

# CIMARRON HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK

Welcome to a new year 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 ensures each student's success. Parents, please review this handbook carefully.

## BAND EXPECTATIONS



***Remember--the entire band depends on you! We are a team and family. Your preparation in class directly affects other students' learning and our performance.***

- Students are required to bring all materials **daily** (instrument, music, reeds, valve oil, etc.). Ms. Eberhardt will notify students if any additional materials are needed (i.e. Chromebooks) on a particular day.
- Students are expected to know their music when they come to class. Band class is for **group rehearsal**. If a student needs to put in individual work on their instrument, they must practice their part on their own time. Ms. Eberhardt is available to help before school at CHS and during afternoon intervention via Google Meet, if requested.
- Students are responsible for the care and maintenance of their instruments. Speak with Ms. Eberhardt **immediately** if you believe something is wrong with your instrument. Students and families are responsible for the repair costs of instruments. Ms. Eberhardt can help get the instrument to the repair shop and can usually provide a school instrument to use during the repair.
- Cell phones are only allowed in class with teacher permission for a specific purpose. This can include, but is not limited to, use as a tuner, recording quizzes or sectionals, or leaving it out for a family emergency. Otherwise, cell phones need to be turned on silent and out of view. The CHS school policy will be followed for any cell phone use that does have explicit teacher permission.

## DISCIPLINARY ACTION

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. 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. 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.

## GRADES

- Grades will be determined based on this formula:
  - 40% concerts
  - 25% weekly participation
  - 20% weekly playing
  - 10% quarterly test or project
  - 5% written assignments
- Points will be deducted from a student's weekly participation grade if materials are forgotten for rehearsal or if there are any discipline issues in class.
- A weekly playing grade will be assigned based on student preparation for rehearsal on their individual music. If necessary, students will be quizzed on concert material.
- A student's grade can be checked at any time in Powerschool. Grades will be updated by the end of day every Friday.
- Concerts are **graded** because band is a co-curricular class. All students play an important role in the performance and their attendance is **required**.

## FUNDRAISING

The Cimarron Bands holds a greenery (wreaths and garlands) fundraiser each fall. As well, students may be asked for a small fee to help support the State Fair Trip and Band Bootcamp. 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. It is asked that all students participate.

Funds will be raised in order to:

1. Promote and support band activities through the purchase of equipment, materials, and music.
2. Hire clinicians to share their expertise with band students in their specialty area of band instruction.
3. Pay for travel expenses, such as buses, hotel rooms, and meals.

## 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.

## PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE

Band is a performance medium. We rehearse in order to perform in and away from our communities, representing Cimarron High School. We also rehearse in order to compete, again representing our schools.



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

Concert dress, unless indicated otherwise, is black pants/skirt, black socks, black shoes and red band polo.

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

In the event of an unavoidable conflict, such as severe illness or the passing of a close family member, written notice (e-mail is acceptable) or a phone call from a parent/guardian must be submitted to the director **before** the performance in order for an absence to be excused. The student may be required to complete an alternate assignment for full credit.

***Unexcused absences from a concert may result in a failure for the grading period due to the 40% weight of concert grades.***

## CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MS. EBERHARDT

Please contact Ms. Eberhardt with questions at any time.

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