HUDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL



2026-2027 BAND HANDBOOK

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Dear Hudson Band Families,

Welcome to the Hudson Middle School Band! We are so glad to have you join us as a member of our program, and we're excited to help guide your child towards excellence.

Band students are engaged daily in a highly creative performing art that stimulates growth in areas of the human brain that no other discipline can. This growth transfers into your student's academic life, but also stands on its own as an intrinsically and fundamentally crucial educational endeavor. Band helps to instill traits such as teamwork, responsibility, dedication, discipline, social skills, confidence, critical thinking skills and leadership. Membership in our band program when committed fully will give a sense of accomplishment, pride, and respect as the students develop musical and personal skills that will enrich their lives.

In the pursuit of excellence, it is important that everyone understands our expectations and we, as directors, understand you so that we can work together to be the best middle school musicians possible. Any successful band program is a result of a strong partnership between the students, teachers, parents, and school administration. Each partner is equally important and the support of everyone involved is essential to achievement and enjoyment. We are committed to offering you a quality musical education and a rewarding and memorable life experience. We look forward to developing this partnership with the HMS community as we work to continue the tradition of excellence the Hudson Middle School Band program has established.

Music is a performing art and learning to play an instrument is an acquired skill, as is math or foreign language, therefore, discipline and hard work are essential to the mastery of the art. Membership in a performing organization is a privilege. Each member of a performance-based organization has a responsibility to attend ALL rehearsals and ALL performances of the ensemble in which he or she is a member. You are vital to the success of this entire program, and your presence is necessary as we prepare for and execute a performance.

This handbook outlines the guidelines and expectations for making your school year a success for all involved. **Both STUDENTS and their PARENTS should take the time to thoroughly read this handbook, including returning students**. There are a few documents at the end for you to return to school indicating your understanding of these guidelines and expectations.

We hope that this handbook will answer most questions that you may have so that your 2026 – 2027 band experience is a successful one. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of us using the contact information in this handbook. This promises to be an exciting and eventful year. We look forward to joining with you in making the Hudson Middle School Band one of the very best!

Sincerely,

Ryan Yett, Macedonio Mucino, Justin Slaughter

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Hudson Middle School Band Performance Calendar 2026-2027

Updated 7/20/2026 *Subject to change* - Our most up to date calendar is located at our website (hudsonband.org)

August

20 Band Parent Meetings (Beginners @ 6:00pm, Advanced @ 7:15pm)

September

4 Practice-a-Thon Fundraiser Kick-off in ALL band classes

25 MS Band Night w/ Sachse HS @ HBJ Stadium (5-10pm)

TBA 7th/8th Grade Football Game performance for ALL Advanced Bands @ Sachse HS (5-8pm)

October

2 Practice-a-Thon Fundraiser @ Hudson MS (6-10pm)

6 Beginner Woodwind Demonstrations @ HMS (during student band class period)

7 Beginner Brass & Percussion Demonstrations @ HMS (during student band class period)

27 Advanced Bands Fall Concert @ Sachse High School (6:30pm)

TBA 7th/8th Grade Football Game performance for ALL Advanced Bands @ Sachse HS (5-8pm)

November

7 GISD All-District Auditions for WS & HB @ Lakeview Centennial HS (time TBA)

14 TMEA Region 3 All-Region Auditions for WS & HB @ Rockwall Heath HS (time TBA)

December

8 Advanced Bands Epic Waters Festival

10 Beginner Band after school rehearsal @ Hudson Band Hall (4:15-5:30pm)

11-12 GISD All-District Band Clinic/Concert for qualifying WS & HB students @ Lakeview Centennial HS (time TBA)

15 Advanced Bands Holiday Concert @ Sachse HS (6:00pm)

16 Beginner Band Holiday Concert @ Sachse HS (stay after school - perform @ 6:00pm)

17 Wind Symphony Holiday Elementary Tour @ Sewell, Lister, & Armstrong

January

23 TMEA Region 3 All-Region Band Clinic/Concert for qualifying WS & HB students @ Naaman Forest HS

27 Band Class Yearbook Pictures

February

4 Side-by-Side rehearsals for Advanced Bands @ Sachse HS (during the school day)

17 GISD Beginner All-Star Band audition music released

25 Sachse & Hudson Cluster Percussion Concert @ Sachse HS (7:00pm)

24 Elementary Recruiting Performance for WS Students (8:30-11:00am)

26-27 Advanced Bands Bands Pre-UIL Concert & Sightreading Evaluation @ Lakeview Centennial HS

March

10 Honors & Symphonic Band UIL Concert & Sightreading Evaluation @ Lakeview Centennial HS

11 Wind Symphony UIL Concert & Sightreading Evaluation @ Lakeview Centennial HS

April

3 Beginner Band Solo and Ensemble Contest @ Coyle MS

10 Advanced Bands Solo and Ensemble Contest @ Brandenburg MS

22/23 Advanced Bands North Texas Festival of Distinction Spring Festival and Trip

24 GISD Beginner All-Star Band Auditions @ Bussey MS (Time TBA)

May

3 Beginner Band after school rehearsal @ Hudson Band Hall (4:15-5:30pm)

5 Wind Symphony Peak Festival @ Eisemann Center (11:00am-6:00pm)

6 Beginner Band after school rehearsal @ Hudson Band Hall (4:15-5:30pm)

8 GISD Beginner All-Star Band Clinic/Concert @ South Garland HS (Time TBA)

10 ALL Hudson Bands Spring Concert @ Sachse HS (Beginners @ 6:00pm, Advanced @ 7:30pm)

12 Beginner Bands Epic Waters Festival (8:15am-4:00pm)

17 Sachse & Hudson Cluster Jazz Concert @ Sachse HS (6:00pm)

June

TBA Optional Summer Camps at colleges across the state

Hudson Band Handbook

Introduction

Hudson Band Goals

- Students will develop an appreciation and love for music.
- Students will develop the skills to play their instrument at a high level.
- Students will learn to be dependable, responsible and respectful.
- The bands will compete at a high level, earning the band program and its students recognition for their efforts and accomplishments.
- Students will develop a sense of confidence and pride in themselves, the band, and the school.

Hudson Band Staff

The following is a list of directors and classes that they teach.

Mr. Ryan Yett	Director of Bands - Hudson MS	rayett@garlandisd.net	972-675-3070 ext. 52218
• Wind Symphony; Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, & Saxophone Beginners; Assists with Honors Band & Symphonic Band			
Mr. Macedonio Mucino	Assistant Director - Hudson MS	mpmucino@garlandisd.net	972-675-3070 ext. 52218
• Honors Band; Jazz Band; Trumpet, French Horn Beginners; Jazz Band; Assists with Wind Symphony & Symphonic Band			
Mr. Justin Slaughter	Assistant Director - Hudson MS	jlslaughter@garlandisd.net	972-675-3070 ext. 52218
• Symphonic Band; Trombone, Tuba & Euphonium Beginners; Assists with Wind Symphony & Honors Band			
Mr. Garrett Tucker	Percussion Director - Sachse HS	gtucker@garlandisd.net	972-414-7450 ext. 63049
• Percussion Beginners; Assists with Wind Symphony, Honors Band, & Symphonic Band Percussionists			

Mrs. Sue Manaois	Percussion Director - Hudson MS	smanaois@hotmail.com	972-675-3070 ext. 52218

- Wind Symphony, Honors Band, & Symphonic Band Percussionists; Assists with Percussion Beginners

****If you have a question or concern about your student, start with the lead teacher for that class.****

Hudson Band "Presto Assistant" Website

The Hudson Band uses the Presto Assistant Music Management system. It is a web-based system that allows the director to keep information on each student. It helps track money owed to the band program, inventory assigned to students, student and parent contact information, private lesson information, uniform assignments, and many other things. Along with all of that, parents can access all information related to their student over the internet. To access that information, please follow the following steps.

- Go to https://www.presto-assistant.com/
- Chose "Sign in"
- Your email address is your log-in name.
- You should have chosen your own password after receiving your welcome email from Presto.

From your Presto dashboard, you can see unpaid band fees, family members associated with your account, inventory that has been checked out to you, and more. Please check your Presto account often and keep your contact information up-to-date. **It is strongly encouraged to use the Presto website to make band fee payments online.**

Band Website, Smore, Facebook, Instagram, and BAND App

The Hudson Band has a website. The address is http://www.hudsonband.org. You can find a copy of handouts given to students on the "Handouts" portion of the website. You can also see an up-to-date calendar on the "Calendar" page. You have the ability to subscribe to the calendar and have it sent directly to your phone. Please bookmark this site and visit it often.

Every month, we send out a Smore newsletter that includes ALL of the information pertaining to the Hudson Band program for the entire month. The newsletter will be emailed through Presto and Skyward, added to Canvas and the Skyward calendar, shared on Facebook, and added to the band website. In some instances, information will be updated or added throughout the month. If things are added to the Smore, a second email will be sent letting you know to check the Smore for updates. You can bookmark the yearly Smore page and reference it as often as you'd like. Please read the ENTIRE Smore EVERY month!

Also, the band has a Facebook page. The address is http://www.facebook.com/hudsonmsband. The Facebook page will do lots of linking to the band website. This page is just another way that parents and students can stay up to date on the happenings of the band. We also post articles and information relative to music and band from time to time, as well as celebrate our students throughout the year.

We have an Instagram page for the Hudson Band. We will be adding pictures to the page as we have more events throughout the year. The address is http://instagram.com/hudsonhawkband. We hope you enjoy seeing what we are up to this year!

The BAND app is the quickest way for us to communicate with you and we use it often. You can sign up for the BAND app by clicking on the link for the group you wish to join: 26-27 Beginner Band, Symphonic Band, Honors Band, Wind Symphony, Jazz Band, Parents ONLY. We will send reminders about upcoming concerts, when practice records are due, sectionals, etc. Please sign up for this wonderful service!

Just a couple of quick notes about social media. Please understand that none of the Hudson Band directors can be your "friend" on Facebook, Twitter or any other social site. The policy of the band and GISD is that teachers don't "friend" their students. Also, if there is any inappropriate use of any of the band's social media sites, you will be blocked from that site and reported to the appropriate organizations.

Hudson Middle School Bands

Wind Symphony - selection into this group is by audition, director recommendation, and demonstration of academic proficiency. Members in this ensemble will participate in the Garland ISD All-District Band process, TMEA Region III All-Region Band process, Pre-UIL Concert and Sight-reading Evaluation, UIL Concert and Sight-reading Evaluation, Solo and Ensemble Contest, and one fall and one or two spring festivals each year. **Members of this group will have one section rehearsal/assigned hearing time outside of the school day every week.** The Wind Symphony will give numerous performances both on and off campus. In UIL activities, this group will be designated the "Varsity" band.

Honors Band - selection into this group is by audition. This group will participate in Pre-UIL Concert and Sight-reading Evaluation, the UIL Concert and Sight-reading Evaluation, Solo and Ensemble Contest, and one fall and one spring festival each year. **Members of Honors Band will have one section rehearsal/assigned hearing time every week outside of the school day.** This group will give a variety of performances. In UIL activities, this group will be designated as the "Non-Varsity" band.

Symphonic Band - selection into this group is by audition. This group will participate in Pre-UIL Concert and Sight-reading Evaluation, the UIL Concert and Sight-reading Evaluation, Solo and Ensemble Contest, and one fall and spring festival each year. **Members of the Symphonic Band will have one section rehearsal/assigned hearing time every other week outside of the school day.** The Symphonic Band will give a variety of performances. In UIL activities, this group will be designated as the "Sub Non-Varsity" band.

Jazz Band – selection into this group is by audition. This group consists of saxophones, trumpets, trombones, percussion, piano, and guitar. This group will rehearse during Wind Symphony W.I.N., and on occasion after school. This group will perform at community events, band concerts, and festivals throughout the year.

Beginner Band - students who are learning their instrument for the first time will be placed in like-instrument classes. Together, the beginner band will rehearse once in December after school and two times after school in May to prepare for concerts and contests. The beginner band students will participate in the YESE Solo and Ensemble Contest, one festival each year, and two concerts each year.

Hawk Select Band - beginner band students who show higher than average ability levels on their instrument, show great rehearsal etiquette, seem like they need a bigger challenge, etc. may be invited to join the Hawk Select Band. This band is by invitation only and only has a certain number of spots available on each instrument. The Hawk Select band students will participate in the YESE Solo and Ensemble Contest, the GISD All-Star Beginner Band auditions, one festival, and one concert each year.

The Wind Symphony, Honors, and Symphonic Bands are known as the Advanced Bands. Yearly placement in each band and occasional changes are based on the following criteria:

- Instrumentation needs and limitations
- Eligibility status
- Overall performance and consistent progress
- Attendance at **ALL** band functions
- Attitude and behavior
- Audition

Special Note – A student must pass band and have a director's recommendation to be enrolled for the next year.

General Standards of Conduct

Each student will:

- Understand the value and NECESSITY of individual, daily practice. **Consistent practice WILL produce success.**
- Attend ALL rehearsals and performances. Unexcused absences from rehearsals or performances may result in failing grades, loss of privileges, or removal from band. A band calendar for the year is published and distributed early in the school year so students and parents can plan accordingly.
- Treat their fellow band members with respect and kind language.
- Have a quality instrument in working order every day.
- Demonstrate proper care and respect for instruments.
- Demonstrate proper care and respect for the school facilities. **This includes no food, gum, candy, or drinks in the band hall at any time unless cleared by a director.**
- Demonstrate proper rehearsal discipline.
    - Students will enter and leave the band hall in a polite and orderly manner.
    - Students will be ready for class/rehearsal at the designated time.
    - Students will have their own music, pencil, instrument, and **ALL** required equipment EVERY day.
    - Students will not begin to play or warm up until instructed to do so and will be silent while a teacher, director, or guest is speaking.
    - Play only when we play as a group or called on to play as an individual.
    - Students will show PRIDE by demonstrating a good attitude, posture, and listening, as well as mature behavior when we are away from school.
    - Students will not engage in any behavior that disrupts class or hurts the quality of the band.
- Follow classroom policies
    - Only current band students are allowed in the band hall.
    - Students are not to play or use any other instruments or belongings other than their own. (This includes percussion equipment.)
    - Lockers are for band instruments and band binder storage only. Do not store other school items in your band locker.

Students who consistently are not following the expectations/rules of the classroom will be asked to sign a discipline book with their initials and the current date. Depending on the severity of the action, steps may be skipped at the director's discretion. All major discipline issues will be handled on a case by case basis.

1 Signature - Warning
2 Signatures - Removal from rehearsal for the rest of class period
3 Signatures - Parent phone call
4 Signatures - Parent phone call and teacher detention

5 Signatures - Parent-Teacher Conference
6 Signatures - Office Referral

After 6 signatures, the student's enrollment in the band program may be in jeopardy.

Students who exhibit extreme discipline problems and consistently do not follow the band conduct guidelines, may be placed on a probationary band contract and/or removed from the band program.

Participation Requirements

Students enrolled are required to participate in ALL performances (and rehearsals) designated for their band. Check the website frequently for calendar dates and updates. The performances that are planned for this school year may include, but are not limited to:

Beginning Band: (Beginner Band, Hawk Select Band)	*2 formal concerts at Sachse High School and/or HMS *Spring Band Festival *All-Star Band Audition
Advanced Bands: (Wind Symphony, Honors, Symphonic)	*3 formal concerts at Sachse High School and/or HMS *2 football games *Middle School Band Night with Sachse HS *All-District auditions (Wind Symphony and select Honors only) *All-Region auditions (Wind Symphony and select Honors only) *Fall Band Festival *Pre-UIL Evaluation *UIL Evaluation *Spring Band Festival *UIL Clinic *Bi-weekly sectional rehearsals as assigned

Practice Routine and Practice Log

The rewards of playing a musical instrument increase in direct proportion to the number of hours invested in individual practice. The key is to set aside a designated time every day for practice. Set up a daily schedule to ensure that practice is an important part of your daily studies. It can be a productive and enjoyable time when it is approached in the correct manner. A consistent practice routine of 25 - 45 minutes a day or more is highly recommended for the best results.

EXAMPLE:

Warm-ups/flexibility exercises/articulation exercises	10-15 minutes
Scales or arpeggios	10-15 minutes
Assignments in rehearsal music/solos/method books	20-30 minutes

Practice Log

Home practice is the key to the success of any band program. We strongly suggest a 5 days or more per week practice routine. Each day after the practice sessions are over, students will log their practice time in their band binder on their practice tracker. The digital practice log is due every Monday at the beginning of the band class period. Students will receive extra credit for practicing more than the required amount of time. **Private lessons may count as extra practice minutes, but regular band rehearsals do not count for practice minutes.**

Practice Log Grading Rubric

Days Practiced (25 minutes minimum)	Grade
0	50
1	60
2	70
3	80
4	90
5	100
6	105
7	110

Grading Policy

The Hudson Band program has instructional objectives that relate to the mandated Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for grade level subjects or courses. These objectives are aligned to address the academic skills needed for successful performance in the next grade or next course in a sequence of courses. Assignments, tests, projects, classroom activities, and other instructional activities are designed so that the student's performance indicates the level of mastery of the instructional objectives. The student's mastery level of these objectives is a major factor in determining the grade for a subject or course.

Students will be expected to meet the responsibilities for each band class as determined by the director. Since band is an academic music class with some extra-curricular activities attached, the band student's grade will reflect achievement in both curricular and extracurricular areas.

General Grading Guidelines

Students will be graded on the following scale:

- ***Minor Grades 70%***
  Weekly rehearsal etiquette, ReadyMade music worksheets, practice logs, sectional performance, some pass-offs, etc.
- ***Major Grades 30%***
  Written tests, playing tests, projects, performances, major pass-offs, etc.

Sectionals and Extra Rehearsals

Beginner Band Students:

In order to prepare the beginner classes to play in a group performance, they will have one-two rehearsals prior to their concerts and beginner contest. These rehearsals will occur after school for around one hour. The rehearsal dates as well as the concert dates will be posted on the band calendar.

Hawk Select Band Students:

Students who have been invited to the Hawk Select Band will begin having after school rehearsals on Wednesdays from 4:20-5:20 pm beginning in January. These rehearsals will continue throughout the spring semester and will conclude the week prior to the spring concert. Students who miss more than 2 rehearsals (with unexcused absences) may lose their spot in the Hawk Select Band.

Wind Symphony, Honors Band, and Symphonic Band Students:

Each section will have weekly scheduled rehearsals (sectionals) before or after school hours. Prompt attendance at all sectional rehearsals is mandatory and part of the students' grade. Sectionals are one hour for Wind Symphony, and 45 minutes for Honors and Symphonic Band. Due to the individualization of these rehearsals, please inform the director (in advance) of any absences. Prior to concerts and contests, extra rehearsals or clinics may be scheduled.

Private Lessons

The Garland ISD has a strong private study program supervised by the Director of Fine Arts and managed by the band directors in the Garland ISD schools. The teachers who participate in the private study program are highly qualified professionals who are approved by our own staff members. The fees for private study are comparable to other districts. It is quite unusual to have the opportunity for such quality enrichment conveniently located at the schools and available at a very reasonable cost.

Even though private study is not a requirement for participation in the music organization, it should be noted that many band students take advantage of this excellent opportunity. The advantage of a one on one teaching/learning experience is great and not always available in a large band class. There is no better way for your musician to help themselves and the Hudson Band than by consistently participating in weekly private study. Additionally, our staff members work closely with the private lesson staff in evaluating and monitoring each student's progress.

Supplies

Beginning Band students should have already received an equipment list that tells all the things needed for band. Advanced Band members should have received a supply list before school started. ***All*** band students can check our band website at any time for the list: https://www.hudsonband.org/handouts.html

Students are expected to have appropriate supplies in every band class, rehearsal, and individual practice sessions. The following supplies are to be at the student's chair at all times:

- Instrument in working order
- Band binder (neatly organized, with **ALL** papers in the rings)
- Music/Band book
- Pencils
- Valve oil/Slide grease (Brass players)
- 4 good, working reeds (Reed players)
- Silk swab (Woodwind players)
- Sticks and mallets (Percussion players)
- Tuner and pickup

District-Owned Instruments

GISD provides a limited number of instruments for student use. These instruments include the bassoon, oboe, bass clarinet, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, French horn, euphonium, tuba, and percussion. This equipment is generally purchased by the school district for student use because of its expense. *Thus, all district-owned equipment must be handled with care*. Students

failing to take proper care of their district-owned instruments may lose the privilege of using such instruments.

The following is a list of general procedures for district-owned instruments:

- If possible, students who play large instruments and are dependent upon GISD buses *may* be issued one instrument for home use and one for school use. This will be at the discretion of the directors and will be based on instrument availability and transportation needs.
- GISD does not provide insurance for individually owned or district-owned equipment. All students utilizing district-owned instruments are strongly encouraged to provide insurance coverage for the instruments that have been issued to them. Students will be held responsible for damage caused to all district-owned instruments issued to them. Students and parents must sign an instrument checkout form before the student can use an instrument.
- Each instrument will be issued in good playing condition. Students are expected to maintain their issued instruments accordingly.
- The band member is financially responsible for all equipment and/or materials checked out to him or her.
- All equipment and materials must be kept in their proper storage location when not in use.
- GISD will assess a fee for routine summer cleaning and maintenance of district-owned instruments.
    - This fee is $50 for the Fall semester and $50 for the Spring semester, for a yearly total of $100.
    - More information about the instrument rental fee will be available on the Fees page at the back of this packet.

Special Note – District-owned instruments are not to be treated as "free" instruments. Basic supplies must still be purchased and repairs must still be made. Please treat these instruments as if they were your own. Most district-owned instruments exceed $4,000 in value. Insurance on school owned instruments is strongly encouraged. Please see a director for insurance information if needed.

Instrument Storage and Identification

Instrument lockers are to be used for instrumental storage ONLY!! Each student is assigned a specific locker, which is to be kept clean. Instruments are to be put in their cases, and the cases kept closed and latched while in the storage area. **NO INSTRUMENTS ARE TO BE KEPT IN LOCKERS OVERNIGHT OR OVER THE WEEKENDS.** Beginner Band students will begin to consistently bring their

instruments home as soon as their band director instructs them. **Locks are available to all students/parents who request one. We encourage the use of locks for security purposes, but will not be responsible for lost/stolen/damaged items that are not secured in a locked locker. Students are also allowed to use their own lock, as long as band directors are provided with a key or combination**.

It is suggested that all personal instruments have the proper insurance coverage. Instruments ARE NOT insured by Hudson Middle School or the Garland Independent School District.

Band students will take home their instruments and band binders **every evening.** Students are expected to practice regularly outside of band class and private lessons.

Eligibility

There are two types of activities governed by the Texas Education Association (TEA) and the University Interscholastic League (UIL): Co-curricular and Extra-curricular.

Co-curricular refers to any activity that is considered an extension of the classroom, such as concerts, sectional rehearsals, clinics, etc. **All students are always eligible and are required to participate in ALL these activities regardless of their academic eligibility status.** Our concerts at SHS and HMS fall into this co-curricular category.

Extra-curricular refers to any activity that is competitive, or in conjunction with a competitive event, such as contests, festivals, football games, etc. Mr. Yett will notify the students that are "academically ineligible" to let them know when they cannot participate in this kind of activity. It is critical that students keep their grades above a 70 average in EVERY class throughout the year to maintain their eligibility.

Our belief is that students are at Hudson to **receive their full education**. Their classroom studies are a top priority to us. Mr. Yett has a thorough knowledge and experience dealing with the eligibility rules of the state of Texas; please feel free to ask anytime if you are unsure of the eligibility status of your child. The eligibility status of a student can change frequently - every three weeks or so.

In addition to the eligibility rules and regulations as stated by TEA and GISD above, ***students are required to pass the 3rd quarter and must not receive an in-school or out of school suspension placement during the spring semester in order to attend the spring trip.***

Uniform Requirements

- All band students will be required to wear their band T-shirt with jeans (jeans must not be ripped or torn) at informal performances, football games, pictures, or activities. For extreme heat, we will consider wearing school-appropriate shorts. Decisions on this will be made at least 3 days before the event.

- For some of our concerts and solo/ensemble competitions, all students will be required to wear professional/dress type clothes. You will receive detailed uniform info at least 1 month prior to each performance. **The following is appropriate for 'formal' events**:

Appropriate attire for boys: dress shirt and tie, slacks, dress shoes and socks, 'dressy' sweaters, etc.

Appropriate attire for girls: dresses, 'dressy' long skirts, or dress slacks and blouses. Girls who choose to wear dresses or skirts to our formal events, must adhere to the following length requirement - ***DRESSES AND SKIRTS THAT DO NOT REACH THE FLOOR, aka midi/maxi skirts, MUST BE WORN WITH LEGGINGS UNDERNEATH.*** (NO EXCEPTIONS.) Also, straps on dresses must be either 3 finger widths, or covered with a shrug/cardigan.

Inappropriate 'formal' attire: jeans, tennis shoes, T-shirts, 'casual' attire.

Students are permitted to pick the color scheme and style of what they wear, remembering that these are our opportunities to look our very best!!

- **Advanced Band** members will wear our contest uniform for concerts, contests, and festivals. Girls will wear black dresses that will be supplied by the band. Girls will need to have close-toed black dress shoes. Boys will wear black slacks, a solid black button-down long-sleeved shirt with a collar, tall black socks, and black dress shoes.

Concerts

We have 2-3 'formal' concerts each year at the Hudson Middle School gymnasium or the Sachse High School auditorium. These concerts are required, graded, and students are required to be present for the ENTIRE concert (not merely when the band they are in is performing). Part of the grade for the band class is supporting the other students when they are on stage, demonstrating appropriate audience etiquette, and listening to other types of music performed. Every effort is made to make our concerts move as quickly as possible.

Trips

Students who have been subject to school-level discipline in the course of the school year may be deemed ineligible to participate in non-UIL field trips, at the discretion of the director and/or campus administration.

Students must travel to events and return from events on the bus. Any student wishing to arrive or leave with his/her parent must notify a director **in writing (using the approved GISD release form)** with parent signature **prior to the event**.

Students must have all necessary forms (Medical/Travel Release) completed and on file with the band office to travel on any trip with the band.

Special Note

As a member of the band, you are a representative of your school. Always be on your best behavior. If you are in doubt about an action, do not do it! Your conduct at all times should be considered a good reflection on the school, the band, your home, yourself, and the community.

Every year the band takes a trip in April/May. This trip serves as a performing opportunity for our students and rewards the students for all of their hard work throughout the school year. Advanced Band students will take an additional trip in December. **In order to participate in these trips, the students must do the following:**

1. Students must pass the quarter prior to the trip with a 70 or higher in every class.
2. Turn in their medical release forms and permission slips
3. Must have no outstanding fees (Band Membership, Instrument Usage, or Field Trip fees)
4. Must attend Pre-UIL/UIL Evaluations (Advanced Bands).
5. Must attend 85% of scheduled sectionals/practices.
6. Cannot have been sent to DAEP/AEC at any time during the school year.
7. Cannot have received an office referral at any time from a band director during the semester in which the trip occurs.

8. Cannot have received more than two office referrals from any teacher or administrator during the semester in which the trip occurs.
9. Any serious discipline offense may be cause for exclusion from the trip (including, but not limited to ISS/Suspension).

Band Booster Club

This is a great way to get involved with the musical education of your child. The band parents provide support to the band in a variety of ways. We hold meetings once each semester to discuss upcoming band events, plan fundraisers, etc. We encourage all parents to get involved by helping to chaperone activities, organizing, helping with uniforms, etc. This is a great way to meet other parents, and have a fun time supporting your kids!!!

Fundraising

Fundraising is vital to the continued success of our program. While we are given some funds from the school district, it takes a great deal more to facilitate a band program the size of ours. The Fall and Spring band fees help us defray the cost of many things, and the school-owned instrument rental fees help us defray the cost of some of our instrument repair/replacement. However, these sources of income are in no way adequate to meet the complete needs of the band program and its students. Fundraising by the students and band parents is crucial for us to have the funds to be able to do the things necessary to educate the children and provide them with an enriching musical experience. It is very important that the students actively participate in every fundraising opportunity. Some parents choose for their children to not participate in fundraising, and would prefer to just make a straight donation – this is always acceptable and appreciated. Our biggest fundraiser of the year is our annual Practice-a-Thon in September. We will give detailed information about this fundraiser later this year.

Band Finances

Below is the outline of the financial plan for this school year. As you can imagine, the Hudson Band program takes tens of thousands of dollars a year to run and to be able to continue to provide a great learning environment and meaningful experiences for the students. The band fees help defray the cost of supplies, travel, uniforms, etc. that our budget does not fully cover. All fees are due at the designated dates. If there needs to be special payment arrangements made, such as an installment plan, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Yett or our booster club treasurer.

IF YOU ARE RENTING AN INSTRUMENT FROM A <u>MUSIC STORE</u>, YOUR INSTRUMENT RENTAL AGREEMENT IS BETWEEN YOU AND THE STORE, NOT THE SCHOOL, NOR THE HUDSON BAND.

Class	Fall Fee Due September 4	Spring Fee Due February 5	Total Yearly Fee
Beginner Band	$30	$30	$60
Symphonic Band	$60	$65	$125
Honors Band	$75	$75	$150
Wind Symphony	$85	$85	$170
****In addition to yearly band fees****			
School Owned Instruments ****oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, tenor/bari sax, French horn, euphonium, tuba****	$50	$50	$100
Percussion ****for maintenance/replacement of school-owned equipment used throughout year****	$50		$50

School-owned instrument usage fee (oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, tenor & bari saxophone, French horn, euphonium, tuba, and percussion.) – This district mandated fee is **only for students of school-owned instruments** to cover usage, cleaning, routine maintenance, and repair.

We design the band fees to make things easier and less expensive for parents, while at the same time ensuring that all students have the materials or items covered for a successful experience.

What you get:

Fall band fee for **ALL BAND MEMBERS**:

- Band binder w/ dividers, pencil pouch, pencils
- Band t-shirt
- Performance music
- Print music theory materials
- Rhythm Rockers
- Supplemental instrument-specific materials
- Readymade Music subscription
- Transportation and meals for trips (except the Adv Band Epic Waters Optional Trip)

Spring fee for **ALL BAND MEMBERS**:

- Solo/Ensemble music
- Contest uniform usage and maintenance (advanced band students only)
- Contest entry fees
- Transportation and meals for trips (except for the optional spring festival trip)
- Clinicians

This is not an all-encompassing list. However, these are the big ticket items that are included in your band fees.

The only thing that is not included in the band fees are the (optional) Fall and Spring trips for all students. The trips are optional and will be paid for separately, approximately 30-45 days before the trip occurs. More information about the trips will be available 3 months prior to the trips

Forms

ALL BAND STUDENTS MUST READ and SIGN the following 4 pages and RETURN by **Friday, August 28th**!!!

- **Handbook Acknowledgement Page**
- **Hudson Band Fees Page**
- **Photography Consent Page**
- **Field Trip/Medical Consent Page**

Thank you, in advance, for taking care of this!

Teacher Information

Ryan Yett, director – rayett@garlandisd.net - Conference: 8:50-9:37 am Monday-Friday OR by appointment
Macedonio Mucino, director – mpmucino@garlandisd.net - Conference: 8:50-9:37 am Monday-Friday OR by appointment
Justin Slaughter, director - jlslaughter@garlandisd.net - Conference: 8:50-9:37 Monday-Friday OR by appointment

Band office – 972-675-3070 ext. 52218

Handbook Acknowledgement Page
2026-2027

Please read and sign below as indicated:

Students,

I have read the 2026-2027 Hudson Middle School Band Handbook and understand the requirements for being a band member. I realize it takes full cooperation and dedication (100% from me) to help our band meet its potential. I also realize that my failure to follow policies and directions could result in disciplinary action, which could lead to placement in another band or dismissal from the band program. I have received a copy of the HMS band calendar for the current school year and am aware that a copy also exists on the HMS Band website.

As a member of the Hudson Middle School Band, I acknowledge the following as responsibilities I must fulfill if I wish to remain a member. I will:

- I Understand that band is a full year commitment.
- Be punctual and prepared for weekly sectionals.
- Practice with a purpose and turn in weekly practice logs.
- Demonstrate my best on playing assignments and written theory tests.
- Attend all concerts, clinics, rehearsals and contests.
- Treat my peers and teachers with respect, and maintain appropriate conduct.
- Maintain my grades for eligibility and self-achievement.
- I Have a high standard for improvement in class and on my own.

_____ _____
Student Signature Date

_____
Student Name Printed

Parents,

I have read the 2026-2027 Hudson Middle School Band Handbook and am willing to adhere to its contents and support it and my child. I also understand all policies and procedures set forth by the Hudson Middle School Band program, as outlined in this handbook.

_____ _____ _____
Parent Signature Date Phone #

_____
Parent Name Printed

Hudson Band Fees Form
2026-2027

Student Name: _____

Instrument: _____

Band Class - Circle One
Beginner/Symphonic/Honors/Wind Symphony.

Beginner Band Yearly Fee	$60	
Symphonic Band Yearly Fee	$125	
Honors Band Yearly Fee	$150	
Wind Symphony Yearly Fee	$170	

I will be paying with (Circle one):

CASH	**Check** **Made out to Hudson Band Boosters** Include student name/ID# in the memo field. Check #: _____	**Credit Card** **done online through the Presto system.** <u>Card Type</u> Visa Discover MC AMEX Last 4 Digits on card: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Please check one box to indicate payment schedule.

I will be paying for the yearly fees all at once.		I will make 2 payments - one in the Fall (September 5) and one in the Spring (February 6)		I will make 6 monthly payments – Due September 5, October 3, November 7, February 6, March 6, and April 3	

Video, Image, and Audio Release Form

Dear Parent,

From time to time during the school year, it is necessary for the campus webmasters and district communications staff including the district web team and GRS-TV to use photographs, audio recordings, and/or video recordings of our students to visually explain the many and varied types of programs and events offered by the Garland ISD.

We would like permission to use photographs, audio recordings, and/or video recordings of your student for such purposes as outlined above, and also permission to include your child's name as appropriate in news releases, videos produced by the district, and on campus and district website postings. Neither the Garland ISD nor any of its authorized webmasters, photographers, videographers, staff, or officers receives any monetary rewards resulting from the use of such materials.

Your signature below indicates your permission for photographs, video images, and/or the voice of your student to be used in the manner described above. Please have your child return this form to the webmaster/classroom teacher.

I hereby affirm that I am 18 years of age and the parent/guardian of the student named below. I hereby give my consent for his/her photographs, video images, and/or the voice of my student to be utilized for advertising, illustration, or publication on the campus and/or district websites, and/or that his/her name be included in the published materials as appropriate.

Student Name: _____
Student I.D. #: _____
Parent/Guardian Name (Print):_____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return to:
Teacher/Webmaster Name: Ryan Yett
School Name: Hudson Middle School
Phone Number: (972) 675-3070
Fax Number: (972) 675-3077
Teacher/Webmaster Email: rayett@garlandisd.net

Garland Independent School District
Parent/Guardian Approval and Release Form

GENERAL INFORMATION

Campus: Hudson Middle School Band	Trip Destination: All Performances/Trips for 2026-2027 school year
Date(s): 2026-2027 school year	Approximate times: TBD per trip
Purpose of trip: Band performances, competitions, and festivals	
Method of Transportation: School Bus, Walk, Parent Drop-off	Sponsor: Ryan Yett, Macedonio Mucino, & Justin Slaughter

In consideration of the Garland Independent School District agreeing to take my child on the reference school-sponsored field trip, I/we hereby give approval for his/her participation. I/we understand that in Texas, parents are responsible for the cost of medical treatment for a student injured on school property or while participating on a field trip activity, unless the injuries result from the negligent use or operation of a motor vehicle owned by the district (Texas Tort claims Act, Section 101.051, and Texas Education code, Chapter 22.051). *

Should the world situation make it necessary for the administration of the Garland ISD to cancel student travel, parents and students must understand that the school district assumes no financial responsibility for any monies lost due to this action.

I consent to the release of health-related information to non-district personnel serving as sponsors/chaperones for the purpose of providing information necessary for the care and supervision of my child.

In the event of an emergency while my child is on the school-sponsored trip or while participating in field trip activities, I hereby grant permission to school district employees to take whatever action is deemed necessary. In the event I cannot be reached, I authorize school district employees to give consent for my child to receive medical treatment.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's name:	ID#:	Grade:	Date of birth:
Street address:	City:		Zip code:
Parent/guardian name:	Home phone:		Cell phone:
Parent/guardian name:	Home phone:		Cell phone:
Emergency contact other than parent:		Phone:	
Emergency contact other than parent:		Phone:	
Insurance Company:	Group #:		Policy #:
Health problems:		Allergies:	
Medication/time (prescription only): #1		#2	

Please indicate if your child will be getting a sack lunch from the school cafeteria. Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Printed name of parent/guardian: _____ Signature: _____

* ***All students are encouraged to purchase student accident insurance.***

Reminder Parents: All GISD chaperones going on field trips must apply online and be approved volunteers in the RAPTOR System prior to the trip.

Sponsor will maintain possession of this signed form during the trip and a copy will be provided to the principal (or designee).

Distrito Escolar Independente de Garland
Formulario de Aprobación y Descargo por parte del Padre/Guardián

INFORMACIÓN GENERAL

Campus: Hudson Middle School Band	Destino del viaje: All Performances/Trips for 2026-2027 school year
Fecha(s): 2026-2027 School Year	Hora aproximada: TBD per trip
Propósito del viaje: Band performances, competitions, and festivals	
Método de Transporte: School Bus, Walk, Parent Drop-off	Patrocinador: Ryan Yett, Macedonio Mucino, & Justin Slaughter

En consideración que el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Garland está de acuerdo con llevar a mi hijo(a) en una excursión patrocinada por la escuela de referencia, yo / nosotros por la presente doy autorización para su participación. Yo / nosotros entendemos que en Texas, los padres son responsables por el costo del tratamiento médico para un estudiante herido en la propiedad escolar o mientras participa en una actividad de excursión, al menos que las lesiones sean el resultado del uso negligente o el funcionamiento de un vehículo automotor propiedad del distrito ("Texas Tort Claims Act", Sección 101.051, y el código de Educación de Texas, Capítulo 22.051). *
Si la situación mundial obligara a la administración de GISD cancelar algún viaje estudiantil, los padres y alumnos entenderán que el distrito escolar no asume ninguna responsabilidad económica por fondos perdidos por esta acción.
Doy mi consentimiento a la divulgación de datos médicos a personas no empleadas por el distrito que sirven de patrocinadores/acompañantes, con el fin de proveerles la información necesaria para cuidar y supervisar a mi hijo.
En el caso de una emergencia mientras mi hijo está en el viaje patrocinado por la escuela o mientras participa en actividades de excursiones de la escuela, por la presente autorizo a los empleados del distrito escolar para tomar las medidas que considere necesarias. En el caso de que yo no pueda ser localizado, autorizo a los empleados del distrito escolar para que mi hijo reciba tratamiento médico.

INFORMACIÓN DEL ESTUDIANTE

Nombre del Estudiante:	ID#:	Grado:	Fecha de Nacimiento:
Domicilio:	Ciudad:	Código Postal:	
Nombre del Padre/Guardián:	Teléfono de Casa:	No. de Celular:	
Nombre del Padre/Guardián:	Teléfono de Casa:	No. de Celular:	
Punto de contacto en caso de una urgencia que no sean los padres:	No. Teléfono:		
Punto de contacto en caso de una urgencia que no sean los padres:	No. Teléfono:		
Empresa de Seguro Médico:	Grupo #:	Póliza #:	
Problema de Salud:	Alergias:		
Medicamento/Hora (solamente recetas médicas): #1	#2		

Por favor indique si su hijo(a) traerá su almuerzo en bolsa de la cafetería de la escuela. Si ☐ No ☐ No aplica ☐

Nombre en letra de molde padre/guardián: _____ Firma: _____

* ***Se les anima a todos los estudiantes que compren seguro de accidentes estudiantil.***

Recordatorio a todos los Padres: Todos los acompañantes de GISD que irán en una excursión escolar deben haber presentado una solicitud en línea y ser aprobados como voluntarios bajo el Sistema RAPTOR, antes de realizarse la excursión.