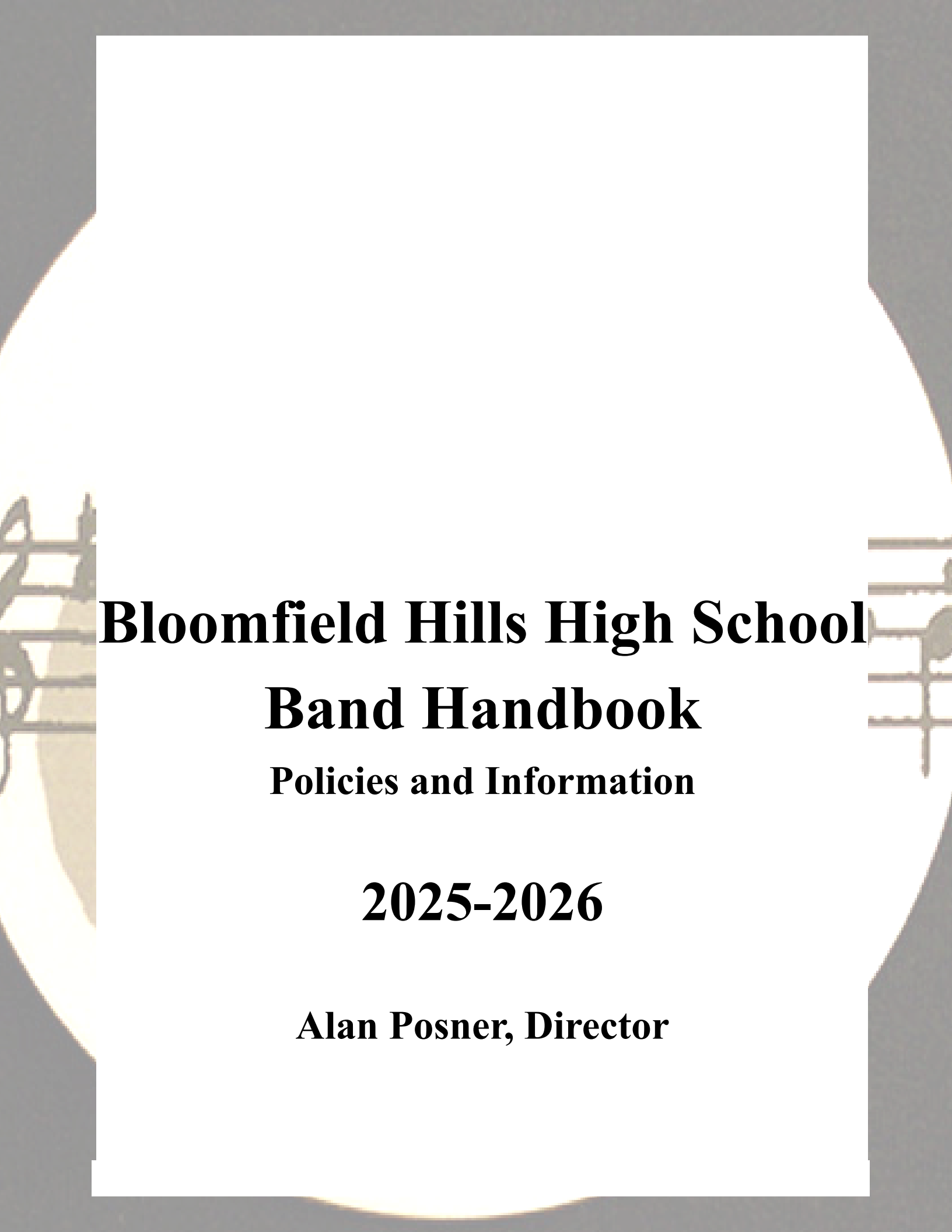




Bloomfield Hills High School

Band Handbook

Policies and Information

2025-2026

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Remind 101:

I will use Remind 101 and email to communicate with families. Students in marching band only should have joined this additional remind class:

Freshman Class of 2029 - <https://www.remind.com/join/7973b8> OR text the number 81010 the message "@7973b8"

Sophomore Class of 2028 - <https://www.remind.com/join/ffe3k8bb> OR text the number 81010 the message "@ffe3k8bb"

Junior Class of 2027 - <https://www.remind.com/join/d87g4c8> OR text the number 81010 the message "@d87g4c8"

Senior Class of 2026 - <https://www.remind.com/join/@4ac6fa> OR text the number 81010 the message "@4ac6fa"

Calendar

The band calendar is available through the booster website. TAKE TIME NOW AND INPUT ALL OF THE DATES INTO YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR. A reminder that absences can only be approved if they are given at least two weeks in advance.

<http://www.bboboosters.com/calendar>

Dates are subject to change with notice.

Parent Information Guide

Please see [THIS LINK](#) for some helpful information about the band program, especially if you are new!

Canvas

All assignments and information can be found on Canvas. Students can access their band classes Canvas through their student portal

General Rules

1. Respect for other students, instructors, the room, and the equipment is expected.

2. Arrive early for daily rehearsals and performances. "To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late. To be late is to be forgotten."
3. If you make a mess, clean it up.
4. No gum during rehearsal and no food or drink in the band room.
5. You are responsible for all music that is given to you.
6. No brimmed hats or dark glasses during class.
7. Do not remove anything from the band room that does not belong to you unless you have permission.
8. Cell phones will be confiscated if they are taken out during the school day. Any student with a cell phone out during band will lose all rehearsal skills points immediately. No questions asked. Cell phones will be stored in pouches at the front of the classroom.
9. Instruments left out will result in a reduction in your rehearsal skills grade.
10. Students are personally and financially responsible for all school instruments that they use. Students and parents are to fill out an "instrument rental sheet" each year they use the instrument.

Attendance

1. Students must be in the room at the time of the bell. You have one minute after the bell rings to be in your seat with all necessary equipment and music.
2. Final attendance will be taken when rehearsal starts.
3. Unexcused tardies will count for points off of your rehearsal skills grade.
4. Students are not allowed to leave the band room until the bell rings. Students who leave class before the bell rings will be given an unexcused absence for the day.
5. Attendance for curricular outdoor marching band begins five minutes after the bell rings.

Grades

Grades are based on each of the following:

PARTICIPATION

(includes P.M. rehearsals) 100 pts/quarter 10 PTS/DAY

10 points	Is on time to rehearsal. Gives the expected level of effort; Displays correct posture; Is attentive and is fully engaged in rehearsal; Has all materials necessary including pencil
9-8 points	Is tardy to rehearsal. Displays correct posture with minor lapses; Is attentive and engaged but does not maintain consistent eye contact with the Director; Participates but with minor lapses in attitude; Has materials for rehearsal, but is not ready when class begins
7-6 points	Is late to rehearsal. Needs reminders about posture; Displays only occasional eye contact; Participates most of the time, but with frequent lapses; Missing some music or materials for class
5-4 points	Is late to rehearsal. Frequent reminders about posture are given; Has frequent lapses in attentiveness; Lack of co-operative attitude is disruptive to rehearsal; Missing materials such as music, rosin, spare strings or rock stop.
3-2 points	Is late to rehearsal. Is unengaged and inattentive; Poor participation

0 POINTS Unexcused absence. Does not have instrument; major disruption; sent to hall or office. Uses cell phone during class instruction.

Concerts - up to 200 pts/performance

Auditions - up to 100 pts

Playing tests/down the line check ups – up to 100 pts

(9th and 10th graders will receive additional “MYP” assessments on some or all of the above)

Accommodations

Students with 504's and/or IEP's should contact the director should they need any accommodations with any graded aspect of the class.

Permission Slip

Permission slips must be signed by parents and turned in by the deadline. FAILURE TO TURN A PERMISSION SLIP IN WILL RESULT IN A LOWER GRADE AND A 0 FOR THE PERFORMANCE. In other words, choosing to not turn a permission slip does not excuse you from the performance. Students who are unable to attend field trips must speak with Mr. Posner ahead of time to be excused from the trip in question.

AI Academic Honesty Policy

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iLGw6uYLojzJysV8AlrZ-1Mc8MCjELVe_glShDaQkT4/edit?usp=sharing

BHHS Attendance Policy

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hQhmoVuzCbt0vyYliPKcznpzFUPETv3T/view>

Uniforms

The BHHS marching band uniforms and band and orchestra formal concert tuxedos need to last for many years. It is important to keep them in good condition. PLEASE hem the pants if they are too long. DO NOT CUT ANY FABRIC! A hem allows the next student who uses the uniform to make appropriate adjustments to the length of the pants. It is also a good idea to remove the uniform from the garment bag. This will prevent wrinkles and allow the fabric to refresh itself. Please check for and sew on any loose buttons. Do not leave a wet uniform in the garment bag. Uniforms should be kept at the student's home. Please do not dry clean. BHHS provides dry cleaning once a year to ensure color uniformity.

Marching Band uniforms are passed out before and after a Wednesday evening rehearsal in August. Please make sure that your son/daughter has his/her uniform, including black marching band shoes (ordered prior to season opener). There is a charge for shoes. Time/date TBD.

Tuxedo/concert attire distribution for the orchestra takes place in September. Time/date TBD.

Marching band uniforms are collected in the band room in November. Time/date TBD.

Tuxedo/concert attire distribution for all band members takes place after the marching band season ends. Time/date TBD.

BBOB

Bloomfield Band and Orchestra Boosters promote the development of your child's instrumental musical skills, self-expression and self-confidence. BBOB helps during band camp and marching band season: pit crew, uniform distribution, concessions stand, helps host concerts, serves refreshments, sends newsletters and maintains a website. BBOB facilitates parents meeting each other in their shared appreciation for music (and having a lot of fun in the process!). BBOB supports our inspirational band and orchestra directors and supplements the school budget.

BBOB is 100% volunteer-operated, and 100% of our expenditures are made for the benefit of our students and their enhanced musical experience. Our band and orchestra members work very hard and deserve the support of parents, extended family and friends. BBOB provides financial and volunteer support for many, many music activities throughout the year. In addition, BBOB provides money to help students go on performing trips and to music camps. BBOB also helps with the purchase of important equipment and instruments that enhance the music program.

BBOB is not a private club. It is open to all parents with students in BHHS's instrumental music program. It is a strong parent group dedicated to supporting our musicians. BBOB membership is tax deductible.

BBOB meetings are generally held on the first Monday of every month in the band room at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is highly encouraged. BBOB meetings are a great way to meet other band/orchestra parents, stay up-to-date with band/orchestra activities and participate in the decision-making process. Please join us, you won't regret it!

Concert/Rehearsal Attendance

Any request to be excused from a rehearsal or performance must be submitted in writing at least **TWO WEEKS** prior to the rehearsal or performance. Athletic conflicts must be resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the coach and the band director. In general, a game outweighs a rehearsal and a performance outweighs a practice. In addition "non-school" events/activities are outweighed by school functions. You have a responsibility to the band to be at all performances. Failure to be present for a performance for any reason other than illness or bereavement will result in your overall grade being lowered by at least 100 pts. Work is never an excuse to miss a band event.

Auditions

Auditions take place twice a year. In the fall, students from all ensembles will audition for chair placement. This is a mandatory audition. Students in symphony band will audition using the current year's MSBOA All-State audition etude, scales, and sight-reading. Students in concert or 9th grade band will be given their audition music shortly after school begins.

Auditions for symphony band for the next school year will take place in the spring. This is an optional audition for students who wish to be considered for symphony band.

Performing Arts Office

The music office is a work place for Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Bogrette Mr. Posner, Mr. Wolf and Mr. Cleveland. It is not a student lounge, nor are it's facilities for student use. If you have a need to enter the office you must first knock (whether the door is open or closed) and then you must be invited in by one of the four performing arts teachers. The phone, refrigerator, and microwave may only be used for

performing arts department business and with a performing arts teacher's permission. The copy machine and computers are for performing arts department business only.

Practice Room Policy

Practice rooms are available for students working on performing arts activities only. Practice rooms will remain locked until teacher permission is given. There is absolutely no food or drink allowed in the practice rooms.

Performing Arts Wing

You are invited to be in the performing arts wing as often as you like as long as there is a performing arts teacher present and you are not supposed to be in another class. Some students treat this area like a second home. However, there is to be no food or beverages brought to class and you may not eat in the practice rooms. Please keep these areas neat and picked up. We do occasionally go through the area and throw away anything that doesn't belong to the department. Instruments must be put away, stored properly and locked up.

Playing Tests

There will be at least one playing test each semester. Each playing test may be conducted differently (such as live in class, tape test, in sections, blind screen test, etc.). Playing tests may be re-taken an unlimited number of times, without grade penalty. The highest grade received for any test retakes will go down as the final grade at the end of the quarter. Part assignments will be determined by the first playing test grade and will not change until the next playing test. In the event of a tie in grade, the upper part assignment will go to the upper class person. If a tie occurs between two students in the same grade, the director will make the decision.

Materials

In addition to having the proper equipment (reeds, valve oil, mutes, pencil, instrument). I ask that students in Black Hawk Band and Campus Band purchase Sound Innovations - Ensemble Development for Intermediate Concert Band. Members of Symphony Band should have the Foundations for Superior Warm-up In Band.

Percussionists must supply their own mallets. [HERE](#) is a guide to the stick requirements.

Wind students should have all of the proper accessories for their instrument. [HERE](#) is a helpful guide for reeds, mutes, accessories, and more! Mandatory items include at least three good reeds for all instruments that require them (or one plastic and one back-up), and mutes for whatever our music calls for (see list for details).

Locker Policy

Band lockers are not student's private property. They are to be kept clean and used properly. This means:

- Shoes kept in lockers must be kept in bags
- All items must be stored neatly
- All lockers must have locks
- Use common sense

- All instruments must be stored in cases

Failure to adhere to these rules will result in a deduction of the rehearsal skills grade.

Seniors in Symphony Band

Part of the music experience at BHHS is to allow seniors an opportunity to perform a live concerto. This concert takes place AFTER graduation for our seniors. It is expected that all seniors in symphony band participate in this event (whether they are doing a concerto or not). We also ask that all seniors attend all rehearsals leading up to this important performance even if they are not attending other classes. Seniors who are unable to commit to these rehearsals and performances should see Mr. Posner or consider taking concert band instead.

Friday Night Football Game Behaviour Expectations

Friday night football games are a fun and exciting time for marching band students. Our main goals are to put on a great performance for the crowd and support our football team. The following behaviors in the stands and during the third quarter break will help us focus on these goals. Behaviors that do not follow these expectations will result in an event grade point reduction:

Event Expectations

- Stay in full uniform at all times
 - Hats should be taken off in when in the stands and on break for 3rd quarter
 - Jackets may be unzipped, but not taken off, during the 3rd quarter break only
- No food or drink while in the stands, including unopened food. Personal waterbottles are okay.
- Cell phones must be put away while in the stands*
- Be back in the stands, ready to play, with one minute left on the game clock in the 3rd quarter
- Stay within the athletic field campus (concession stand, bathrooms, track or stands) during the 3rd quarter break. Students must have permission from a director to go back to the band room.
- Fully participate in each stand tune performance; be ready!
 - Have flip folder with all stands tune music
 - Stand when playing, cheer/chant when appropriate
 - HAVE FUN!

1st infraction - Warning

2nd infraction - loss of 10 points from event grade

3rd infraction - loss of 25 points from event grade

If behaviors persist further actions may need to be taken including, but not limited to, removing the student from the event and loss of all points from the event grade."

*Phones will be confiscated until after the game after the 1st infraction

Return this page to Mr. Posner for a grade.

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I HEREBY GIVE MY STUDENT PERMISSION TO ATTEND ALL MANDATORY BAND FIELD TRIPS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR.

Parent Name _____

Student Name _____

Student Grade _____

By signing below I submit that my student and I have read the Band Handbook, have put all of our dates into our calendar (www.bboboosters.com/calendar), and have reported all conflicts to Mr. Posner.

Student Signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date