms for the band and orchestra.
2. Purchasing music, instruments, and supplies in the event the school budget is insufficient
3. Organizing and funding social and recreational activities for the band and orchestra students.
4. Provide chaperones for trips and activities.
5. Organizing various fund raising projects to provide monies for the above activities.

VIII. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

A. UNIFORM MAINTENANCE FEE

All students are required to pay a uniform Maintenance fee. The fee currently is \$30.00

B. PEP BAND & WARM WEATHER UNIFORM

When the weather is extremely warm the band will wear a band T-shirt, or band polo shirt. The cost of the T-shirt is \$8.00. The polo shirt is \$12.00. The band T-shirt or polo shirt will also be worn at Pep Band Events.

C. TUXEDO SHIRT

Members of the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will wear a tuxedo shirt and bow tie at all performances

D. PAY TO PARTICIPATE

The Sylvania Schools have a "play to participate" policy in effect. Each student is assessed a fee to help cover the cost of extra curricular and co-curricular activities. The fee is currently \$50.00 for band students.

E. UNIFORM ACCESSORIES

Students will be provided with 1 pair of white gloves for marching band. Additional pairs may be purchased at \$3.00 per pair. Students must purchase a pair of black marching shoes designated by the band directors. The students will wear these shoes for both marching and concert band. Clean black socks must be worn with the uniform.

F. SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS

A number of students use school owned instruments. There will be no fee to use these instruments if they are cleaned periodically and are cared for properly. However, the student is responsible for the minor repair and upkeep of these instruments. Any damage in excess of normal "wear and tear" on these instruments will be assessed to the student.

2011-2012 Northview Band Calendar

Thursday, August 11	Marching Band Percussion only 9:00-3:00
Friday, August 12	Freshman Only Band Camp 9:00-3:00
Wednesday, August 17	Band and Orchestra Booster meeting and new parent night 7:00 P.M. Band Room
August 15-26	Band Camp for all at Northview 9:00-3:00
Saturday, August 20	Car Wash –Dave White Acura
Thursday, August 25	Music Dept. Family Picnic & Performance 6:00 P.M. on the “Hill”
Friday, August 26	NV vs. Clay home football game 7:00 P.M.
Friday, September 2	NV vs. Waite away football game 7:00 P.M.
Friday, September 9	Deadline to enroll in Band/Choir/Orchestra Honors Program
Friday, September 9	NV vs. Lake away football game 7:00 P.M.
Saturday, September 10	TAG DAY
Sunday, September 11	Patriot Day Performance(small group)
Friday, September 16	NV vs. Anthony Wayne away football game 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, September 20	Band and Orchestra Booster meeting 7:00 P.M. Band Room
Friday, September 23	NV vs. Bowling Green home football game 7:00 P.M.
Saturday, September 24	Regional Orchestra Auditions at BGHS
Sunday, September 25	Race For The Cure (volunteers) Downtown Toledo 9:00A.M.
Friday, September 30	NV vs. Springfield away football game 7:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 1	Defiance Band Show - Time TBA
Friday, October 7	NV vs. Perrysburg home football game 7:00 P.M.
Friday, October 14	NV vs. Maumee away football game 7:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 15	Hickman Cancer Walk at Flower Hospital (volunteers)10:00 A.M.
Sunday, October 16	Fall Festival Parade
Tuesday, October 18	Band and Orchestra Booster meeting 7:00 P.M. Band Room
Friday, October 21	NV vs. Napoleon home football game 7:00 P.M.
Friday, October 28	NV vs. Southview away football game 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, November 2	Marching Band Tour to Elems & JH's
Thursday, November 3	Marching Band Concert 7:00 P.M. Gym/Pizza Party in Cafe after concert
Tuesday, November 15	Band and Orchestra Booster meeting 7:00 P.M. Band Room
November 17-20	MUSICAL / PAC
Sunday, December 11	Performing Arts Center Dedication Concert 1:00 and 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday, January 17	Band and Orchestra Booster meeting 7:00 P.M. Band Room
January 28, 29	OMEA District I Honors Festival Stranahan Theater
Saturday, February 11	High School Solo & Ensemble Contest
Tuesday, February 21	Band and Orchestra Booster meeting 7:00 P.M. Band Room
Wednesday, February 29	NV Jazz Festival 2:30-10:00 P.M. - Northview PAC, Music Suite, Cafeteria
Tuesday, March 20	Band and Orchestra Booster meeting 7:00 P.M. A-10
Tuesday, March 27	Concert and Symphonic Band Concert 7:30 P.M. PAC
Thursday, March 29	Wind Ensemble Concert 7:30 P.M. PAC
Tuesday, April 17	Band and Orchestra Booster meeting 7:00 P.M. Band Room
Tuesday, May 15	Concert and Symphonic Band Concert 7:30 P.M. PAC
Thursday, May 17	Spring Jazz Concert 7:30 P.M. LT
Saturday, May 19	Spring Car Wash – Dave White Acura
Tuesday, May 22	Wind Ensemble Concert 7:30 P.M. PAC
Wednesday, May 23	Band Awards Banquet 7:00 P.M. - Northview Cafeteria
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day Parade

IX. CONTRACT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL BAND

I hereby affirm that I have read and thoroughly understand the Northview High School Band Handbook. I further affirm that I will abide by the rules, regulations, and intent of said handbook, and understand the penalties for not doing so. I agree to follow the SYLVANIA SCHOOLS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. I understand that an unexcused absence from band camp, a rehearsal, or performance will seriously affect my grade and could lead to expulsion from band. I have had all my questions concerning the content of this handbook answered and will do my best to live up to the intent of this contract.

I have printed the band calendar and have transferred the dates to my calendar.

Print Student's name _____

Student's signature _____

date _____

I/We have read the Northview High School Band Handbook and have discussed it with our child. I/We will do our best to encourage him/her to abide by the rules and regulations of the band as expressed in the band handbook.

I/We have printed the band calendar and have transferred the dates to my calendar.

Print Parent's name _____

Parent's signature _____

date _____