

Woodridge Band

the Pride of Peninsula

HandBook

2009-2010

Home Practice Explanation and Records Form

Home Practice is twenty five percent of students grade quarters 2-4. For each main concert students are asked to complete a minimum of four thirty minute practice sessions outside of class time. This practice time should be spent on the music for the concert. Students are asked to have a parent, or teacher if done at school, sign and date each session. The chart below should be used for this purpose.

Student Name _____
(print clearly)

Concert	Practice 1 Signature	Date	Practice 2 Signature	Date	Practice 3 Signature	Date	Practice 4 Signature	Date
12/17								
2/23								
3/6								
5/25								
6/1								

This chart will be collected on the following dates:
12/14, 02/19, 03/04, 05/24, and 06/1.

Please have everything completed and filled out at these times.

YOU WILL BE GIVEN A FULL SIZE SHEET TO COMPLETE.

Purpose of the Handbook

This handbook has been prepared for the Woodridge High School Band as a reference for band members and parents. It outlines the requirements, rules, and regulations that you will need to know as a member of the band. Please read this information carefully and keep it for future reference.

There is a calendar of events listing all performance dates and rehearsals where your attendance is required. Additional dates will be given to you with a minimum two-week notice. Please notify your parents and your employer **NOW** so that they might plan accordingly. Check the online calendar for the latest updates.

A group such as ours is a unique experience. Everyone contributes equally. We are all important parts of the group, each having our own individual job to do. Without 100% effort from everyone, we are much like a 100 piece puzzle with some of the pieces missing. The total picture does not appear. It is each member's responsibility to contribute their best effort to the group in order for the group to succeed.

My goals for the group are to (1) continue to expand the success we have with our program, (2) continue to develop our musicianship, independent learners, and establish a characteristic sound, and (3) make sure that each member of this organization feels they are a valuable part of the group. Your hard work through daily rehearsals, individual practice, and performance will help us get there.

I wish you much success as a member of the Woodridge High School Band and I sincerely thank you for your involvement.

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Woodridge Local Schools

Woodridge High School Band Syllabus

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In Class Rehearsals

Our rehearsals will start promptly at 1:51. Players need to make sure that equipment is ready to go at that time. During the days we are outside for marching band, we will meet in the band room first. For the benefit of the group, please make sure you are on time for rehearsal. Band members will be responsible for knowing the music prior to rehearsals as rehearsals are our opportunity to put the pieces together, not to learn each individual part. Evening Marching Band rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Again, always meet in the band room. Please no book bags in the music room.

Attendance

It is essential that all rehearsals and performances be absence-free. All absences are UNEXCUSED unless otherwise arranged. **To make arrangements for an absence you must contact the director personally. An Absence Form may be picked up in the band room.** Please communicate in **writing**, (Absence Form) at least two weeks before an absence. If you are missing from a rehearsal or performance, excused or unexcused, **you will need to make up the work** or your grade will be adversely affected.

Music

Marching Band:

You will be issued one copy of all the music for the entire marching season. Write your name on each piece in **pencil**. It is your responsibility to take care of your music and not lose it. Due to the nature of marching band extra music will be available as needed. If you need more tell your section leader.

Concert, Jazz, Pep, Solo and Ensemble, and all other music:

It is each band members' responsibility to keep track of their music. During concert and jazz band season we will be keeping our music in folders in the music room. Each band member will be issued their own music and folder. If your name wasn't put on your music please write it on with **pencil**. Please take it home and practice it as needed. All music will be turned in when we are finished with it. Lost music for these ensembles will be replaced at \$5.00 per copy. **ONLY WRITE ON MUSIC WITH PENCIL!**

Accessories

Lyres, flip folders, reeds, oil, etc. can be obtained from local music stores, or on-line. I will keep a small supply in my office for **emergency** purposes.

Here are the current dates for the year **(Please share these with your parents and mark them on your calendar):**

Performances and Other Dates to Note *(subject to changes and additions)*

8/18 5:00 Call time for Falls Preview of Bands, Show Starts at 7:00 p.m.

8/22 Woodridge Band Show. **Need Every parent to volunteer.** Students report by 4:30.

8/28 Home Football, **Alumni Night**, Students call time 5:30

8/29 Perform at Areos Game. We have tickets Available! Must get from Band. 5:00 Call Time

9/5 Away Football, **Saturday Afternoon!** call time 10:30 a.m. Game starts at 1:00

9/11 Away Football, call time 4:45 p.m.

9/12 SVSM Band Show, call time 5:00 p.m.

9/18 Home Football, call time 5:00 p.m.

9/19 Woodridge Community Days, call time 8:00 a.m.

9/19 Akron U. Band Day, call *1:00 p.m.*

9/25 Away Football, call time 5:00 p.m.

10/2 Home Football, call time 5:30 p.m. **8th Grade Night/Dance Clinic Night**

10/4 Oktoberfest, call time 11:30 a.m., perform 12:30 p.m.

10/9 Home Football, call time 5:15 p.m. **Homecoming**

10/16 Away Football, call time 5:00 p.m.

10/23 Home Football, call time 5:30 p.m. **Senior Night**

10/30 Away Football, call time 5:00 p.m.

11/13 Lock in Concert, Call time 5:00, Performance 7:00 p.m.

(8/26-11/11) Practice Every Wednesday Night 6-9:00 p.m.

Concert Band Dates

12/5 Caroling Performance WHS, a.m.

12/17 Band Concert, call time 7:00, Performance 7:30 p.m.

2/10 Solo & Ensemble Contest

2/10 Jazz Dinner and Silent Auction, Call time 5:00 p.m.

2/23 Band Concert, call time 7:00, Performance 7:30 p.m.

3/6 OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event

4/24 Band Banquet 6:00 p.m.

5/24 Blossom Music Festival, call time 6:00, Performance 6:30 p.m.

5/31 Memorial Day, 7:30-2:30

6/1 Graduation, 7:00, call time 6:00 at Blossom

Band Backers

All meetings will start at 7:00 p.m.

Starting in September meetings will be in the HS Band room the second Monday of every month.

Jazz Band Performances:

December 17

HS Band Concert

WHS 7:30 p.m.

February 10

Jazz Dinner

WHS 4:30 p.m.

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Band Lettering Requirements

To letter in band, you must collect 150 points. Accumulation of points can be from the following categories:

Band Camp Participation	10 points/day (60 points maximum per year)	
Perfect Attendance Summer	20 points	
Perfect Attendance Marching Performances(Whole Games)		20 points
Perfect Attendance Concert Band Performances	20 points	
Band Officer	20 points	
Section Leader	20 points	
Squad Leader	20 points	
Quarter Master	15 points	
Performance outside of School	1 point	
Percussion Ensemble	15 points	
Clarinet Choir	10 points	
Assistant at summer camps	10 points	
Jazz Dinner Dance Worker	5 points	
Eight Grade Marcher	50 points	
Honor Band Audition	5 points	
Honor Band Participation	20 points	
All-State Participation	15 points	
Solo @ Solo & Ensemble	15 points	
Ensemble @ Solo & Ensemble	10 points	
Jazz Band	50 points	
Pep band member	40 points	
Rehearsal Attendance (less than 5 absences)	10 points	
Private lessons	15 points	
Leadership activities (must be approved by director)	Based on each job completed	

Please keep track of your own points incase we make a mistake. It is possible to letter during the Freshmen year, but most students should letter during their Sophomore year. At 400 points a student will receive a second letter, and at 700 a third. No one is guaranteed to letter.

Marching Band Uniforms

Whenever members are in the “public eye” they are expected to be in **FULL UNIFORM**. Any exception to this rule, on specific occasions, will be announced by the director. To let anyone else wear a part of your band uniform or to wear any part of it improperly yourself, is a disgrace to this department and what it stands for.

Care

1. Marching Band uniform fittings will be done during the summer.
2. Uniforms are to be hung neatly when not being worn.

Uniforms will be stored at the school at all times!

3. Shoes are to be cleaned and polished prior to **EACH** performance. You must have a pair of **black band shoes and tall black socks. Shoes are not to be stored at school.** Gloves are to be kept clean. Do not leave them in uniforms, hats , or cases.

Proper Uniform Wearing

1. Your pride in being a member of the Woodridge Marching Bulldog Band is reflected in the way you wear your uniform.
2. Your uniform must be free of mud, dirt, or dust for each performance. If you're uniform needs cleaning see a uniform mom or director.
3. Shoes and gloves must be clean.
4. **HAIR LENGTH:** Any member whose hair touches the top of the uniform collar must either wear their hair up or get a haircut! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
5. When in public, members are to wear the uniform **COMPLETELY** or not at all. Hats and gloves may be carried. **Hats will never be worn backwards.**
6. **Pant suspenders must be worn at all times!**
7. Non-uniform hats are not to be worn with the uniform at any time.
8. Jewelry is not to be worn with the uniform. Members with pierced ears are to wear posts (studs) only. No neck jewelry or rings that show are allowed. Watches may be worn as long as they are hidden by the uniform sleeve.
9. Make-up is to be kept to a bare minimum.
10. Nothing is to be pinned or attached to the uniform (buttons, ribbons, flowers, medals, etc.)

The director and chaperones will conduct a uniform inspection prior to each performance. Any member will be removed from the performance block if improper uniform care and wearing is not corrected.

A complete marching band uniform contract is available on the band web site

Concert Band Uniform

The Woodridge High School Concert Band will use a standard concert dress for all concerts. Men will wear black dress pants, black dress shoes, tall black socks, and a long sleeve white dress shirt with an appropriate tie. The women will wear an all black dress/skirt (over the knee when seated) or black dress pants, an all white blouse, and black dress shoes. **Please do not make any variations on these requirements.** Failure to wear the correct uniform will be cause for removal from the performance or loss of points.

Summer Uniform

This is used at various events and consists of Khaki pants and the band polo shirt.

The Woodridge High School Concert Band

The purpose of concert band is to:

1. Serve as a core foundation for all instrumental musical activities at Woodridge High School, and
2. Provide an environment in which to explore the true art of expression through musical instruments.

We will be working on all facets of music, from the basic ideas through the very complex, technical skills and how to incorporate them into our performance, performance etiquette, self-discipline, and development of aesthetic values for the art of music performance.

The Woodridge High School Marching Bulldog Band, “*The Pride of Peninsula!*”

The Woodridge Marching Band has gained a reputation of excellence because of its high standard of musicianship, showmanship, and personal effort. This admirable reputation can only be maintained through the continued efforts of each person for whom this organization exists.

The purposes of the WHS Marching Band are to:

- provide half-time entertainment at its best
- participate in ceremonial functions
- serves as a musical/physical outlet for those seeking such activity
- contribute greatly to the high morale and spirit found at WHS
- perform at a high level of excellence in area performances.

As a member of the WHS Marching Band, everything that you do on the field is vitally important. **There are no last chair players in a marching band.** On the football field, the visual arena is so large and complex that no one can see all elements of the performance at one time. However, every member of the band will at some point in the show, be individually seen by someone in the audience. The attention of the audience is immediately drawn to anyone who is not absolutely uniform in every move. Absolute uniformity without error requires each individual's attention and effort 100% of the time.

Eligibility

All performances with large ensembles are considered a part of your grade. All members are expected to attend all performances. However, if a member is on the failing list, they will be ineligible to participate in the following musical activities:

Out of State trips

Field Trips

Lock in

Solo-Ensemble Contest

Pep Band

Jazz Band

Members will be given a week to make up the deficiency. Eligibility will follow the same schedule as the athletic season schedule.

Classroom Rules

1. Be on time to rehearsal.
2. Be ready to play when it is time to play. Know your part!!
3. Always pay attention to what is going on in rehearsal.
4. Remain quiet.
5. No gum, candy, food, or drinks in the rehearsal room.
(Exceptions will be made on special events.) (water is acceptable)
6. Control your language.
7. Respect each other and each other's equipment.
8. If you have a question raise your hand.
9. Be ready to play your part at any given time.
10. Always have a pencil to mark parts.

Take great pride in what you do.

Rules ensure that our time is not wasted. In order for us to get to our top playing level we must make sure that we follow the rules.

Bus Rules

1. Students must remain seated keeping the aisles and exits clear.
2. Students must observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and respect fully.
3. Students must not use profane language.
4. Students must refrain from eating and drinking on the bus.
5. Students must not throw or pass objects on, from or into the bus.
6. Students must not put head, arms, or legs out of the bus windows.

Pep Band

The purpose of this group is to provide music at Woodridge athletic events and to promote school spirit and support for our teams. Selection into this group will be by audition and rehearsals will be outside of the normal school day. Instrumentation will use a rock rhythm section with horns. We will maintain high standards of musicianship, attitude, and sportsmanship. Believe it or not, this group will get the most exposure to the public after marching band.

Members of this group are required to be at all events unless special arrangements are made. Failure to comply will result in immediate dismissal from this group. Each member needs a marching band polo to wear at all events.

Jazz Band

The jazz band will study various styles of jazz from classic big band swing to modern day funk and fusion. Players will get many chances to perform and work on expression through solo improvisation. We will also learn different types of scales that work with jazz improvisation. This group's membership is decided by audition and rehearses outside the normal school day. This group is featured at the Jazz Dinner and Silent Auction.

Personal Conduct

The actions of individuals always reflect on the image of the entire band as well as our school and community. Consider that a person's negative actions hurt not only themselves, but the other members in the band as well.

If inappropriate personal conduct adversely affects the band, its rehearsals or its performances, immediate actions will be taken. Minor infractions will be dealt with within the band organization. Major infractions, such as curfew on trips, alcohol, drugs, vandalism, etc. will constitute dismissal from the group with no option of returning later in the year; however, the student may return the following year. If a major infraction occurs during a trip, parents will be called and asked to make arrangements to send the offending member home.

Rehearsal Behavior

Students disrupting rehearsals will be issued demerits. If receiving three demerits students will be issued a band detention, again for the sixth and an office detention for the ninth.

Band detentions are weighed into students eligibility for trips and other band events outside the classroom.

Grading and Evaluation - Concert Band

Performances 25%

All performances are mandatory. If there is a conflict parents should contact Mr. Krstolic immediately to resolve.

Playing Tests 25%

Each student will be assigned specific sections of music to perform for a grade. This will account for 25% of their grade. The student will be evaluated on accuracy of rhythm, articulation/sticking, correct notes, and dynamics. Students can earn a “do over” to improve their score by fulfilling one of these three specific requirements:

1. Completing at least two 30 minute practice sessions and having a parent fill out a verification form.
2. Scheduling and completing a practice session with Mr. Krstolic, or another approved music teacher.
3. Taking two private lessons and having a parent fill out a verification form.

Home Practice 25%

Each concert band member is required to complete four thirty minute practice sessions per concert. There is a more detailed explanation later in this hand book.

Daily Preparedness/Assignments 5%

Students are **required** to be prepared each day for class. Students must have their music, instrument, a pencil, and any needed accessories every day. A broken reed or slow valve is not a valid excuse. Have your instrument ready to play in class.

Class Participation 5%

Students are required to participate in all class activities. Students can loose participation points for not playing, or for not responding when asked due to talking, not paying attention or the like. Those unwilling to follow the directors instructions will loose these points as well. (posture, playing when asked, ect.)

Other Assignments 15%

Other assignments may be given throughout the year. Students will be informed in writing the details and requirements for these assignments.

All papers must be typed in a twelve point font size and a standard font.

Students may earn *extra credit* at any time.

30 minutes of practice equals 1 points extra credit.

Please bring in a signed parent note stating minute total to receive credit.

Grading and Evaluation - Marching Band

All students participating in Marching Band are signed up for band as a class, unless given permission by the band director to do otherwise. All students are graded by the following:

49% Attendance 49% Preparation 2% Participation

Attendance

It is expected that students learn and take responsibility for the progress and quality of the Marching Band. Progress and quality occur when all members are present at all rehearsals and performances. Attendance is mandatory for all scheduled rehearsals and performances. A schedule of rehearsals and performances is given to the students at which they are expected to resolve any scheduling conflicts to adhere to the schedule given to them. Some exceptions are made in cases of illness and death in the family. **Work is not an excuse.** All athletic scheduling conflicts will be agreed on between director(s) and coach(es) only. Students involved in athletics are to give a complete practice and game schedule to the directors prior to the start of band camp.

Students earn the following grade for attendance at rehearsals and performances:

100% Present and on time, Stay for full rehearsal

0% Unexcused Absence (excused absences will be entered as a 0 until students turn in make up work)

Points will be deducted for being tardy, or leaving early. *1 point each for rehearsals*

Missing large amounts of time will be dealt with on individual an basis. An example would be that a student leaving after half time of a football game will earn 4 out of 5 points for that game.

Preparation

Rehearsals are times to bring *practiced* music parts together. It is expected that students spend adequate practice time *outside* of group rehearsal times so each member learns and memorizes their music.

Students are graded on preparation by memorizing and properly executing their musical parts and testing off music to the director(s). Students are encouraged to test music off **early**.

All students that attempt a song will receive a 70% for their effort. Students that have most of the music memorized with some rhythm and note mistakes will receive an 85%. Students that have an entire song memorized with few if any mistakes will receive a 94%. Students seeking a higher grade may perform their music on their own with no mistakes and correct style, correct phrasing, good intonation, and proper dynamics for up to a 100%. Students are encouraged to improve and retry all selections they score less than 100% on. Students may retry often, but must demonstrate that there has been outside work done and improvement since the last attempt. (Staff won't listen to students play the same song twice in one day.) A schedule will be posted showing times to be heard by staff. Most times will be by appointment only. All re-try's should be by appointment. Students may test off by themselves, or in small groups. Groups should be no more than four, and are at directors discretion on instrumentation. **Students will not be given "Third Quarter" if that weeks music is not checked off, and may be asked to play the show from the side line with music.**

Participation

Students are expected to participate willingly and cooperatively at all group rehearsals and performances.

100% willing and cooperative

0% not willing or cooperative

DUE DATES FOR MUSIC MEMORIZATION: 10 points each, 100 points total

8/26 - SSB, Any Way You Want It

9/2 - Wake Me Up, Carry On Wayward Son

9/9 - Blister in the Sun, Alma Mater

9/16- 7 Nation Army, Fight Song

9/23 - I Don't Care, Let's Get Loud

Music may be added if band members are not putting forth enough effort to memorize them on their own. Selections may be changed, but you will be given ample notice. Please be **proactive** on memorizing your music. **EVERYONE can and will do this.** There will be some time given during rehearsals for checking off music, but it is expected that students come in on their own time to do this.

**Graded Rehearsals: 4 points each,
40 points total**

- Wednesday 8/26
- Wednesday 9/2
- Wednesday 9/9
- Wednesday 9/16
- Wednesday 9/23
- Wednesday 9/30
- Wednesday 10/7
- Wednesday 10/14
- Wednesday 10/21
- Wednesday 10/28

Wednesday 11/4
Wednesday 11/11

In 2nd Quarter
(not part of 1st Quarter)

Graded Performances: 60 points total

- Football 8/28 **5 points**
- Aeros Game 8/29 3 points**
- Football 9/5 **5 points**
- Football 9/11 **5 points**
- Band Show 9/12 **5 points**
- Football 9/18 **5 points**
- Community Day 9/19 **1 points**
- Akron Band Day 9/19 2 points**
- Football 9/25 **5 points**
- Football 10/2 **5 points**
- Oktoberfest 10/4 **3 points**
- Thursday Event? 10/8 **1 points**
- Football 10/9 **5 points**
- Football 10/16 **5 points**
- Football 10/23 **5 points**

Football 10/30 5 points
Marching Band Concert 11/13 4 points

Summer Grade
25 points total **so:**
your total /140 x 25 = your summer points

Please talk to Mr. Krstolic immediately if you have concerns or conflicts.

Absence for any reason should be communicated in **writing*** as soon as possible.

* Use the absent form, or **email** Mr. Krstolic at: Kkrstolic@woodridge.k12.oh.us

Band Lock In - This is a privilege and reward for those who work hard and strive to make the band the best it can be. To attend students must be passing all classes at the end of 1st quarter and have a B or higher in Band. Also, students with more than 2 Band Detentions will not be able to attend.

Students are given a detailed handout about summer grades.