

SPUR BANDS RULES AND POLICIES

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to the 2011-2012 School Year! The Spur Band Program is taking off this year on a journey of growth, vision, and excellence! I congratulate all of you on the success from last year and invite you to take the next step in achieving our goal of becoming a great band program. This year should be a fun and challenging time to grow as students and as musicians. The following are this year's policies set forth for the Band Program by Mrs. Landin and Mr. Rumbaugh.

ELIGIBILITY

These are the following rules for participation in the Band Program:

- 1) All Band Students must play an instrument
- 2) All Band Students must have passing grades for all classes they are enrolled
 - a. This applies only to 6-Weeks report card grades
 - b. Students may regain eligibility at 3 weeks progress reports
- 3) Good behavior and is expected from all Band Students not only in Band Class but in all classes. Students may lose the opportunity to participate in Band if they choose to misbehave in Band or other classes.
- 4) Active Participation – Band is an organization striving to be competitive and improve our skills each day. Participation is required by all Band Students.

SPUR ISD EXPECTATIONS – These are expectations set by Spur ISD Administration for all classes

- 1) Hats must stay in Lockers during class time
- 2) Cell phones and other electronic devices cannot be used during instructional time
- 3) Tardiness to class is unacceptable (3 Tardies = 3 Days of Lunch Detention with Principal Morrow)
- 4) Food and Drink are not allowed in the classroom (Regular water is allowed, no flavored water)
- 5) Cursing will not be tolerated
- 6) Failure to turn in assignments is unacceptable

SPUR BAND EXPECTATIONS – These are expectations set by Mrs. Landin and Mr. Rumbaugh

- 1) Follow the Social Contract that you created and signed
- 2) Follow Directions from Band Directors or Teachers
- 3) Be Respectful, Lack of Respect towards teachers and fellow students will not be tolerated
- 4) Equipment Responsibility – Band equipment is expensive and easily damaged, each student is responsible for his/her equipment
- 5) Always BE ON TIME – Tardies will be counted!
- 6) Strive to be better than you were yesterday

CONSEQUENCES

- 1) Verbal Warning
- 2) 1 Day of Lunch Detention
- 3) 3 Days of Lunch Detention and Parent/Teacher Meeting
- 4) Referral to the Principal's Office
- 5) Removal from Band or reassignment if removal is not applicable

GRADING PROCEDURE

All grades are weighted equally with the exception of Monday Night Rehearsals and any Band Performances

Normal Classroom Grading (All grades have equal weight)

- Participation Grade: Each student will be given one participation grade each week (0-100). Students participate by playing their instruments and following classroom procedure. Because we have bad days, this grade will be given weekly as opposed to daily.
- Assignments: From time to time there are written or played assignments given such as Chair Tests, Worksheets, Writing assignments, and rhythm studies. Late work will be accepted on these assignments at the rate of -10 points for each day late.
- Tests: Tests are given from time to time but are counted as normal assignments when it comes to grading.

Special Grading Procedure:

- Monday Night Rehearsals (**High School Band Only**): Monday night rehearsals are the only after school rehearsals held for the High School Band. 90% of our work is done at this time and attendance to these rehearsals is very important. Students who miss a Monday Night Rehearsal without prior permission will be given a zero for that rehearsal. (Parents, please call or email Mrs. Landin in the event of any "Special Circumstances" that require your student to miss band, so that his/her grade is not affected)
- Performances: Band is a performance based class, concerts and competitions are held throughout the year. Any student who misses a Performance will receive a zero for that performance. Missed performances may also result in removal of the band program. (Parents, please call or email Mrs. Landin in the event of any "Special Circumstances" that require your student to miss band, so that his/her grade is not affected) Special circumstances include, death in the family, absence from school that day, or if the child is ill. Unexcused absences include, going out of town, not wanting to come, etc. Parents, I would really appreciate it if you would schedule all doctor's appointments on other days of the week. We only get one evening a week and your child's attendance is needed at every one.

EQUIPMENT POLICY

Each student will be issued an instrument (unless he/she has her own) and all music that is needed. Loss or damage of any Spur ISD equipment (including music, mouthpieces, stands, etc) will result in a fine being issued to that student. Each student is personally and financially responsible for his/her equipment. Special care must be taken so that these instruments may be used for many years to come. Any damage should be reported to the Band Director immediately so that action may be taken to repair the instrument. Normal wear and tear is expected and accidents do happen! Keep in mind that the faster you let the Band Director know, the more willing she will be to have it repaired for you. Identifying something as "Normal Wear and Tear" is subject to the Band Directors judgment. Any student seen abusing Spur Band Equipment will be fined for damage and possibly removed from the band program. Excessive abuse will merit calling the proper authorities.

UNIFORM AND CLOTHING

(High School Band Only) Marching

New Uniforms: These uniforms are brand new, and therefore should be treated as so. The uniform consists of these items

- Black marching bibs (provided)
- Jacket (provided)
- Black marching shoes (provided)
- Black socks
- Solid white t-shirt (no logos, no tank-tops)

The socks and t-shirt are not provided by the school and you must make sure you have them by our first performance in uniform. There will be times when I ask you to be in full uniform, this consists of all the items above, in which the jacket must be on and fastened correctly. When you are in FULL uniform there will be no eating or drinking anything other than water. Remember, these are brand new and we need to make sure these new uniforms last us a long time.

Travel Uniform: You will also be required to have a "travel uniform." This uniform is designated for our less prestige performances, the Band Director will decide which performances these uniforms will be worn. The travel uniform consists of nice blue jeans (no holes, or rips) and your Spur Bulldog Band Shirt. Most of you should already have blue jeans, and the shirts will be available at a later date. Tennis shoes will be required for this uniform (no flip-flops or sandals.)

All Other Bands: Concert Dress will require appropriate clothing. Dress is very important for musical performances. Though we would preferably want all the students to look the same, we want to make it as easy as possible on all families. Student clothing will need to be professional ("Sunday Best") and must follow the Spur ISD dress code. Clothing for performances **MAY NOT INCLUDE: Jeans, T-Shirts, Shorts, Short Skirts, Tank-Tops, Athletic Shoes, or Flip-Flops.** Guys will need to wear: Slacks, Brown or Black Shoes, Belt, Button Down or Polo Shirt (Tucked In). If there is an issue with clothing, please let me know as soon as possible so that clothing may be obtained.

LETTER JACKET POLICY

Band is a lettered activity at Spur High School. We encourage all to meet the criteria to receive a letter jacket or patch (if you have already earned your jacket.) Spur band Students must meet **ONE** of the following requirements to Letter in Band at Spur High School.

- 1) Complete 3 years of High School Level Band
- 2) Advance to the Area Level of All-Region Jazz or Concert Band
- 3) Advance to the State Level of UIL Solo and Ensemble

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PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND EXPECTATIONS EXPLAINED IN THIS HANDBOOK. As a participant in the Spur Band Program, I understand that nothing less than my personal best is expected in participation, conduct, and musical performance. I understand and accept all responsibility and obligations that my membership entails.

Student's Signature

Date

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND INFORMATION FORUND IN THIS HANDBOOK. I AGREE WITH, AND WILL SUPPORT MY CHILD'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM. I ACCEPT ALL RESPONSIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS THAT MY CHILD'S MEMBERSHIP ENTAILS.

Parent / Guardian's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number

Email Address

**PARENT/STUDENT UIL MARCHING BAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

No student may be required to attend practice for marching band for more than eight hours of rehearsal outside the academic school day per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This provision applies to students in all components of the marching band. On performance days (football games, competitions and other public performances) bands may hold up to one additional hour of warm-up and practice beyond the scheduled warm-up time at the performance site. Multiple performances on the same day do not allow for additional practice and/or warm-up time.

Examples Of Activities Subject To The UIL Marching Band Eight Hour Rule.

- Marching Band Rehearsal (Both Full Band And Components)
- Any Marching Band Group Instructional Activity
- Breaks
- Announcements
- Debriefing And Viewing Marching Band Videos
- Playing Off Marching Band Music
- Marching Band Sectionals (Both Director And Student Led)
- Clinics For The Marching Band Or Any Of Its Components

The Following Activities Are Not Included In The Eight Hour Time Allotment:

- Travel Time To And From Rehearsals And/Or Performances
- Rehearsal Set-Up Time
- Pep Rallies, Parades And Other Public Performances
- Instruction And Practice For Music Activities Other Than Marching Band And Its Components

NOTE: An extensive Q&A for the Eight Hour Rule for Marching Band can be found on the Music Page of the UIL Web Site at: www.uil.utexas.edu

“We have read and understand the Eight-Hour Rule for Marching Band as stated above and agree to abide by these regulations.”

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

This form is to be kept on file by the local school district.

SPUR BANDS TRAVEL PERMISSION FORM

Return No later than August 25, 2011

Student's Name: _____ Grade _____

Students E-mail address: _____

Mobile # _____

Parents/Guardian Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Insurance: _____ Policy#: _____

Doctor: _____ Phone #: _____

I hereby certify that my son/daughter, _____ has permission to participate in field trips with the SPUR SCHOOL BANDS during the 2011-2012 school year.

I agree and do hereby waive and release all claims against the Spur Independent School District and any teacher, employee or other person engaged in the activity in question and agree to hold them harmless from any and all liability relating to my son/daughter for any personal injury or illness that may be suffered or any loss of property that may occur.

I understand that reasonable measures will be taken to safeguard the health and safety of my son/daughter and that I will be notified in the case of an emergency. In the case of an accident or sickness, I authorize the calling of a doctor or the providing of other medical services. **Please provide medication to nurse.** The medication must be in the original container with the student's name, correct dosage, and when and why it is to be given. A new request for administration of medication will be required for each field trip. Parents or Guardians are responsible for notifying the school of any changes.

It is understood that no participation will be allowed until this form is signed by his/her parent/guardian.

Is there any medical aspect or known allergies we need to know about your child ____ Yes ____ No

Explain:

Do you give your permission for the directors to obtain emergency treatment if needed? ____ Yes ____ No

Do you give your permission for your child to swim when participating in a band activity? ____ Yes ____ No

I give my permission for my child to travel with the Spur School Bands. I have "READ" and "UNDERSTAND" the "Spur BAND HANDBOOK and "PERMISSION FORM" and agree to abide by the provisions therein.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents' Signature: _____ Date: _____

