

Bear Pride Band Handbook

2007-2008

The purpose of this document is to provide a convenient reference for students, parents, administrators and directors who have questions concerning the band program at Willow Springs. An honest effort has been made to include and explain every facet of the program.

Classroom Rules:

1. Show respect to directors and respect will be given back. Also, show respect to others in the classroom.
2. Be on time. (To the classroom and the field) Instructions will be on the board where we will meet.
3. No food or drinks in the band room.
4. Take care of your business. (Be responsible don't ever assume)
5. Be at performances. Unexcused absence cannot be made up. Excused absence can be made up with extra practice time with Mr. Cochran. Excuses only count if Okayed with Mr. Cochran ahead of time.

Grading Policy:

1. Grades will be given on daily rehearsal participation. 25% (Take part and have instrument and music)
2. Grades will be given on performances 25% (Take part and have Instrument, music, and proper uniform)
3. Grades will be given on participation with band duties. 25% (Help load and unload equipment at each rehearsal and before and after games, Hang uniform properly, Clean up after games and trips)
4. Christmas, Final, and Graduation Concerts. 25% (These are considered finals performances)

Game Rules:

1. Meet time for games is 5:30 pm.
2. The band will march to the game @6:15pm.
3. Uniform is to be worn at all times unless told otherwise by Mr. Cochran.
4. The band t-shirt is a part of the uniform.
5. Once you get to your place in the stands, do not leave.

6. The band will play as a group or not at all. All band members must play their instrument when instructed by Mr. Cochran.
7. No food or drink is allowed in the stands unless otherwise instructed by Mr. Cochran.
8. No jewelry is allowed while in uniform.
9. No cell phones allowed in the stands.

Trip Policies:

1. All students must ride bus to function. You may ride home with parents if Mr. Cochran receives a note from the parent before the bus leaves. Under no circumstances can a student ride home with someone other than their parents.
2. All School handbook policies must be followed.
3. All electronic devices including walkman, I-pods, are permitted but must have headphones. (These devices are the owner's responsibility. They will be left unattended at certain times on the bus.)
4. Cell phones are permitted on band trips but are the responsibility of the owner. (They will be left unattended at certain times on the bus.)

Concession Stand:

1. All students are responsible for working in the concession stand for both volley ball and basket ball games. Meet times for the concession stand is 5:00. All students will be given the opportunity to sign up for games.

Basket ball Pep Band:

1. All students are required to sign up for games. Pep band players between JV and Varsity and at half time of Varsity. The band room is open for those who need to do homework during these times.

Band T-shirts and Shoes:

1. Extra band shirts can be bought at the cost of 10\$ with checks being made payable to Willow Springs Schools. Shirts will be ordered by the 2nd week of school.
2. Band shoes will be ordered by Sept 5th. Checks need to be made payable to Willow Springs Schools for \$22.95. Guard shoes are also \$22.95.

It is our hope that, as responsible students and interested parents, you will read this document very carefully so that you will better understand the entire program. It is impossible to provide a rule to cover every situation that might arise in band. This document is meant to be a reference of general rules and policies. The band staff and school administration retains the right to add, adjust, and enforce any rules or policies that might be necessary to effectively run

the band program, whether contained in this document or not. All students are responsible for knowing and abiding by all rules and policies set forth in this document. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at 469-2808 or 252-0996. You can also find all information on the band website at www.bearprideband.com.