

SCS High School Band

Handbook



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Google Classroom: Students will be provided with a classroom link.

• Be sure to attach a parent email to also receive updates directly to your inbox.

Streetsboro Instrumental Band Website:

<https://sites.google.com/scsrockets.org/streetsborobands/home>

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♪ Contract to be returned to Instrumental Music Office:

This Handbook belongs to:

Student Name: _____

Please return to:

Streetsboro High School Band Office
8585 State Route 14,
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“A Tradition of Excellence is Never
Inherited, it is Earned”

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The Instrumental Music office and rehearsal areas are located in Streetsboro High School in the Music Wing.

The Streetsboro Performing Arts Center is located inside Streetsboro High School.

The Streetsboro Marching Rockets rehearse on the field directly adjacent to Route 14 on the south corner of campus.

Phone: 330-626-4900 ext. 6151

Streetsboro High School Band Handbook

Thank you for your active participation in the Streetsboro High School Band Program. Being a part of the Rocket Band Program can be fun and fulfilling, and you will be part of a great tradition here in Streetsboro. Our success as an ensemble depends on every person involved (students, teachers, advisors, parents, etc.) working together towards the *same goal*.

This handbook is a required text for all instrumental music classes. Do not lose it. If you need to replace your copy, please contact a member of the band staff. The information provided herein applies to all members of the marching band, pep band, concert band, jazz band, and any other large or small ensemble; it also explains the policies and procedures that will allow us to be at our best for rehearsals and performances. While participation in our ensembles requires dedication and hard work, you will also find that it can instill a sense of accomplishment and pride in what we can achieve. The Band Handbook is a supplement to the Streetsboro High School Student Code of Conduct. All school rules, procedures, and consequences apply at all times.

Extra copies of the policy forms are located at the end of this handbook in the **Appendix**. All marching band members are to sign and return the policy agreement by the designated date before band camp. All other ensemble members must sign and return the policy agreement by the end of the second week of class. You are responsible for knowing these policies and for understanding that you agree to follow them.

Using this handbook requires three simple steps:

- Read it.
- Understand it. Ask questions, if necessary.
- Sign and return the contract on the last page of the handbook.

Streetsboro High School Alma Mater

Here's to the Purple (Blue), here's to the Gold, Here's to the School we love.

 We'll fight for the Purple (Blue), we'll fight for the Gold,

 We'll fight for our Streetsboro High.

 Ancient her colors, dear to each heart

 Each tender memory from us will ne'er depart

Here's to the Purple (Blue), here's to the Gold, Here's to the School we love.

Streetsboro High School Fight Song

 We love you mighty Rockets, We know you are the best.

 You win with fame and spirit, You are the best of all the rest.

 And if you don't believe us, Then we will show you how,

 We love you mighty Rockets, Go, go, go!

Mission Statement

There are many “main” purposes of band from musicianship and pride of accomplishment to citizenship, tradition, morale, spirit, and loyalty. Students must learn to budget their time and discipline themselves to excel not only in the band, but other class work and activities as well. “Responsibility” is a key word in the vocabulary of a Streetsboro band member.

Responsibility to Ourselves

- ↳ Students owe themselves the benefit of proper equipment and the responsibility of doing their best. Instruments, school owned or personal, are to be maintained and repaired in a timely fashion. **Our organization will be as effective as the individuals who desire to be in it.**

Responsibility to Our School

- ↳ The school district provides the necessary equipment and facilities for us to do our job. This includes the Streetsboro Music Boosters and the Board of Education, both of whom have provided much in the form of both moral and financial support. Students then have the obligation to provide the best possible performances for the school and community. This means that everyone agrees to give up some free time on holidays and vacations to benefit others. This also means everyone must be willing to prepare by having rehearsals.

Citizenship

- ↳ Learn to work with classmates. The success of the band is dependent on 100% cooperation. Remember, everywhere we go we are judged as a group, not as individuals. When you are with the band, you are conspicuous in or out of uniform. People form an opinion of our city, school, parents, and you from your behavior.

Musicianship

- ↳ Strive for the best. We can learn the finer things and enjoy all types of music. Practice, ask questions, get extra help if needed and you WILL learn.

Image of the Streetsboro 'Rocket' Marching Band

The efforts of thousands of hours by many dedicated individuals to present a fine image of this organization can be destroyed in a matter of minutes by a careless, foolish person. We are a BAND - a group of individuals dedicated to the same purpose. We must leave behind personal desires for the group to achieve its goals. Improper dress, lack of cooperation, inappropriate gestures, untimely cheering, and profanity are all examples of inappropriate behavior. If you have to ask yourself "Is this okay to do?" - it probably isn't.

Social Media posts pertaining to Streetsboro High School, the Streetsboro Band, Directors, Volunteers, Alumni, or other students must remain positive and appropriate at all times.

Performance/Rehearsal Grading

- Performance (Academic Achievement) – 100 points per event
- Active participation in rehearsal (Academic Practice) – 10 points per rehearsal.
- Instrument in proper playing condition (Academic Practice) – 5 points per rehearsal
- Music and other accessories in possession (Academic Practice) – 5 points per rehearsal
- Other Assignments – as per assignment

Performance and Rehearsal Grading – consists of Academic Achievement and Academic Practice, following the Streetsboro High School Grading System. Any change by Streetsboro High School will be implemented by the Streetsboro Bands. Band is a year-long program and does NOT include the nine-week, or semester drop option.

80% Academic Achievement (Summative Assessment)

- Performance – 100 points per event
- Inspection Grade – 100 points per event
- Other Assignments including, but not limited to, music checks.

20% Academic Practice (Formative Assessment)

- Active participation in rehearsal – 10 points per rehearsal
- Instrument in proper playing condition – 5 points per rehearsal.
- Music and other accessories in possession – 5 points per rehearsal (pencil, coordinates, etc.)
- Other assignments not listed here.

Instrumental Music Missed Performance Make - Up

Perfect attendance is the norm, however, under certain circumstances, a missed performance may have occurred. If a performance is missed, the student will have the opportunity to make up the performance within 5 school days of returning to school. Students not completing the make-up assignment, will receive 0 points for that performance.

The missed performance is not a “written” performance, thus there will be no written-type make-up assignment.

Excused Missed Performance (Woodwind/Brass/Percussion)

- Students may earn up to full credit for the performance.
- Students will play the instrument played in marching band/concert band
- Students will perform all selections to have been performed on the missed performance for directors or for a recording application in a practice room/at home
- Students will perform all selections from memory if the performance was done from memory.
- Selections will have recorded accompaniment, if available.

Excused Missed Performance (Guard or Majorette)

- Students may earn up to full credit for the performance.
- Students will have to video performance with the music from the performance in the background.

Unexcused Missed Performance (Woodwind/Brass/Percussion)

- Students may earn up to 70% for the performance.
- Students will play the instrument played in marching band/concert band
- Students will perform all selections to have been performed on the missed performance for directors or for a recording application in a practice room/at home.
- Students will perform all selections from memory if the performance was done from memory.
- Selections will have recorded accompaniment, if available.

Unexcused Missed Performance (Guard or Majorette)

- Students may earn up to 70% for the performance.
- Students will have to video performance with the music from the performance in the background.

Rehearsals

You are ready for rehearsal when you:

- Have a positive attitude and a willingness to work hard.
- Are on time. To be early is to be on time; to be on time is to be late.
- Have your music, accessories, instrument, and pencil ready and in good working condition.
- Have your lyre, flip folder, coordinate sheets, pencil, and drill charts (if issued) on your person (marching band only.)
- Have a water bottle with plenty of cool water.
- Are wearing the proper marching clothing for marching and the current weather conditions.
 - Tennis/gym shoes with ties.
 - Shorts in hot weather.
 - Sweatpants or warmups when cold (no jeans or other tight-fitting garments).
 - Always wear socks with tennis/gym shoes.
 - Sunglasses, if necessary.
 - Hats to keep the sun off your face in the summer.
 - Hats to keep the heat in when in colder months.
 - Gloves that will allow you to play your instrument properly in the colder months.
- Are quiet. Talking while rehearsing should be avoided. It is impossible to talk and listen at the same time, and we cannot accomplish our goals unless we can concentrate.

Performances

You are ready for a performance when you:

- Have a performance attitude; meaning that you are mentally and physically prepared to perform to the best of your ability and represent Streetsboro High School in a positive and respectable manner.
- Are on time. Remember, on time means early.
- Are properly dressed in complete uniform and have been inspected by your section leader.
- Have all of your music and drill memorized (Marching Band).
- Have all of your music properly prepared and performance ready (Concert Band).
- Have all necessary equipment.
- Have school spirit and are ready to cheer for your team (Marching and Pep Band).

Marching Band Performance Notes

- This is not an ensemble wherein the band socializes or does homework with a short break for the halftime show. During the entire game you will participate – with your section and participate in the proceedings. **You may NOT use cell phones or other electronic devices at any performing event (except in emergency or unusual circumstances)**
- The Streetsboro Marching Band is a part of the spirit squad and is constantly under scrutiny by the spectators and by television cameras. At *any* given time, *someone* is watching you. Do not remove any portion of your uniform during the game or other performance unless directed to do so by the Director.
However, occasionally during performances the Director will require you to move, etc. Your quick and considerate cooperation improves the performance experience for everyone and ensures that the band has a professional appearance and reputation.

Personal Electronic Device Policy

On an everyday basis, personal electronic devices **should not** be in use during class time. This includes, but is not limited to: cell phones, tablets, iPods, mp3 players, and computers, per district policy.

If a personal electronic device is being used during class without the consent of the teacher, students will receive one reminder to put it away. If an additional reminder is needed, the device will be taken and returned at the end of class. Frequent offenses will result in the device being sent to the main office with parent/guardian contact.

Instrumental Music Discipline Plan

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

1. Respect all staff, parent volunteers, property, others, and yourself at all times.
2. Follow directions.
3. Talking while rehearsing is prohibited.
4. Actively participate in rehearsals and performances with all equipment, on time.
5. Play assigned parts correctly with focus and effort, and display a positive image.

6. Do the right thing.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO BREAK A RULE:

1st Offense – Verbal Warning

2nd Offense –Verbal Warning, conference with the director(s).

*May include loss of third quarter privileges during the football season.

3rd Offense -Verbal Warning, conference with the director(s) with after school detention issued.

4th Offense- Parent Contact, and referral to corresponding principal for disciplinary action.

**** A severe offense would go directly to the **4th Offense**. This could include removal from the band program.

Tardy to Class

You are required to be through the Band Room doors prior to the final bell ringing. Three tardies in a quarter will result in a detention being issued. Please consult the High School Code of Conduct.

Materials:

ALL Students should have the following materials for class, **every day**:

1. Instrument and all necessary items for use (in good, working order)*
2. Pencil
3. Music (Marching Band Specific: flip folder with all pregame, show, and stand tunes assigned; Concert Band Specific: Warm-ups, any assigned method book, all sheet music given to students)

If an instrument is out for repair, a written note or e-mail from a parent/guardian must be provided for full points to be given for their class preparation grade

Required Instrument Specific Materials

Flute

- Cleaning rod and cloth

Bassoon/Oboe

- Swab, plenty of reeds (AT LEAST 2), film canister for soaking reeds before use
- Seat Strap (Bassoons Only)

Clarinet

- Swab, cork grease, plenty of reeds (AT LEAST 5 - Vandoren ONLY), reed guard/case

Saxophone

- Swab, cork grease, plenty of reeds (AT LEAST 5 - Vandoren ONLY), reed guard/case, neck strap

Trumpet

- Valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, cleaning coil

French Horn

- Rotor oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush

Trombone

- Slide lubrication (grease/spray bottle, slide-o-mix), mouthpiece brush, instrument snake

Tuba

- Valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush

Percussion

- **At school:** 1 pair of snare drum sticks (*VicFirth SD1 ONLY*), 3 pairs of mallets (see percussion sheet that will be sent home at the beginning of the school year), stick bag
- **At home:** Percussion kit (including bell kit and snare/practice pad)

Practice Expectations:

Students are expected to demonstrate growth at each rehearsal and to put in the effort outside of rehearsal to be able to achieve this. Like any other class, students should put in practice time outside of class (practicing) in order to improve their skills.

Recommended Practice Guidelines - 30 minutes, 4 times per week

10 - Ten Minutes Warm-Up (Long tones, Lip Slurs, Scales, and Rhythms)

15 - Fifteen Minutes Specific Music - Any assignments/pieces for performances

5 - Five Minutes Something you enjoy! - Concentrate on good tone, posture, and instrument position!

Additional preparation assistance is always available and can be arranged on an individual and as-needed basis. Please contact Mrs. Bonitz to set up a time.

Private Lessons:

Private instruction is always encouraged for all students. Private instruction allows students to receive personalized instruction beyond what can be covered in large-group instruction. If you would like assistance in arranging private lessons for your student, please contact Mrs. Bonitz.

Attendance:

Attendance has a direct effect on your grade and participation in the band program. Band is a participation/performance-based course. Attendance is mandatory to all rehearsals and performances unless otherwise noted. Failure to attend rehearsals or performances will affect your ability to participate.

Procedures Regarding Absences:

1. An Absence Request form must be filled out including the student's name, reason for the absence, date of the absence, phone number, and signature must be submitted for each absence to the Director of the organization.

2. All advance absence requests require the note to be turned in to the Director **TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE**.
3. If a student misses a rehearsal or performance due to an emergency, the student should turn in a note of explanation immediately upon their return.

EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM PERFORMANCES

1. Personal illness - advance notice appreciated.
2. Death in family.
3. Vacations **WITH PARENTS**.
4. Direct conflicts with other school activities involving participation (not observation) will be resolved with faculty at Streetsboro City Schools.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM PERFORMANCES

1. Any excuse not listed above. This includes miscellaneous excuses that have not been approved by the Director.
 - a. **WORK IS NOT CONSIDERED AN EXCUSED ABSENCE** - your first obligation is to your school and its activities. Employers should be notified well in advance of your obligations to both family and school, and in nearly all cases will be very understanding. Provide them with a copy of your schedule to assist them in scheduling your hours (we keep extra copies of the Music Department Calendar for just this purpose). If you would like the Director to contact your employer and explain the necessity of your attendance at a rehearsal/performance, this will gladly be done upon your request.
 - b. *Observation* of other school activities is not considered an excused absence. (There should be no conflicts; the schedule is approved with this consideration)
 - c. Vacations **WITHOUT PARENTS** or without giving two weeks' notice.
 - d. Any excuses listed above for which the student has not given **2 weeks** advance notice (written notification).
 - e. Failure to participate in a performance without being excused may result in the loss of certain privileges or participation in being a Streetsboro Band member as well as loss of credit for the graded activity.
 - f. The performance, when planned, organized, and evaluated as a culminating activity in a learning experience becomes a legitimate part of the music curriculum. The performance for the band is akin to the final exam in a class such as English and will be treated as such. Failure to participate in a performance without being excused will severely affect the student's final grade for that marking period. Just as failure to take a final exam in the English class would affect the grade for that course.

Absence Request Forms: Students must fill out an Absence Request Form *with a parent signature* for all events that they may miss. The absence request form is used for Academic Conflicts, Religious observances, or extra-curricular school conflicts. This form **MUST** be turned in **TWO WEEKS PRIOR** to the conflict to be accepted. Absence approval is at the discretion of the director. For all absences, students will need to complete a make-up

assignment to receive credit for the missed performance. The student is responsible for contacting the teacher for the assignment. Please refer to the missed performance criteria for specific requirements.

Summer Marching Rehearsal Attendance:

Much planning is put into providing students/parents with our annual summer schedule of practices and rehearsals. It is the responsibility of students to attend these mandatory summer sessions. Though certain summer conflicts are unavoidable (and excused), failure to attend a consistent amount of rehearsals could result in the loss of rehearsal privileges or removal of the student from the ensemble, at the Director's discretion.

The School Conduct Code is in effect for all Instrumental Music Events.

Additional dress code requirements for Marching Band Performances:

Uniform Must have all parts and must be clean. This includes black band shoes, above ankle black socks, shorts and band shirt. Please check the section on uniforms for further details.

Hair - Hair that is longer than collar-length must be secured and worn up in the hat. Distracting hair color may be limited. Guard and majorettes will have specified hair styles for their performances.

Jewelry No jewelry shall be worn, with the exception of 1 stud earring in each ear, and watches.

Face paint Face paint is not permitted unless specifically approved by the Director.

Other uniform modifications must not be visible while on the field or in the stands.

When in doubt about a uniform part or modification, always ask your Director.

Auxiliary Expectations:

Auxiliary units of the program such as majorettes, color guard, indoor guard, indoor drumline, function as an extension of the band program. The policies listed below are additional guidelines for members of these units and may be adjusted at the discretion of the band director or advisor.

1. Your flag or baton is your instrument, take care of it. Any significant damages that come from reckless behavior will also come with a fee. Performance Flags and/or batons may only be taken out on game days, festivals, and parade events. We need to prolong the life of our silks and taking them out every day will not help.

2. Attendance is important so that we can look good together. Auxiliary members are required to attend all marching band activities throughout the summer and school year. Multiple absences (see attendance policies) can result in the student sitting out of a halftime performance or removal from the team.

3. Auxiliary will have one weekly or bi-weekly rehearsal that is MANDATORY. It is during these rehearsals that we will do the most work (solidifying choreography, learning new routines, going over game day details, etc.). It is imperative that all members attend these rehearsals.

4. Socks are to be white and should at least reach the knee. No ankle socks will be permitted and socks will be checked every game/event.

5. Makeup should be kept natural or school colors. Be careful of foundation (if deciding to use it) because of the uniform. Glitter is permitted.

6. SMILE AND HAVE FUN!

Travel Policy

1. All students and staff are required to ride designated school buses to and from band events.

2. Inappropriate behavior on buses including excessive noise, offensive language, hazing, or any activity creating an unsafe or socially uncomfortable environment could result in disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion from the band. Respect for the bus driver and bus is expected at all times.

3. Any band member who misses a departure time must provide his or her own transportation to the event. Discipline will be at the discretion of the director.

4. All host band stands (including Streetsboro Rockets Stadium) will be left in pristine condition upon the conclusion of athletic and performance events. Band staff and chaperones are not responsible for cleaning up after band members. Failure to respect host facilities will result in a loss of free time privileges.

5. Any parent wishing to transport their student to or from any event must provide written notification at least 3 days before the event. Please complete the Alternative Transportation Request (see appendix) prior to departure. This is to ensure we have an accurate list of students being transported for safety concerns.

6. All School Code of Conduct policies apply, please refer to the school handbook for more information

Trips

The Streetsboro Band Program may take major trip(s) throughout the years.

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Participation in trips is purely voluntary and the directors reserve the right to limit participation by any student due to, but not limited to: disrespect, inappropriate behavior, school discipline, uncooperativeness, or other reasons.

Audio and Visual Recording

The use of audio and video recording equipment is used on a regular basis in the instrumental wing and in all instrumental ensembles. By participating in any of the instrumental ensembles at Streetsboro High School, you may be recorded from time to time and unless a written statement to the contrary is received, your picture may be used to promote the instrumental programs at Streetsboro High School or for other security reasons.

Streetsboro Band Boosters

Band Boosters is a non-profit, all volunteer organization, affiliated with Streetsboro City School. This organization provides many thousands of volunteer hours each year directly to support the students and programs, and to raise funds. Boosters takes primary responsibility for funding the uniforms and band trailer, and contributes heavily to other special programs and performance events. Boosters typically provides direct support to the programs of approximately \$30,000 per year. Working with the Music Department staff, Boosters supports and coordinates events to bring the instrumental music students and groups out into the community.

All parents whose children are members of the Band are automatically included in membership in the Boosters. All parents are asked to become active in Boosters to help provide financial assistance to all students in the Band. Generally, volunteering at least two events per parent will ensure proper coverage for each event.

Please remember, “no one can do everything, but everyone can do something.”

Wisdom and Tips:

1. Respect is earned and learned. Show you care by listening and communicating. Ask yourself “Did I help someone today?”
2. Don’t expect to know everything the first day. Even people who have marched before still have things to learn.
3. Band success is based on time on task---the more we put it, the more successful we will be.
4. You are probably more capable than you realize. Be prepared and think ahead.
5. Don’t be afraid to ask questions---it’s all a learning process.

6. Take care of yourself---sleep, hydrate consistently (water), and always eat.
7. Keep up on your schoolwork. Take every opportunity to do your homework. On the bus, extra time in class, at appointments - do whatever it takes. Be as productive as possible.
8. You will be called on eventually. Don't be afraid. When it happens, just speak up and don't worry about being wrong. Everyone makes mistakes. Mistakes are how we learn and grow! They are the best!
9. Drama happens! It will be okay---always try to be the bigger person and always tell an adult.
10. You may want to quit. But DON'T! Band is worth the time. You will make friends and memories that will last a lifetime.

The Top 10 Things You Should Know as a Parent

1. Your child is probably more capable than you realize.

Even if you have all the time in the world, you will start to feel like a personal servant if you don't ask your kids to take some responsibility for their own stuff. Water jugs, lunches, laundry -- it never ends. Your child can make a sandwich, fill up a water jug, and set out their "stuff". If you are inclined, help them create checklists so that they remember everything they need to bring. It will be a lot of stuff, so be ready.

2. Get out of the car and come join us.

Adults can enter the band area without ill effect! Be respectful of practices going on, but come on in and see what is happening. Parent support is very uplifting and motivating to the students. Frequently, there are parents working on projects or hanging around. It is a great SHS Band Handbook *Revised 2025-2026*

time to make introductions and let people know you are new to the band program and would like to get involved. Park the car and come to the practice field. Once we start football games, usually the last 15-20 minutes of practice will be a run through of what the kids have learned so far, we would love to find parents at the practice lot most days/nights. Watching the evolution of the band and the kids is really inspiring.

3. Learn to manage your time and teach your student how to manage theirs.

You WILL be busy -- especially from August until the beginning of November. You will receive a lot of information in emails, and you MUST find a way to keep track of everything. More importantly, your child will have to balance band and schoolwork. Many of the band kids are honor students, and the time management skills they learn will help them throughout their life.

4. Bring cash, warm clothes and something to sit on.

Most school functions require that you bring cash. Football games charge admission, anywhere from \$5-\$10 per person. You MUST bring cash. Concessions are cash only, as are some souvenir vendors.

5. Make friends with parents from other schools.

Our staff, students, and parents work extremely hard to put the best possible show together and so do the staff, students, and parents from other schools. We compete on the field but, off the field we support and encourage each other. Show your appreciation and cheer loud for ALL groups.

6. Constructive criticism, with good intention, isn't always easy to swallow.

Marching Band requires dedication and discipline from all students. The job of the directors is to help your child excel in band. Directors speak loudly, pointedly, and sometimes without pleasantries. When mistakes are made, especially due to inattention or lack of effort, there are consequences. Try to relax and allow the process to work. Encourage your child to do their best, listen, and work hard. Everyone wants your child to be successful. You will learn this as you move through the season.

8. We can't do it without you - volunteer and come to the booster meetings.

You will be asked to commit time, energy, donations, and the band fees to the program. Unlike many other programs, the Streetsboro HS Marching Band must have parent volunteers for the programs to run smoothly, and it is the best way to get to know others. Plan to attend as many Booster meetings as you can. Whether you're a new or veteran parent you will always gain insight into the activity that your child loves. It is time well spent. About volunteering...no experience necessary! There are tasks that require specific skills, but most opportunities do not. If you can fill a cup with lemonade, hand out a program, use scissors, sew, or build - you have all the skills you need. Better yet, there is so much to do, you are bound to find something you actually enjoy doing. You will be helping keep YOUR band fees down and have fun doing it. Trust us, we've been there.

9. Join REMIND 101 and READ YOUR EMAIL.

This could be said a thousand times and still not be said enough. As the season progresses, you will get multiple messages each week. READ THEM. CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY. You may not always completely understand the emails, but READ THEM.

10. Yes, it's worth it!

All of the rides, time, and effort that as a parent, you put into getting your child to practices are worth every second. You may not be able to appreciate that in the beginning. Your child may get discouraged at first. There is a lot of repetition, hot sweaty days, failures, and disappointments. Then the shows start to come together and everything changes. There is a new energy, a new excitement. This is the point where they will either LOVE band, or plan a different activity next year. Most of the kids LOVE band by the end of the season, so make them tough it out for the whole season. It will be worth it.

STREETSBORO HS BAND ABSENCE REQUEST FORM

Attendance has a direct effect on your grade in band or choir. Membership in the music program automatically implies your commitment to attend all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances. Excused absences include personal illness, family health emergencies, approved academic conflicts, pre-planned family vacations, required religious observances, and extra-curricular school conflicts that are approved by the directors in advance.

This form is to provide advance approval for all absences in accordance with above. This does NOT include work related, camp, some vacation, studying, or other personal responsibilities absences. Students will NOT be excused for a non-emergency doctor's appointment. Please schedule these appointments outside of performance times.

HS Band participants must fill out an Absence Request form with a parent signature for all required rehearsals or performances falling outside of the school day if they are to be absent. Please return this form to the director prior to two weeks BEFORE the absence or conflict. Late forms will not be accepted and will have an impact on their grade. A makeup assignment will be provided to students who miss events.

Reason for Absence:

Date of the Absence: _____

Event to be missed:

Student Signature/Date

Parent Signature/Date

♪ Absences are excused at the discretion of the Director. Please contact Mrs. Bonitz for more information

**STREETSBORO HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION
REPORT**

My child, (child's name) _____, has my permission to be transported to/from (place) _____ on (date) _____.
(Child's name) _____ will be riding with (person) _____ in compliance with the rules stated on this form. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Streetsboro City Schools, Streetsboro Band, Choir, and directors, as agents of the school or as individually for any liability incurred and for damages which are the result of personal injury or property damage to my child/ward and/or his/her property, which is a result, directly or indirectly from my child's failing to use the school transportation for the trip and date referred to above.

Date _____

Signed _____ (Parent or Guardian)

Cell Phone Number _____

Relationship to Student _____

TRAVEL POLICY

All band, orchestra, or vocal music members must be transported to and from all destinations of the Streetsboro Band or Choir by the buses provided. On special occasions, you may need to ride with your parents, other adult family members, or with another student's parents. Under these circumstances, a special Alternative Transportation report must be filled out and signed by your parent or guardian prior to departure. If approval is given, you will have returned to the bus as a group, (2) you have told a director who is responsible for your instrument or equipment, and (3) the appropriate party is present.

Marching Band Uniform Agreement:

This is an agreement between the band member at Streetsboro High School, Streetsboro City Schools, and the Streetsboro Band Boosters.

I understand that uniforms are the property of Streetsboro City School District and that the following standard uniform is provided for my use during band performances: Hat, plume, jacket, overalls, raincoat, garment bag, and drawstring bag. This uniform assigned is numbered and is not to be used by any other students, and may only be taken home with permission from one of the directors.

All band members must purchase and keep shoes and gloves as specified by the band directors. Band uniforms must be carried in the garment bag provided. The uniform pants have snaps available at the hem. Please set snaps so the hem is 1.5 – 2.5 inches above the floor. If the hem is at dress pant length, the material will drag when marching and become shredded.

I agree to safeguard the uniform issued to me and to avoid behavior that would stain or damage the uniform. I agree to reimburse Streetsboro City Schools for uniform items lost or damaged through my negligence.

I agree to correctly store the uniform after each performance as instructed by the directors and shown on the uniform storage instructions. I understand that I will be removed from the performance if not passing inspection. I will DRY clean the uniform per director instruction if needed outside of the two cleaning services provided by the school district. I agree to return the uniform free of rips, stains, or other damage.

If I do not properly store the uniform after each use I understand I will be given one warning and then be fined \$5 for each uniform piece improperly stored. This \$5 will go towards uniform repairs and cleaning.

I understand that the appropriate dress for underneath the marching band uniform is school appropriate sports shorts (nylon or cotton), band t-shirt, and black long socks.

Costs for replacement are as follows:

Jacket \$230

Garment Bag \$19

Trousers \$120

Raincoat \$88

Hat \$60

Plume \$20

Hat Box \$18

Beret (Tubas only) \$8

Gloves \$2

Chords (seniors only) \$17

Drawstring bag \$15

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Membership Agreement and Travel Form

After reading the Streetsboro Band Handbook, fill out and sign this contract, making sure to initial each statement. Photocopy it or tear it out of the book and return it to school. Please use legible handwriting.

I, the undersigned, have read the Streetsboro High School Band Handbook. I understand its contents and agree to follow the principles and regulations of Streetsboro High School Band. I also understand the penalties for failing to follow these regulations. My signature also indicates that I have received, reviewed, and agree to adhere to the SHS Band Uniform Agreement, as well as having my student photographed, as well as audio or video recorded, as necessary, to facilitate the band program's goals.

Initial

_____ I understand and agree to uphold the behavior and discipline policy.
_____ I understand and agree to uphold the attendance policy.
_____ I understand and agree to uphold the band's requirements for my attitude and appearance.
_____ I understand and agree to uphold the travel/transportation procedure policy.

• **Audio/Visual Recording Opt Out**

_____ Initials

Name of Student: _____

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Phone: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) E-mail: _____

_____ Student Signature

_____ Date

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ Date

DUE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 5