

Concert Band
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Focus: The band class here at Scott High School is a performance based class. Grades are based on student participation, progress and attitude.

Attendance: Band is a co-curricular activity which means **performances and rehearsals WILL be required outside of the normal school day**. As a member of the Scott High Band program students are expected to attend all after school and in school rehearsals and performances. At least two weeks notice is to be given when a performance or rehearsal is missed. There are times when two weeks notice is not possible. Whether or not the absence will be excused or unexcused will be at the discretion of the director. Examples of excused absences are death in the family, person illness, and medical emergency in the family etc. ***Working will never be an acceptable excuse.*** I will strive to make sure I give at least two weeks notice of an event, and ask that you plan accordingly. Students missing an after school performance or rehearsal must have an absence form filled out and signed by a parent. These must be in two weeks before the event. If two weeks is not possible it must be filled out, signed and returned in immediately upon the students return. Absence forms will available online @ www.Scottskyhawkband.org.

The band website is an excellent way to make sure you and your student are up to date with what is going on in our program. I will update the site regularly so make sure to check it often for any changes or for the latest information about performances.

The bands website is www.scottskyhawkband.org

The following is a list of performances you can already plan on attending this coming year:

All football Games	Any town parades
Saturday Competitions (dates will be given)	Spring Concert (senior Final)
Christmas Concert	Graduation (9-11 Final)
Band Festival	Any Pep Assemblies

There are also other worthwhile events that do not require full band to participate. As a **requirement** all members must pick one event to participate in for a grade. Extra credit will be given for each one after the required one. Examples of these are:

All State Band	All Area Band
Solo and ensemble Festival	Various Honor Bands (WVU, VT)
Jazz Band	

****All students will be required to audition for all county band. An alternative assignment will be mandatory if the student misses the audition.**

The Scott Band Program

Concert Band: The band is the one from which all other bands at Scott are formed. The marching, pep and jazz bands are all extensions of Concert Band. The band Performs approximately two formal concerts per year, at least one adjudication and performs at commencement.

Marching Band: The most active and visible of the bands. Marching band requires summer and after school rehearsals, and weekend performances in the fall. It lasts approximately 10 weeks.

Jazz Band: An auditioned group, it is generally made up of the best players from the program. The band Practices two days a week after school. (Mon/Wed)

Pep Band: At certain times in the year the band will be asked to provide a pep band for various events such as special basketball games. The band is another example of how we can add to school and community.

Jazz Band

Jazz band at Scott High School is completely extracurricular. We will meet twice a week usually on Monday and Wednesday. Jazz band is open to anyone in band by audition. Standard instrumentation will be used (one on a part.)

The Jazz Band could possibly become a very active and requested group around the community and abroad. Only those students who are committed to the band should bother auditioning to become part of the group. Missing rehearsals without cause will not be tolerated and will result in your being replaced. Part of being a musician is being dependable. Other members of the group are relying on you and letting the group down because of your attendance or lack of commitment will not be tolerated! The overall commitment to the group this year will decide how much the band performs, where the band performs, and whether or not there will even be a Jazz band at Scott High School!



Grading

First Nine Weeks:

The first nine weeks' grades are determined primarily by attendance at all rehearsals and performances. Various things will be checked at each performance in which points will be deducted for violations. Other factors involved are the student's attitude and behavior during rehearsals and performances. Students are required to participate in marching band unless they are medically unable to do so (a Doctor's note IS REQUIRED)

Second-Fourth Nine Weeks:

Grades will be determined by daily participation and performances (this may include and extended football season). Students will receive a participation grade every week of 100%. From this deductions will be made in the following manner.

No instrument	-20
Disrupting rehearsals	-20
No pencil, music, generally unprepared	-10
Poor attitude/participation	-20

Christmas/Spring/Festival Concert: These concerts are worth 500 points. The attendance of every band member at every performance is vital to the success of the program, and it is part of your grade! (points deducted if not in specified concert attire)

****Playing test and practice cards will be given periodically at the discretion of the director. Playing tests will result in chair placement, or possibly test grades. Challenges will be made available at different points in the year. You may challenge the player directly in front of you and move up the section in this manner. Chair decisions are made by the director and his decision on placement is final.****

Marching band Point System

<i>Unexcused Rehearsal</i>	50
<i>Unexcused Performance</i>	100
<i>Tardy Rehearsal</i>	5
<i>Tardy Performance</i>	10
<i>Unexcused sectional</i>	5
<i>Wrong Color Sock</i>	10
<i>No hat</i>	20
<i>Uniform not Clean</i>	10
<i>Uniform not pressed</i>	10
<i>Shoes Not polished</i>	10
<i>Hairy not up</i>	20
<i>Jewelry that can be seen</i>	20
<i>No uniform</i>	100
<i>Incomplete uniform</i>	20-50
<i>Improper appearance</i>	50
<i>Profanity</i>	20
<i>Public display of affection</i>	20
<i>Smoking</i>	100
<i>Improper uniform/instrument care</i>	50
<i>Play out of turn (when not to)</i>	20
<i>Gum. Eating drinking@ perform.</i>	20
<i>Touching others instruments</i>	20
<i>Poor participation</i>	20
<i>Music, instrument out of place</i>	20
<i>Failure to check in materials</i>	Incomplete
Failure to bring materials to rehearsal	20
Intentionally damaging school Property or instruments	Dismissal from the band
Drinking or use of drugs	Dismissal from band
Fight, Stealing, Moral Misconduct	Dismissal from band
Not Sitting in section @ Game	20
Not having Proper Equipment	20
Not back 2 min to 4 th	10 (no time off next game)
Food/Drinks in band stand	20 (no time off next game)

Football Game Guidelines

1. Plan on staying the entire game in your uniform. Do not disrobe any portion of the uniform until told to do so by the band director. You must always have your current year's band shirt on. If you do not, you will not take off the jacket if instructed to do so. IF YOU ARE TOLD TO TAKE JACKETS OFF, you fold them and lay them neatly to the right, your hat goes on top of the jacket.
2. Check with the band director or Drum Major before leaving the stands for any reason. We need balanced instrumentation during the entire game so you will only be allowed if it is an emergency.
3. Stay in your assigned seat and keep the rows straight. YOU ARE PERFORMING WHEN IN THE STANDS SO STAY IN PERFORMANCE MODE!
4. No "Friends" outside the band are permitted to sit in the band section NO EXCEPTIONS!
5. Do not play or make non-musical sounds during the game.
6. You are free to go to the concession stand and rest rooms during third quarter. You MUST be back in your seat when the scoreboard reads 2 minutes before the fourth quarter. Failure to do so will result in loss of participation points and you will not get 3rd quarter privileges next game!
7. You must be ready to play at any given moment. Always have your instrument in hand and ready to go. Missing entrances because you are not paying attention will not be acceptable.
8. Do not have people bring food and drink to you in the stands. You will have 3rd quarter to go to the concession stand and take care of getting food. Anything brought to you will be taken and thrown away on the spot.

These rules apply to both home and away football games!

General Policies

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 Scott High School Student Handbook.

Bus Rules

1. There will be at least two adult chaperones per bus.
2. Only our students, school personnel, and county approved chaperones are allowed to ride the bus.
3. Students will go and return on the same bus.
4. Students may return home with their parent only if they have arranged to do so. A note from the parent is required and needs to be initialed by the band director and given by the student to his or her chaperone. You must do this before we leave the school on a trip.
5. Students will stay in their seats while the bus is in motion
6. Loud, boisterous, profane language, or indecent behavior will not be tolerated.
7. There is no food or drinks taken onto school buses.
8. There is no smoking or alcoholic beverages on band trips. This is school board policy and violators will be turned over to the school administration.
9. No windows or doors will be opened or closed without permission of the bus driver.
10. Students will stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop and they are instructed as to what they are to do next.
11. Upon arrival at a destination, students are to stay seated until given permission from the director or a chaperone.
12. At the conclusion of the trip. All students will clean their area of the bus, this means checking the floor under your seats as well.

Scott High School Rules of conduct for School Sponsored Trips

1. There are to be absolutely no alcoholic beverages or drugs of any kind used on trips. Anyone who is caught with alcohol or drugs prior to the beginning of the trip will not be allowed to go and will face disciplinary charges. (If you are on a school suspension you will not go on the trip, no exceptions!)
2. Anyone caught with drugs or alcohol during the time of the trip will be turned over to the proper authorities.

3. Anyone who shows signs of drug or alcohol use will not be allowed to board the bus at the time of the trip.

Any infraction of the above rules will result in the following:

- a. Your parents will be called
- b. You will be turned over to the local authorities
- c. You will not ride the bus back to Madison
- d. Your parents will have to make arrangements for your bail and or your transportation back.

These rules will be strictly enforced by all chaperones!

4. During the trip to and from a destination, you are under the full authority of the chaperones and band director. All school rules for conduct at school and school functions are in force.

5. Since the behavior of one person in a school group can result in the expulsion of the whole group from the trip, every person is responsible to abide by the rules and to report anyone who is not abiding by the rules to the band director immediately.

6. All participating students must have returned the parent approval form supplied by the band director (its at the end of the handbook)....if you do not return a form with a proper signature you will not go on any trips.

7. No student will drive his/her car to or from a destination. All vehicles carrying participants shall have an adult chaperone that is approved by the band director and or principal.

8. Where applicable, no students will enter the room of a student of the opposite sex without permission AND ADULT SUPERVISION.

9. Where applicable, chaperones will periodically check all rooms throughout time of occupancy.

10. All students shall adhere to regulations alone with any other imposed by the chaperones or band director.

11. All students shall conduct themselves in a polite and proper manner. No loud or boisterous actions will be tolerated at anytime during a trip.

12. All participants will leave Scott High and return by the same mode of transportation and the same chaperones.

13. Chaperones will see that students are not excused from their care anytime during a trip.

14. Students will remain with the group for the duration of the trip. At no time will a student wander off alone for any reason.

15. Outside influences are strictly forbidden. Remember that everyone has rights. Those who are going on a trip for the pleasure and learning of the trip do not want it ruined by a few selfish, self centered troublemakers who can not control themselves and are not mature enough to know how to behave. Do not be one of those who cause others to suffer by their selfishness and immaturity!

Band Camp and Summer Rehearsal Schedule

July:

7th full band 6-8

9th full band 6-8

14 full band 6-8

16 full band 6-8

21 full band 6-8

23 full band 6-8

28 full band 6-8

30 full band 6-8

August:

3-7 MANDATORY BAND CAMP 9AM – 9PM ALL MEMBERS MUST ATTEND! WORKING WILL NOT BE EXCUSED THIS WEEK TAKE OFF!

8TH Boone county fair parade time TBA

10-14 Full band 5-9 MANDATORY

17-21 Full band 5-9 MANDATORY

24TH full band 5-9 MANDATORY

25TH no rehearsal get ready to start school

26th first day of school normal rehearsal 3:15-5:30

AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS WILL GO FROM 3:15-5:30 ON MONDAYS AND WENSDAY'S THESE ARE MANDATORY AND PART OF YOUR GRADE!!

Uniforms

Cleaning- The student fee that each member pays for the band at the beginning of the school year goes for the first cleaning of the uniforms. All student uniforms are sent in at the same time by the band boosters. Students are individually responsible for maintaining a clean uniform. Not all band members have been responsible for taking proper care of their uniform. Failure to do so will result in the student no longer being allowed to take the uniform out of the band room after a performance.

Fitting- It is very important to the overall look of the band that each individual band member be fitted properly in his or her uniform. The fitting will take place during the last week of school and the first week in August. Bring your marching shoes if you have them for proper fitting in the pant length. If the student has hair that goes below the collar, it must be put up for proper fitting of the hat.

Uniform Rules:

1. Only black socks and the assigned black shoes will be worn with the uniform.
2. Uniforms will be hung up neatly on the hanger supplied with the uniform. The bibbers should be hung neatly to insure a pressed crease at the next performance.
3. NO ONE WILL ALTER a uniform without the permission of the band director. YOU MAY NOT CUT THE UNIFORM IN ANY WAY WHEN ALTERING.
4. The uniforms will be kept at home unless the student has proven themselves too irresponsible to enjoy that privilege.
5. All shoes will be polished before performances. With the patent leather show you will be able to see yourself in them. It is very important to make sure they are polished and ready to go!
6. The current band shirt will be worn under the band jacket. Also, it is advisable to wear gym shorts under the pants for modesty's sake, as it is often necessary for us to change on the busses when we are traveling. NO DENIM WILL BE WORN UNDER THE UNIFORM, EVER! IT LOOKS SLOPPY
7. Jewelry may not be worn! This includes tongue piercing, ear rings, watches, rings etc. For both girls and guys

8. Hair can not be on or below the collar. This includes guys and girls. Hair must be put up in the hats to promote a uniform appearance. When hats are off hair for both guys and girls should be back in a pony tail.

9. Uniforms are to be returned immediately when requested at the end of the year with the original hanger issued with the uniform. Failure to return the uniform when asked will result in your name being turned in on the final obligations list for the year, and a bill sent home for the amount of the replacement uniform!