

# CIMARRON BAND PROGRAM HANDBOOK

Welcome to membership in the award winning Cimarron Band Program! Music is about **communication, creativity, cooperation and friendship**. Playing music in school gives students the opportunity to build on these skills, enrich their lives, and experience the world from a new perspective! The following handbook ensure each student's success. Parents, please review them with your band member.

## BAND EXPECTATIONS

Enrollment for membership in the band program will be closed at the end of the first week of classes for the school year.

### **Be Prepared**

Bring all materials *daily*. (Instrument, music, reeds, valve oil.)

Points will be deducted from the final grade of the grading period when students repeatedly lack required items.

Students are expected to KNOW their music when they come to class. Band class is for *group rehearsal*. **Practice** is to be done at home. Band practice is considered homework.

Accessories should also be on hand at all times: 2 working reeds, valve oil, cork grease, etc.) Students (with the help of their parents) are responsible for acquiring these items on their own. The Band Director **may** have some supplies on hand as a convenience. Items will not always be available at school.

***Students are responsible for the care and maintenance of their instruments. Any repair problems should receive prompt attention.***

Repairs may be taken to the music dealer of your choice.

[Ms. Eberhardt may make trips to a music dealer to transport instruments if convenient. Please make arrangements with her in advance. **Direct payment for any supplies or repair is necessary.**]

Recommended music store: Baum's Music, Albuquerque: (505) 292-0707/ 800-372-0707

## PRACTICE

Practicing is necessary in learning and maintaining skills on band instruments.

Conscientious *daily* practicing is asked of **all** students. Although 20-30 minutes each day will ensure optimum success, 10 minutes daily is the required minimum. The quality and consistency of the practice far outweigh the amount of time spent.

Students will be tested frequently throughout the year either in class or by recording on Google Voice **(505) 303-0528** from ANY phone.

## GRADES

Band is a co-curricular class that meets daily. Band at the high school level earns a Fine Arts and/or Elective credit that counts toward graduation. Band grades are based on an average of weekly practice time, daily class participation (**being prepared** for rehearsal/ knowing music, bringing materials), and occasional "playing test" grades. Playing tests are scored on a Music Skills rubric. Various infractions (not being prepared, lack of materials or instrument, etc.) will result in points being deducted. Grades will be available on Power School. *A low grade in band MAY affect participation in other school activities.*

Band students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner at all times. Any infractions in behavior will result in lowering of the student's band grade or in their removal from the program. Participation in Band is considered a privilege in the Cimarron School District.

## PERFORMANCES

"BAND" is a performance medium. We rehearse in order to perform in and away from our communities, representing our schools. We also rehearse in order to compete, again representing our schools.

### **ATTENDANCE AT ALL PERFORMANCES AND COMPETITIONS IS MANDATORY.**

In the event of an unavoidable conflict, written notice (e-mail is acceptable) or a phone call from a parent/guardian must be submitted to the director PRIOR to the performance in order for an absence to be *excused*.

**Unexcused absences may result in a failure for the grading period.**

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E-Mail: [leberhardt@cimarronschools.org](mailto:leberhardt@cimarronschools.org)  
Main Band Office: (575) 376-2241, x 331  
Eagle Nest band room: (575) 377-6991, x 451

Failure to have instrument or music at a performance will result in the student's grade being lowered.

## CONCERT ATTIRE

All Beginning and Intermediate band members will wear a white shirt and black pants with dark shoes for all performances and competitions. No jeans or tennis shoes, please. This is a standard uniform. ALL will need DARK SOCKS (girls too, black hose are OK). Wind Ensemble members will wear black pants, socks, shoes and red band polo.

## **INSTRUMENTS**

Instruments may be supplied in the following ways:

Instruments can be rented from an outside source, such as a reputable music dealership. (Recommended option) Most music stores offer rent-to-own plans. Monthly rental costs are approximately \$30-\$50.

A few instruments are available for rental from the Cimarron Municipal Schools. The schools' inventory is old (circa 1970 for most instruments), yet repairs have been made in order to attempt to keep instruments in working order. Rental for the school year is \$100. Payments must be made *in full* by the end of the first week before school-owned instruments will be passed out. The Cimarron Bands are in the process of purchasing new instruments for our inventory through SB-9 funding.

*Students are responsible for the care and maintenance of their instruments. Any repair problems should receive prompt attention.* Repairs may be taken to the music dealer of your choice. A band member's grade may be lowered if repairs are not addressed in a reasonable amount of time.

## **DISCIPLINE**

Being a member of the Cimarron Municipal Schools' Band program is considered a privilege. Any student who chooses to create serious distractions or who shows a lack of effort and/or participation may be removed from the program. Infractions will be documented and shared with the teaching team/principal. Multiple infractions will result in contact of parents and the school principal, at which time, a decision will be made concerning the student's continued participation in the program.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Eberhardt uses social media (Facebook page: "Cimarron Bands") and the district's "All-Call" system to communicate band announcements. Please make it a habit to consult these resources. If you do not receive school "all-calls", please get a "phone buddy" who will relay information to you.

## **TRAVEL**

Band members must ride school transportation TO band activities unless otherwise specified by the director. Exceptions may be made for medical reasons. School dress-code will apply on all trips.

## **FUNDRAISING**

The Cimarron Bands will hold at least one fundraiser per year. It is asked that all students participate. Funds will be raised in order to:

1. Promote and support band activities.
2. Work with school officials and the school board to assure a proper level of primary funding to the band program.
3. Provide supplemental financial assistance to the band program.
4. Assist the band director in securing professional development relating to music education.
5. Aid the Band Director in furthering the goals of the band program.
6. Hire clinicians to share their expertise with band students in their specialty area of band instruction.

All funds are deposited directly to the Cimarron Band Account which is maintained at the Cimarron Municipal Schools' administration office. This account is accessible only through school purchase orders.

## **CONTACT**

Please contact Ms. Eberhardt with questions at any time.

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### **Band Director's Schedule: (most of the time)**

8:00 a.m.- Noon      Cimarron High School

1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.      Eagle Nest Middle School

(CEMS Bands rehearse at CHS daily)