

Cornerstone Christian Academy Band

POLICIES

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PREFACE

In a musical organization such as the Cornerstone Christian Academy Band, the result of a student's efforts is not always shown individually, but most often as a group presentation. Because of this, certain standards must be established and demanded from the members. If these are maintained and 100% effort is received from everyone, then each member can receive all the benefits due from their individual efforts. In order for the Band to be respected as an organization, each member must do his/her part to uphold these policies. These rules are not to be enforced for the sole purpose of arriving at a grade, but to improve the Band as an organization and, hopefully, each band member as an individual.

ARTICLE I

Section 1. GENERAL

All school rules and policies apply to band members when those students are with the band. Violations of those policies will be handled as outlined in the Cornerstone Christian Academy Student Handbook.

1. All policies adopted by the Cornerstone Board of Directors should be adhered to.
2. No chewing gum during any practice or performance.
3. Band members are not to have outside visitors during rehearsal.
4. No talking, playing, or unnecessary disturbance between songs at rehearsal.
5. All instruments (and cases) will be stored in their proper place when not in use.
6. Band uniforms may not be used for any purpose other than Band functions.
7. All Band members will be in their seat ready to play at the scheduled time of rehearsal.
8. If for any reason a band member cannot play during rehearsal, he/she is expected to attend the rehearsal and sit in his required seat and listen. If a student forgets their horn, 5 points will be deducted from the student's grade.
9. Any excuse from rehearsals should be turned in to the director at least 24 hours before rehearsal, except in case of an emergency. In that case, the director should be notified as soon as possible.
10. Play only the instrument owned by or issued to you, unless you have special permission.
11. Band members are responsible for the care of any and all music, equipment, uniforms, instruments, etc. issued to them.
12. Cell phones are to be turned off during rehearsal. (Absolutely no texting will be allowed during class)

SECTION 2. PERFORMANCE

Because Band is a performing organization, it is necessary to require attendance at all performances. Failure to participate in a performance will result in a grade of zero (0) for the performance missed. This grade will be averaged in with the student's class grade for the nine-weeks final grade. The only excused absences are a death in the immediate family and/or personal SEVERE illness. (A doctor's note will be required.) Doctor/ Dental appointments are not excused absences. Headaches, tummy aches, homework, and break-ups of sweethearts are not excused absences.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.

A student entering the band program will not be allowed to drop band after the first two weeks of class. After this trial period the student must remain in band for the entire school year. The director may, at his discretion, remove a student from the band program at any time if it is deemed necessary due to the student's behavior, or inability to progress at a reasonable rate.

SECTION 2.

1. Any Band member found stealing or destroying property is subject to dismissal from Band.
2. Disrespect to chaperones or visitors in or with the Band is considered detrimental to the Band and will be dealt with as such.
3. Any Band member doing anything detrimental to the reputation of the Band is subject to dismissal by the Director.
4. Once dismissed from Band for any reason, a student may not be reinstated unless a request is made to the Director and permission is granted by the Director.
5. The Director may elect to suspend, or place on probation, any member instead of dismissing him.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

A band member may only be elected to hold one elected office at any time. Elected terms are for one school term and elections will be held at the beginning of each school year.

PRESIDENT: Elected by majority of Band members voting. Must have a "B" overall grade average during the current school year. Will be in partial charge of Band in the absence of the Director, and will be in charge of entertainment activities. Will represent the Band in the Student Council.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Elected by majority of Band members voting. Must have a "B" overall grade average during the current school year. Assumes the duties of President in the absence of the President.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Elected by majority of Band members voting. Must have a "B" overall grade average during the current school year. Duties include taking care of

correspondence directed to the Band (such as Thank you notes, Get-well cards and flowers, and special announcements, etc.), helping in the collection of money, and helping with the entertainment activities.

CHAPLAIN: Elected by majority of Band members voting. Gives Band spiritual encouragement and leads the band in prayer before performances.

LIBRARIAN: Appointed by the Director, the librarian will aid in the disbursement of music, the filing of music, and the handling of library duties.

HISTORIAN: Appointed by the Director. Keeps the Band Scrapbook up to date. Writes articles concerning Band activities for the newspaper.

ARTICLE IV

SUPPLEMENTATION AND REVISION

Supplementary, or extra rules may be applied as necessary during the course of each year by the Director or officers. These are to be enforced and obeyed as if part of this Band Policy.

Each spring or early summer, the Band officers and Director will meet and, if necessary, revise all or part of these Articles.

AGREEMENT FORM FOR MEMBERS

PLEASE READ THE BAND MANUAL CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY.
RETURN THIS FORM TO THE BAND OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I have read the **BAND MANUAL**, including the rules and regulations set forth and will do my best to comply with them. I will act as a responsible, committed band member and citizen while representing our school and community.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Dear Parents:

Please sign this document so we know you have **read** the band handbook.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____