

# North Ridge Middle School

## Beginning Band

### 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](http://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 contact 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. (Paid for through “Band Fees”)
- All required music for rehearsal organized in binder.

#### School-owned Instruments

Students who play a school-owned instrument (Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn, Euphonium, and Tuba) **will pay a rental fee of \$100** for the year.

**All rental/user fees are due in full by September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

*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.

*Check out our Band Website! [www.nrmsband.org](http://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:  
In-class assignments, extra rehearsals, practice sheets.
- 50% of the final grade will be determined by band performances and tests in class.

## Attendance at Rehearsals and Performances

**Students are required to attend all band performances, contests and full band rehearsals**

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.

### Rehearsals Attendance

An unexcused after school rehearsal absence will result in a grade of “0.”

### 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

- Students will receive a practice record to document practice time. The practice record will be **signed by a parent/guardian and turned in every Monday for a grade.**
- **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**

**Informal Concert Uniform** (pep rallies, informal concerts, fifth grade presentation)

Attire: Band T-shirt (See payment sheet to order)  
Full length blue jeans  
Tennis Shoes

## **Winter and Spring Concert Uniform**

Attire: Nice dress clothes  
Girls: Dresses, skirts, slacks and dress shoes (no flip flops)  
Boys: Dress Slacks, dress shoes, button down shirt, polo shirt

## **Private Lesson Program**

Private lessons allow our students the opportunity to study one-on-one with a professional on their instrument. This is NOT a remedial program. 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 (Beach Within Reach), 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.

**\*\*This page needs to be signed and returned by September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Financial assistance is available. Please contact a band director for more information.*