

**Mansfield Jr. / Sr. High School
Band Handbook
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Welcome Back!

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to another exciting year of music at Mansfield! We at Mansfield have many traditions including pep rallies, parades, concerts, and festivals that will continue to flourish this year.

Making this happen is an easy thing to do; making it happen *well* will take teamwork and responsibility on the part of the director, the parents of our students, and the student performers!

The purpose of this handbook is to become familiarized with the policies, procedures, and calendar of the Mansfield Bands. When you are finished reviewing the handbook, please sign the last page and return it to Mr. Schlosser no later than **August 28, 2009**.

It is my belief that music is truly one of the greatest of the arts, and to make music together is a unique and thrilling part of being a human. We cannot however pick up an instrument and hope to be the best performer of that instrument without first practicing. It has been said that “In order to be a master of your instrument, you must first be a slave to it.”

Practice diligently, communicate regularly, and be courteous!

I am looking forward to working with *all* of you, students and parents alike, this upcoming school year. If you have any questions feel free to call or email me at the number enclosed on the cover sheet.

Sincerely,

William Schlosser

National Standards for Music Education

1. Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
2. Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
3. Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments.
4. Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines.
5. Reading and notating music.
6. Listening to, analyzing, and describing music.
7. Evaluating music and music performances.
8. Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts.
9. Understanding music in relation to history and culture.

Ensembles at Mansfield Jr / Sr High School

Senior High Concert Band

This ensemble is open to all 9th -12th graders at MHS. The band will perform a variety of selections from wind band literature. This ensemble rehearses every day Block 3A.

Junior High Concert Band

This ensemble is open to all 7th and 8th graders at MHS. The band will perform a variety of wind band literature appropriate to the middle level band. This ensemble rehearses every day Block 3C.

Tiger Marching Band

The Marching Band is comprised of all members of the Senior High Concert Band and performs annually at parade functions in the Mansfield area. This ensemble meets outside of school for parade rehearsal with music rehearsal during Senior High Concert Band time. A complete rehearsal schedule is attached.

Jazz Band

Jazz Band is operating a little bit differently this year. As an enrichment activity, JB will be held during I-Block. Any band student that would like to participate in JB may, as long as they are in their respective Advanced and Proficient I-Blocks.

Equipment Requirements

Brass

Lesson/Band music
Valve Oil
Slide Grease
Instrument

Reed

Lesson/Band music
Cork Grease
3 good reeds
Instrument

Percussion

2 pair snare sticks
Drum Key

Uniforming / Concert Attire

Concert attire for Concert Band Performances will be as follows (Senior High and Junior High are restricted to black and white):

Male

Collared shirt and tie
Dress Slacks (no jeans)
Appropriately colored socks
Dress Shoes

Female

Dress Shirt
Long Skirt (past knees)
Dress Shoes
or
Long Dress

*If distributed: Marching Band uniforms will be provided for all students with the exception of white undershirts and shoes. Shoes may be purchased at a variety of vendors in our area, but must be ***ENTIRELY*** white with no logos visible. A summerweight uniform is required for a purchase price of \$15 a shirt. This shirt is worn with jeans and sneakers.

*Marching Band uniforms will be signed out at the beginning of the year and collected following the last performance of the year. It is the student's responsibility to maintain the uniform in satisfactory condition. Any student returning a uniform in an unsatisfactory condition may be charged the amount to replace that uniform part or the entire uniform.

Any student not meeting proper concert attire will be asked to change into proper concert attire or will not be allowed to participate in the concert. (Please note that this will affect a student's grade)

Grading Policy

All students start with a 90% average.

Points may be earned by:

- Exceptional classroom behavior and performance
- Auditioning for PMEA Festivals
- Performing in extra ensembles (small ensembles, jazz band, etc...)
- Coming early to set up equipment

Points may be deducted for:

- Inappropriate classroom behavior (Consequence 2 or above)
- Tardiness to ANY rehearsal
- Missing a lesson
- Missing a performance (automatic 30% deduction per performance)

Southern Tioga School District Policy says that students will receive a letter grade for music courses as follows:

93-100%	A
85-92%	B
72-84%	C
65-71%	D
Below 65%	F

Lessons and Practicing

Lessons are required for all junior high students, and highly suggested for senior high students. In-school lessons may be opted out of if the student takes private lessons with a qualified instructor. In such a case, please contact Mr. Schlosser to obtain a private lesson grading sheet for your instructor.

Out of school practicing is vital to the success of any music program. Parents can help greatly in this by doing the following:

1. Listening to your student practice
2. Ensuring the student practices *every* day.
3. Providing a quiet environment for the student to practice
4. Providing the student with quality equipment to practice and perform on
 - a. Instrument
 - b. Lesson book
 - c. Music stand

Only with parent support and student commitment will the Mansfield Bands reach their full potential!

Discipline Policy

Discipline is essential in creating a safe learning environment in our schools. As such, the following policy will be implemented during all performances, rehearsals, and extra activities with the Mansfield Bands.

Rules

1. Be courteous; do not talk during rehearsal time.
2. Raise your hand and wait to be called on when you have a question.
3. Have *all* materials with you at the beginning of class.
4. No food or drink in the band room or on stage.
5. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
6. Play only your instrument.

Consequences

1. Verbal warning
2. One night detention
3. Two nights detention and request to meet with parent(s)
4. Dismissal from band until meeting with parent(s) and principal
5. Dismissal from band for remainder of year.

Positive Consequences

1. Extra Credit
2. Opportunity to go to extra-curricular performances
3. Award Recognition at Band Banquet
4. More positive consequences will be available depending on the semester and opportunities available at that time.

SEVERE DISCIPLINE CLAUSE

If a student chooses to blatantly and/or maliciously cause a serious classroom disruption, the severe discipline clause may be used and the student will immediately be sent to the principal's office and advanced to the fourth consequence.

Mansfield Jr / Sr High Band Schedule

www.mhstigermusic.com

The up to date calendar is kept at the above website. If you need/would like a printed out copy, please put a request in the box in the band room.

Students who work are expected to request time off for all performances. Conflicts must be cleared in advance. You will be notified of any schedule changes as soon as they occur.

Acknowledgement Form

By signing this form, I agree that I have read, understand, and agree to all the policies and procedures outlined in this document.

Student

Date

Parent or Guardian

Date

This form is due August 29th 2009.

If you have any questions, feel free to call or email Mr. Schlosser at school.

Band Boosters Registration

This year, it is especially important to have a pool of volunteers to help with fundraising. We are endeavoring to purchase new band uniforms and need your help! If you would be willing to help at all, please provide the following information:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____