

North Ridge Middle School

Select, Honors and Symphonic Bands

Policies and Procedures

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Communication

The North Ridge Band uses an on-line system called **Charms** to communicate with parents during the year. We do most of our communication with parents via e-mail. In order to receive these e-mails please follow the instructions below to set up your account. Charms also offers an interactive band calendar and information about student band fees.

Please follow these steps to enter or update your information:

1. Go to: www.charmsoffice.com
2. On the right side of the page, find “**Parent/Student Log-in**” & enter: **NRidgeMSBand** (it is case-sensitive)
3. Enter your child’s student 6 digit **ID number** (this is their lunch account number)
4. Click the red “**Student info**” button and enter your information.
5. Click **Update** and you are done! Feel free to browse – calendar, finance info, etc

Class Procedures

Students will be in their seat when the tardy bell rings with all required supplies in working order. Food, drinks and gum are not allowed in the band hall.

Required Supplies

- Instrument with name tag and instrument specific supplies (See pg. 4 Supply Page)
- 1” binder with a pencil bag, dividers and pencils.
- Metronome and Tuner
- All required music for rehearsal organized in binder.

School-owned Instruments

- Students who play a school-owned instrument (Oboe, Bassoon, Bass Clarinet, Tenor Sax, Bari Sax, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba) **will pay a rental fee of \$100** for the year.
- Percussion students in the 7th-8th grade are required to pay a \$50 user fee for the year.
- **All rental/user fees are due in full by September 4th.**

Return your payment with the “Payment Sheet” included in the handbook

Discipline Plan

North Ridge Band Members will use proper conduct and courtesy and represent the Band with pride and respect at all times. Directors will make parent contact via e-mail or phone call when a student does not comply with this expectation.

For the latest information visit: www.nrmsband.org

Grades

Band grades will be determined according to district policy formula:

- 50% of the final grade will be a daily grade. This will include the following: Sectional or Individual meeting attendance, extra rehearsals, practice sheets.
- 50% of the final grade will be determined by band performances and tests. Most playing tests are taken outside of class at a section rehearsal or individual play off.

Section Rehearsals/Individual Pass-Off

- Weekly section rehearsals are **required** for Honors and Select Band members.
- Weekly performance tests will be given in sectionals as well as preparing/refining music for particular performances/contests/auditions.

Attendance at Sectionals, Rehearsals and Performances

Students are required to attend all band performances, contests, full band rehearsals and sectionals/individual play-offs.

An excused absence is defined as personal contact (not by note) with the director **before** the event. You may reach us in the Band Hall: 817-547-5240 or on our cell phones.

Sectionals or Rehearsals Attendance

The first unexcused sectional/extra rehearsal absence will result in a grade of “0” for the week. Sectionals cannot be made up. Further unexcused absences may result in a schedule change from the current band class.

Performance Attendance

An unexcused absence from a PERFORMANCE/CONTEST/FESTIVAL will result in a grade of zero (0). This will necessitate a parent/student/teacher/administrator conference to discuss removal from the band program.

Practice Records

- The practice record will be **signed by a parent/guardian and turned in every Monday.**
- **Students are expected to practice daily.** Each class will receive a practice record/assignment sheet for them to keep a record of their practice times. Grades will be explained on the sheet
- **Late/incomplete practice records will have points taken off**

Uniform Information

Formal Concert Uniform (to be worn at concerts, contests, festivals)

Attire: White tux shirt (with wing tip collar)
Black slacks (no jeans)
Black dress shoes
Black socks
Bowtie and Cummerbund

Shirt: A representative from Gingiss Formalwear will come to North Ridge in late September to measure your student for the tux shirt. **The cost is \$20.** (If you prefer to purchase your tux shirt from another source, please feel free to do so!)

Bow tie and Cummerbund: This is **rented from the school.** A one-time **\$5 fee** will be collected from each student for the use of the BT&C at the beginning of the year.

Informal Concert Uniform (to be worn at cluster concerts, pep rallies, football game, informal concerts, fifth grade presentation)

Attire: Band T-shirt (tucked in for performances!)
Blue jeans (NO SHORTS!)

The cost of the T-shirt is \$15. It will be ordered during the first 2 weeks of school.

ALL 7th and 8th grade students must have both a Formal Concert uniform and a Band T-shirt for performances all year. You will need to purchase a new one if yours is lost.

Private Lesson Program

Private lessons allow our students the opportunity to study one-on-one with a professional on their instrument. This individual attention focuses on your child's specific needs as a musician. The private lesson curriculum is designed for the more rapid advancement of the individual student. The private lesson instructors are degreed specialists on their particular instrument.

The private lesson program has become an integral part of the NRMS band program. As a student prepares for district and region band auditions, solo and ensemble contest, high school band, etc., the private teacher plays a very important role in his/her success.

Eligibility (NO PASS-NO PLAY)

Co-curricular activities

These activities are an extension of classroom instruction and are a way to demonstrate what has been learned in class. Band activities such as concerts are co-curricular activities and students are required to participate regardless of eligibility.

Extra Curricular Activities

Performances at contests, band festivals, and athletic events are considered extra-curricular and are subject to eligibility rules. Participation in the extra-curricular activities is based on eligibility requirements set by the state law.

Important: Select and Honors Band students who fail a six-week grading period may be moved to another performing band

****This page needs to be signed and returned by September 4th.**

North Ridge Band Handbook Acknowledgement and Travel Permission for 2009-2010

Please return this entire page.

_____ is my child, and is now under my control and in my custody. I desire such child to go on any and all trips, and participate in any and all activities, along with other students from the Birdville Independent School District, during the 2009-2010 school year. I understand that the students will be chaperoned both en route to and while at these activities, and that normal precautions will be taken in the interest of their safety and well being. I release the Birdville Independent School District, the sponsors and chaperones from liability and responsibility for any accident or injury that might occur in connection with these activities. Furthermore, in the event of any accident, I grant permission for my child to receive medical aid at the discretion of the organization sponsor.

Date: _____

By: _____
(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

We have read the ***NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS 2009-2010 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES*** and are aware of all policies and procedures (including procedures concerning practice sheet, sectional/performance attendance and eligibility.)

Student Name (please print)

Parent Name (please print)

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Private Lesson Interest Form

Yes! I am interested in enrolling my child in the private lesson program. Please give my information to a private lesson teacher to contact me and set up a lesson schedule.

Parent's Name(s) _____ Child's Name _____

Contact Phone 1) _____ 2) _____

Child's instrument _____