

Hanford Christian School

5th Grade BAND Handbook

WELCOME TO 5th GRADE BAND!

HCS Performing Arts Department is proud to offer Beginning Band in 5th grade. Band is a participation and performance-based class, so students will be evaluated on their effort in mastering the skills presented this year. Mastery occurs by spending time in and out of the classroom, practicing the music and playing their instrument. Short, daily practice builds coordination and muscle strength.

MATERIALS/SUPPLIES:

Students are responsible to provide the EXACT additional materials needed for their assigned instrument. (See Instrument supply link) On Fridays before school, students must drop off their instruments in the Music room. Instruments should NOT be stored in their lockers.

When students come to class, they should bring:

- Band method book, a 3-ring binder with 10-20 page protectors, band music (in show order), a pencil, water, and instrument

Any student who does not have their music/instrument will automatically receive a "C" for their daily preparation grade.

A NOTE ABOUT MUSIC: Sheet music should be clearly labeled with the student's first name and last initial in **PENCIL** as soon as it is received. **Do not use someone else's band music or folder. DO NOT STORE MUSIC IN YOUR INSTRUMENT CASE!**

NOTE: Music that is lost or damaged, will be charged a replacement fee on FACTS. (Copies are \$2.00 each) This includes writing, doodling, drawing in pen or anything that cannot be easily erased.

INSTRUMENT "TRIAL" PERIOD:

Students will be given a school instrument, with supplies, for the first month as a "trial" period. No charges will be applied to a student's FACTS account during this period. Parents are responsible to look over the instrument and note the condition. NOTE: If ANY damage occurs to the instrument/case during this trial period, the repairs and all costs are the responsibility of each family.

During this "trial" period, the director will be assessing each student on their proficiency and progress and making any instrument changes as necessary. After the trial period is over, **NO INSTRUMENT CHANGES WILL BE GRANTED**. Students will continue learning this instrument for their 5th and 6th grade school year. At this time, students have the option of officially renting their instrument from HCS or providing their own. If students choose to provide their own instrument, the HCS instrument and all supplies must be returned.

INSTRUMENT INFO:

Every instrument has additional supplies needed to go with it (reeds, grease, oil, cleaning swabs, etc).

Here is the 2025/26 Band Supply List with links for specific supplies: [BAND Instrument Supply List](#)

PERCUSSIONISTS will need to purchase their own student bell kit/snare pad set to have at home. Percussionists will use school instruments during Band class and will not have to bring instruments to school each week.

NOTE: Each percussion student will be charged a \$40 fee on their FACTS account to cover repair/replacement costs for HCS school instruments. (ie: drum heads, mallets, and/or drumsticks)

If a student needs a reed during class (theirs broke or they don't have extras in their case), a reed will be provided so they can participate in class and a \$4/reed charge will be added to their FACTS account.

RENTING HCS INSTRUMENTS:

Not all instruments are high quality, and students may or may not continue playing their instrument in 7th/8th grade, so it is highly recommended that students do not purchase their own instrument if they do not already own one or have access to one.

As an alternative to investing in an instrument, students may rent an instrument from HCS for \$100/school year.

Students who request to rent a school instrument must check out the instrument and return it at the end of each school year for summer cleaning/maintenance. There is a rental inspection form that **PARENTS/GUARDIANS** must sign when renting an instrument.

REPAIRS: Students will be taught how to properly care for their instrument, but occasionally damage may occur. Any damages that occur during the school year, **will be the student's responsibility. PARENTS must take the instrument to the repair shop and pay for any damages.**

HOMEWORK:

Beginning Band student(s) should be practicing their instrument **daily** as part of their homework (approximately 15 min/day). Extra help is available before or after school, if requested.

When homework is assigned, BAND students will fill out a practice assignment sheet that must be signed and returned. This indicates that parents have at least acknowledged what your student should be working on at home.

Agreement Form

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM BY: Friday, Nov 14, 2025

Students will be given an assignment grade for turning in their signed Commitment Form by the due date. Deductions will be made for each day it is turned in late.

Student/Parent (Guardian) Agreement:

We have read the Hanford Christian School 5th Grade BEGINNING BAND Department Handbook (including the Instrument Supply List) and understand the policies, procedures, and costs outlined in it.

We agree as the parents/guardians, that we will do our best to support our child in every way to be successful in the HCS Band. We will read the emails provided, and support our student's daily practicing.

Failure to abide by the HCS 5th grade BAND Handbook may result in a reflection of grades, disciplinary action or fees.

(Please print)

STUDENT NAME (First/Last): _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

(Please print)

PARENT NAME (First/Last): _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____