

# TULLAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL BAND MEMBER HANDBOOK

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**Tullahoma High School Band**

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## Band Membership

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To be a member of the Tullahoma High Band, students and/or parents must:

- Enroll in the proper band class period
- Complete all forms and payments by the due dates or communicate arrangements with directors
- Agree to comply with the terms of this handbook
- Agree to comply with the rules and regulations of Tullahoma High School
- Remain in good standing, both academically and behaviorally, with Tullahoma High School teachers and administration
- Attend all camps, rehearsals, performances, and other scheduled band functions

## Materials

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**Class Materials-** have the following items at each rehearsal:

- 3 ring binder w/ page protectors
- Pencil
- Instrument, in good working condition
- Woodwinds- Key oil, cleaning swab, reeds and reed case (At least two spare reeds)
- Brass- valve oil, rotor oil (horns), slide grease, mutes as needed
- Percussion
  - o Large practice pad (Offworld Invader, 12" Evans ReelFeel)
  - o Concert snare sticks (IP-LD or equivalent)
  - o Marimba mallets (Balter Basics Series Birch BB3 Soft or equivalent)
  - o Timpani Mallets
  - o Pitch Pipe
  - o Percussion bag (Innovative Mallet bag or equivalent)

**Marching Band Materials-** have the following items at each rehearsal:

- Music (in 3-ring binder w/ page protectors)
- Instrument
- Coordinate sheets (on lanyard)/dot book
- Appropriate shorts/athletic pants
- Low top athletic shoes and socks (no crocs or sandals)
- Sunscreen as needed
- Large personal water

**Marching Uniform Required Parts-** students are expected to provide the following to complete the uniform for every performance. Uniform parts should be washed between each performance. (The "Tullahoma Band Camp Fees Checklist" can be found in the band camp packet):

- Marching shoes - purchase by using the "Tullahoma Band Camp Fees Checklist"
- Long black socks
- Undergarments - purchase by using the "Tullahoma Band Camp Fees Checklist"
- Gloves - purchase by using the "Tullahoma Band Camp Fees Checklist"

### Marching Band Uniform Care

- Uniform fittings will occur during band camp.
- The full uniform shall include: undergarments, long black socks, jacket, pants, band hat, all marching shoes, shako, plume, mirrors (or the felt equivalent for instruments that require this option)
- The guard uniform is set each year and will be outlined in detail at Band Camp.
- A uniform inspection will occur prior to every game or performance.
- Following performances, all members are expected to report to a uniform crew

member to verify that their uniform has been hung/stored properly and then turned in BEFORE leaving campus.

- When in uniform, students are expected to:
  - o Act professionally and respectfully
  - o Keep uniform in pristine condition
  - o Not consume food or drink (only water is allowed)
  - o Not wear excessive makeup
  - o Not remove uniform pieces in public unless the entire band is instructed to do so

### **Concert Band Uniform**

- We are no longer using Concert and Symphonic Band uniforms, we are now asking students to build their own uniform. The uniform must meet the following requirements:
  - o For Females
    - Tops or dresses must be a three quarter length sleeve or longer. No short sleeves or sleeveless tops or dresses. A good work around for this is to wear a cardigan or jacket if necessary. Please layer with a black tank top or camisole if the neckline requires this.
    - May use a dress, skirt, or pants. If a dress or skirt is chosen, it must be knee length or lower while seated. Black tights or stockings must be worn under the dress or skirt. Pants must be dress slacks. No jeans or leggings will be allowed to serve as pants. Black socks must be worn with pants. This can be trouser socks if that helps.
    - Closed toed shoes only. Heels are acceptable but please keep the heel at a professional length (3.5" or shorter)
  - o For Males
    - A long sleeved solid white button down collared shirt (a solid white undershirt should also be worn)
    - A black bow tie.
    - Solid black dress slacks (if belt worn, please make sure it is solid black)
    - Solid black dress shoes (marching shoes are an option! For regional or state concert performances, dress shoes are preferred)
    - Long black socks
    - Symphonic Band will add tuxedo jackets for regional and state performances (we will provide this through our uniform inventory)

## Fees and Forms

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**Member Contribution- \$325 Band Camp Fee** each year of membership. Payable with cash or check (made out to "Tullahoma Band"). Contributions are non-refundable. This contribution provides a majority of the operating budget necessary for a successful high school band and covers staff instruction, marching show arrangements and materials for each section. *\*Sibling Discount- \$245 per member*

**School Instrument - \$25-\$75 (depending on cost of instrument)** Payable with cash or check (made out to "Tullahoma High School"). This fee is for any student using a school instrument (oboe, bassoon, tenor sax, bari sax, mellophone, marching baritone, tuba, sousaphone, etc.). This covers regular instrument maintenance costs. These fees are communicated on the instrument rental form and are due at the beginning of each school year.

**Forms-** available at [tullahomabands.org](http://tullahomabands.org) in the Band Camp Packet

- 2021/2022 Performance Agreement
- Emergency Contact & Medical Consent Form
- Charms Information Form
- THS Band Handbook Agreement Form
- THS Band Parent Volunteer Registration Form
- Tullahoma Band Camp Fees Checklist
- TCS Instrumental Music Code of Conduct (this will be available at a later time)
- TCS Instrument Rental Form (not included in band camp packet)

## Travel Expectations

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### Bus Expectations

- Students will travel by bus for away games and will provide their own transportation for all home games. Check [tullahomabands.org](http://tullahomabands.org) for trip sheets for away games and call times for home games.
- Bus sign up lists for the year will occur prior to the first bus trip. Tullahoma City Schools rules and regulations for bus behavior will apply on all band bus trips. Chaperones will supervise each bus on trips.
- The bus driver, parent chaperones, the student bus captain, and leadership are direct extensions of the directors. Following their first request is non-negotiable while on the bus.
- Couples are required to sit in the first 6 rows of the bus- no exceptions
- When traveling by bus, TCS policy states that students must return by bus unless **THEIR parent/guardian** signs them out in person. Students are not allowed to ride home with another family unless BOTH parents/guardians are present to issue the transfer of custody. *\*Bus sign out slips will be available on trips and must be signed by the parent/guardian and the bus chaperone.*

## Grading

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- Students will be graded on three categories: Performances 50%, Assessments 25%, and Rehearsal Techniques 25%. Student grades will be derived from attendance at all rehearsals and performances, assessments (playing & written), and daily participation/preparation (materials will be checked everyday for a grade)
- Students will be at all scheduled rehearsals and performances in order to receive full marks for their grades. Unexcused absences from rehearsals and/or performances can significantly affect a student's overall grade.
- The grading scale will follow the system currently in place by Tullahoma City Schools. Grades can be viewed anytime by visiting the school's Skyward portal.

## Required Events

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The following events are required of members of the Tullahoma High School Band. Check the calendar at [tullahomabands.org](http://tullahomabands.org) for current dates & times for all events. You can also sync our band calendar to your phone. Directions are in the FAQ section of our band website.

**Band Camp-** This 10-day camp allows us to prepare properly for the marching band season. We learn music for our show, bring in additional staff to teach sectionals, and learn how to march for the half-time show.

**After School Rehearsals-** After camp is completed, we have after-school rehearsals throughout the fall, and dress rehearsals before each concert. Rehearsals are never canceled due to inclement weather unless specifically communicated. In the event of rain or lightning, we will rehearse indoors. \*Every effort should be made to schedule appointments on Wednesdays during the marching season.

**Football Games-** We play at every home and away game. Students will meet in the band room (or other designated location) at the designated call time in full uniform and will stay for the entirety of the game. Following games, there will be a required uniform and equipment check out process before students are dismissed.

**Concerts-** students will meet in the band room at the designated call time in "concert black".

Schedule all vacations and appointments around these events. Additionally, students must set their work schedules around these events. Work is not an excusable reason for absence. Excessive absences from rehearsals and/or performances could result in a student's dismissal from the band program. Please make every effort to communicate absences from rehearsals/performances at least two weeks in advance.

**COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE!** We understand that life happens (i.e. unforeseen illnesses and emergencies); contact the band directors as soon as possible (24hr notice preferred) if you know your student will not be able to make a rehearsal or performance due to unexpected reasons. Please email BOTH directors as soon as possible

- [justin.scott@tcsedu.net](mailto:justin.scott@tcsedu.net)
- [lisa.burden@tcsedu.net](mailto:lisa.burden@tcsedu.net)

## **Private Lessons**

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In order for our band to reach the highest levels of achievements, every member must seek to improve their individual musicianship. We are very fortunate to have a high-quality private lesson program on campus both during and after school hours. All Tullahoma Lessons Staff are vetted through Tullahoma City Schools' background check program and are leading professionals on their instrument. All band students are highly encouraged to participate in the lessons program. We can work with our teachers to find an affordable solution for all students. To enroll, to find more information, or to contact our lessons staff, contact the directors.

## **Awards**

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Each year, we recognize our senior class at our annual Band Banquet. Band seniors must be a member in good standing in order to be eligible for band cords as well as any awards given to seniors. Any member who only completes a portion of their senior year may still attend banquet, but is not eligible for awards or the senior band graduation cord. To be in good standing means:

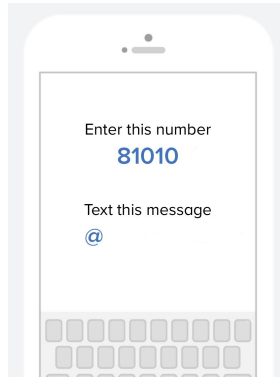
- Instrumental students must participate in band through the end of their senior year spring semester (early graduates are exempt from this)
- Non-instrumentalist color guard members must participate every year through the first semester of their senior year from when they joined the program.

## Get Connected!

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Remind is a texting app and our single most important tool for communication. We use this tool to communicate with our band family about general reminders, rehearsal and weather updates, and ETAs while traveling. Please subscribe to the appropriate group using the new codes below. PLEASE ONLY CHOOSE THE CORRECT CODE (parent or student) AS WE ARE LIMITED ON THE NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS PER GROUP



Use these NEW codes to join by texting to 81010:

\*Everyone will join 2 groups

ALL Band members and parents: **@tullahoma**

Band STUDENTS only: **@tullakid**

Band PARENTS only: **@tullaboost**



Charms is an online management system we use for 7th-12th grade student and parent contact information as well as individual accounting needs. Attached to this packet is a charms information sheet to complete so that we may update your information in our system. In addition, we ask that everyone log in to their Charms account before camp and update their contact info. It is the responsibility of each family to keep up to date with their charms log-in and student account balances. If you have questions, you may ask at our forms turn in event. In addition, log in information can be found on our band website under the FAQ page: [www.tullahomabands.org/faq](http://www.tullahomabands.org/faq)

Please direct all Charms/Account questions to [tullahomabandcharms@gmail.com](mailto:tullahomabandcharms@gmail.com)



Our band Google Calendar ([www.tullahomabands.org/calendar](http://www.tullahomabands.org/calendar)) always contains the most up to date info and times for band events. In addition, you can sync our band calendar with your device. Instructions can be found on our band website FAQ page: [www.tullahomabands.org/faq](http://www.tullahomabands.org/faq)

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### Social Media



[www.facebook.com/groups/tullahomaband](http://www.facebook.com/groups/tullahomaband)



[@tullahomaband](https://twitter.com/tullahomaband)



[www.instagram.com/tullahomaband/](http://www.instagram.com/tullahomaband/)

**THS BAND MEMBER HANDBOOK AGREEMENT FORM**

*ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD READ THROUGH THE HANDBOOK BEFORE SIGNING*

**By signing this form, we acknowledge that we have read and agree to abide by policies set forth by the Tullahoma High School Band Program as stated in the 2021-2022 Band Handbook.**

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**Student Signature                      Student Printed Name                      Date**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature      Parent/Guardian Printed Name                      Date**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature      Parent/Guardian Printed Name                      Date**