

J.C. Booth Middle School Band 2025-2026 Policies and Procedures



Welcome to the J.C. Booth Middle School Band Program! We are excited to have you as part of the band. The JCBMS band program has a strong tradition of excellence, and we are looking forward to working together to continue this legacy.

Your child's participation in our band program offers numerous benefits. Band students are involved in a creative performing art that fosters personal growth and community. Additionally, being in the band helps students develop essential qualities such as teamwork, responsibility, dedication, self-discipline, social skills, confidence, leadership, and dependability. Being part of our band program provides a sense of pride and accomplishment as students develop musical and personal skills that enrich their lives.

This handbook outlines the guidelines and expectations for a successful year for everyone involved. It also serves as a reference for students and parents. Please take a moment to review this band guide. Once completed, please fill out the Google Form linked at the end of this document.

Thanks so much, and I look forward to a wonderful year!

****Enrolling in band is a full-year course, and students who enroll are expected to commit to the full academic school year.****

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send me a ParentSquare message or email as soon as possible, especially about attendance, logistics, and assignments. Also, if you send a note with your student, include a phone number, email address, and the best time to reach you.

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J.C. Booth Bands

Symphonic Band:

Symphonic Band is an advanced instrumental ensemble of seventh and eighth-grade students. Admittance into this ensemble is based on an audition in the spring semester, specific instrumentation needs, and the recommendation of the director. For students in this group, band **must** be a priority, and weekly practice is expected. The group will hold one or two after-school rehearsals each month starting in September. Although it is not required, students enrolled in the symphonic band are encouraged to take private lessons on their instrument. There are many quality private lesson instructors in the Peachtree City area. This ensemble has previously performed at the SEUS Clinic in Troy, AL, and the Georgia Music Educators Association In-Service Conference. It has also been recently invited to perform at the Southeastern Regional Music for ALL Conference in Atlanta in March 2026.

Concert Band:

Concert Band is an on-level instrumental musical ensemble of seventh and eighth-grade students. This is a connections class that meets during the school day, and represents J.C. Booth at numerous performances throughout the school year.

6th Grade Beginning Band — This ensemble welcomes all 6th-grade students, with or without prior performing experience. Students will audition for and learn a wind or percussion instrument. This ensemble will perform twice throughout the school year.

Band Placement

Yearly placement in each band and occasional changes are based on the following criteria:

- Instrumentation needs and limitations
- Audition
- Eligibility status
- Overall performance and consistent progress
- Attendance
- Attitude and behavior

Participation in the JCBMS Band program requires at least a one-year commitment. A band is a team, and an imbalance of instrumentation due to missing parts compromises the entire group.

Special Note: To be enrolled for the next semester, a student must pass band and have a director's recommendation.

Attendance

Each member's attendance is essential to have and maintain a high-quality band program. While the JCBMS band follows all school and district policies and procedures, the following additional guidelines outline the attendance procedures and policies for the JCBMS band. These attendance guidelines also apply to activities held outside of the school day.

Excused Absence

Absences during the school day will be excused according to district guidelines. Absences from activities held outside the school day will be excused at the director's discretion. As previously mentioned, proactivity is best for all parties. If there is a conflict, please alert me as soon as possible. Absences due to personal illness or the death of a family member are considered excused absences.

Concerts/Performances

Concerts and performances are key parts of the band curriculum. Students need to check their band calendars for dates and times. Each of the concert ensembles will perform at different times throughout the school year, and attendance is mandatory. Sometimes the schedule may change, and any updates will be communicated. Concerts consist of three parts: warm-up, performance, and listening. For students, the concert begins with the warm-up, so being on time is crucial. The concert ends after the last group has performed, and students can only leave when the directors give permission. A general report time will be given to all students. If a performance causes a student to miss another class, the student is responsible for making up all missed work.

Students must successfully perform the music and achieve a grade of 80 or higher on their music pass-offs to be eligible for performances.

Daily Supplies

Each student should plan to bring the following items to rehearsals and/or performances. Other items may be added at the discretion of the director.

- All issued music
- Habits Book
- Pencil
- Instrument (with case name tag)
- All supplies related to their instrument
- Black band binder
- Korg TM-50 metronome/tuner (recommended)
- Other equipment as needed

Refer to the [J.C. Booth Band Materials List](#) for instrument retailer recommendations, band fee information, and supplies specific to your instrument.

Grading Guidelines

Summative assessments (60% of the grade) are performances and performance playing tests.

Formative assessments (40% of the grade) are playing tests, weekly grades, and other homework-related tasks that influence the execution of concerts and performances.

Weekly formative grade: Musical Preparedness and Instrumental Skills.

District-owned instruments

The FCSD provides a limited number of instruments for student use. Due to its cost and size, the school district generally purchases this equipment for student use. Therefore, all district-owned equipment must be handled with care. Students who fail 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.

Students who play large instruments and are dependent upon FCSD buses may be issued one instrument for home use and one for school use. This will be at the director's discretion and based on instrument availability and transportation needs.

FCSD does not provide insurance for individually owned or district-owned equipment. Students are responsible for 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 the instruments they are issued accordingly. The band member is financially responsible for all equipment and/or materials checked out to him or her.

FCSD will assess a fee for routine summer cleaning and maintenance of district-owned instruments.

Special Note – District-owned instruments should not 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 \$2,000 in value.

Private Lessons

In addition to regular practice and class engagement, private lessons are a vital accelerant to student progress and are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED for ALL STUDENTS**. Our instructors are professional musicians in the greater Atlanta Metro area, and many have advanced degrees in instrumental performance. I cannot stress enough how valuable private lessons are to the individual student.

[Private Lesson Instructors](#)

Uniform Guidelines

Attire: Black band polo, black dress pants, black dress socks, black dress shoes. Please ensure your student has possession of the dress items.

Travel Guidelines

The band will frequently travel on either school buses or commercial buses. Students are expected to conduct themselves at the highest level on any trip. Students who have been subject to school-level discipline during the school year may be deemed ineligible to participate in band field trips at the discretion of the director and/or campus administration.

Students must ride to and from performances on the bus. If a student needs to ride home from an off-campus event with a parent, the director must be notified in writing with a parent's signature before the event.

To travel on any trip with the band, students must have all necessary forms (Medical/Travel Release) completed and on file with the band.

Special Note

As a member of the band, you represent your school. Always behave appropriately. If you're unsure about something, don't do it! Your conduct should always reflect well on yourself, your school, the band, and the community.

Parents are absolutely crucial to the success of the band program, including trips. While having your parent on a band trip may not always be "popular," the reality is that these trips don't happen without parents.

Trip Criteria

The band offers educational and performance trips for the seventh and eighth-grade students annually, and oftentimes to sixth-grade students. These trips reward the students for all of their hard work throughout the school year. To participate in these trips, the students must do the following:

- Students must have no missing or outstanding work.
- Turn in their medical release forms and permission slips.
- Must attend Large Group Performance Evaluations (LGPE)
- Must not have received ISS/OSS during the semester in which the trip occurs.
- Have not received more than two office referrals from any teacher or administrator during the school year

Band Parent Volunteers

Our middle school band does not have a booster program, but if you have the desire and time, we do have band parent volunteers who assist the students and directors with various tasks. Some areas of need are fundraising tabulation and collection, **chaperones**, and recruiting.

**J.C. Booth Middle School
Band Handbook Acknowledgement Form**

**[CLICK HERE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE
READ THE HANDBOOK](#)**