

IBHS Music Program Handbook

(Marching Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Woodwind Choir, Brass Choir, Indoor Guard, Percussion Ensemble, Solo+Ensemble and FSW Ensemble Performers, etc.)

It is expected that all members of the IBHS Music Program are aware and understand the rules and expectations placed upon them before they can be permitted to participate in Music related events at Ida S. Baker HS.

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Program Overview

The #1 goal of the IBHS Music Program is to create an environment where students can feel safe to express themselves through the performing arts. Mr. Grubb requires that all Music Program students uphold a standard of excellence as well as character. All IBHS Music Program students will treat themselves and others with Dignity, Respect, Empathy and Basic Human Decency.

The IBHS Band Program is a commitment. Students must be responsible for fulfilling the expectation of the program. This document will serve as a rules and expectations guide for students to follow when participating in any Music Program events. If a student does not meet these expectations consistently, they may be removed from any or all ensembles and activities.

Pillars “Bones” of the Bulldog Music Program

“Bulldogs are always...”

Balanced - Students should strive to maintain a balance of Life, Music and Academics. This includes maintaining passing grades and consistency with attendance and behavior.

Uniform - Students should follow the school dress code and look uniform when following performance attire expectations. You represent IBHS and Mr. Grubb, always!

Lenient - Students should try their best to be patient with others while pushing them to improve, especially when they are struggling or they are overwhelmed. Everyone has different strengths and weaknesses. Respect each other.

Learning - Students should strive to always seek new information. Try to learn something new every chance you get. You can learn something from everyone.

Dedicated - Students should strive to improve the program and help all of its members. The program will reach goals unheard of if everyone gives their all.

Organized - Students should strive to keep track of their equipment and materials once they have been given out. Students must be prepared for instruction, events, and performances.

Groovin’ - Students should be listening to new music constantly!! One of the best ways to become a monster musician is to listen to monster musicians.

Savvy - Students should strive to take initiative and problem solve when they encounter difficulties. Asking for help is sometimes the easiest way to solve a problem.

The IBHS Music Program holds its students to a high standard because we know they are capable of great things.

Eligibility (Good Standing)

- Each member must maintain an unweighted 2.0 grade point average.
- Each member must maintain proper character, behavior, and dress code at all school/county related events.
- Each member must remain in good standing to remain eligible for membership of the band program.
- Each member must have the Band Handbook/Medical Forms, Material Needs, and Fees/Payment Plans turned in or sorted out by the first football game of the season to remain in good standing with the program.

Medical Requirements

- All pertinent health issues and injuries are to be brought to the attention of Mr. Grubb and Program staff immediately.
- All medical or parent excused absences from school must be documented and given to Mr. Grubb at the next practice, following the absence.

Attendance Expectations

Full calendar available at ibhsmusic.com

- Marching Band Parents must attend the Band Parent Showcase (July 31st, 6:30pm)
- To participate in any music program sponsored activity, the student must have attended at least half of the school day on the day of the activity.
- If a member misses ANY practice, it will be up to the staff's discretion as to whether the student will perform for that week's performance. The band member will still be required to attend the performance. All members must attend each activity in its entirety.
- All appointments should be scheduled so they do not interfere with band activities. These are well documented in our google calendar and on our website.
- Members will be allotted ONE excused absence from practice without penalty.
- An unexcused absence from school will result in an unexcused absence from the music related event that day.
- All prearranged absences, tardiness, or need to leave early, must be given to Mr. Grubb, 48 hours in advance.
- All absences/tardiness must be documented in written form (from your parent, doctor, teacher, club sponsor, etc.) and given to Mr. Grubb
- Attendance at Band Camp is mandatory for marching band members unless unable.

Marching Band Season

- All members are expected to attend and perform at all football games and competitions. Band members will not be featured on the band composite or earn a letter/pin if they do not complete the entire Marching season. *Exception-participation in another IBHS sport.*
- Quitting the Band at any point during or in between seasons (whether it be your choice, or a decision made by the Staff) will make you ineligible to participate the following year.
- When a schedule is released, members will be notified ASAP by Email and Google Classroom. Attendance is mandatory for every rehearsal, performance or competition to remain in the marching band.
- If you are too ill to attend a game, then a doctor's note is required so you receive no penalty. Otherwise, you are expected to attend and sit out if necessary. Demerits will be issued for absences other than a death in the family or illness with a doctor's note.
- If the school has provided a bus for transportation, we will ride to the game as a band and we will return to IBHS as a band. Any special exceptions need to be cleared by Mr. Grubb 48 hours in advance.

Band Standards

- Student Athletes are students first. Athletes must maintain a C or above in all coursework. If grades fall below a C, athletes may not be able to participate in band related activities.
- Negativity: Any negative comments reported verbally or in writing will result in demerits equal to behavior unbecoming of a band member as it impacts the safety and trust of the Band.
- Bullying and gossiping will not be tolerated and are listed as punishable behavior with the amount of demerits being based on the severity of the event.
- All social media/social networking (*for example, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Vine, Snapchat, etc.*) must be appropriate and not question the integrity of the band member or band program. If caught/seen demerits will be issued based on severity of offense. The expectation will be the immediate removal of the offensive material.
- As a member of the program you represent IBHS, Always!. Everything you do reflects on the program as a whole. Be a confident, humble and positive person whenever possible.

Uniform Expectations

- When wearing full uniform, all hair that would fall outside of a shako, must be put into a bun or the closest similar option.
- Nails are permitted but they MUST be kept at a short, athletic length. If the length or a student's nails affects how they play, it will need to be corrected before the band or ensemble meets again.
- Tattoos that can be seen must be covered while in uniform.
- Jewelry - no necklaces, rings, watches or bracelets while in uniform. Small stud earrings and nose rings may be worn. If the staff ask you to remove it, the jewelry must come off. By signing this handbook agreement, you understand that wearing any/all jewelry, may result in injury (piercings ripping out, scratches, etc).

Rehearsal Days

- Each member is to be ready and in the appropriate rehearsal attire before call time. (*Athletic shorts, Shirt, Socks, Shoes*) (*No Crocs, Flip-Flops, Pants/J Jeans, etc.*)

Performance Days

- Each member is to come to school in uniform: Music program polo, Black pants, long black socks, spirit accessories. The only jacket members can wear to a performance is the official marching band jacket.
- Each member will be required to have all parts of the uniform, cleaned and in good condition, for every performance. (*Band Boosters pay to clean the Marching band field uniforms*)

Equipment/Fees

- Each Member of the program that is not in the Marching Band must pay a yearly fee of \$35 that covers Program Polo and Music Performance Assessment Fees.
- Each member of the marching band is expected to pay the yearly marching band related fees. Marching band fairshare fee \$200, Fanfare Marching Shoes, \$40.
- Solo + Ensemble Fees are assigned based on the amount of ensembles a student participates in at the event. Ask Mr. Grubb
- Indoor Guard is paid for by a fundraiser members complete with our Guard Instructor
- Each member must have the following items at every rehearsal, with no exceptions:
 - Appropriate Clothing/Attire/Uniform
 - A Refillable Water Bottle
 - Black Music Program Three Ring Binder (Music+Drill)
 - All Music/Drill provided by Mr. Grubb or a Music Librarian
 - Instrument Accessories (*Reeds, Oils, Neckstrap, Drum Sticks, Flags, etc.*)
 - A Positive Attitude (*You have the power to make it a good day*)

Fundraising

- All marching band members are expected to participate in fundraising initiatives that are set up by the band booster program. We would not be able to continue operating without raising funds. The more you do, the more we do!
- Participating in fundraising does not lower the expected fairshare/equipment fees for a student. The only way to work off or lower fairshare fees is to arrange volunteer days with Mr. Grubb.

Community Service *(Only for students with Payment Plans)*

- Students must arrange a day each week to stay after school and volunteer for the band program. This could include scanning music, organizing equipment/storage/uniforms. It depends on the day and the needs of the program.
- For each hour they volunteer, they will earn \$10 off of their fairshare fees.
- This cannot occur during any band related activities and must be supervised by Mr. Grubb or another staff member.
- A student can only volunteer to lower their Fairshare Fee (\$200)
- A student can not volunteer to pay off Fundraising fees, Polo fees or Equipment Fees. These items are purchased for each student and are mandatory for participation in the program.

Character

- Band members should be leaders within the school and set a good example both on and off campus.
- Band members should maintain consistent hygiene, a good personal appearance and healthy eating/sleeping habits.
- This is an athletic activity, on the field and off. We work hard and being a musician takes a lot to do correctly. You must maintain your body, for your safety and the respect of others.
- Smoking, drinking, and/or drug use are grounds for suspension or dismissal. Any fault with the police is grounds for suspension or dismissal.
- Any misconduct posted/displayed in a public arena or displayed for the public to see is grounds for suspension or dismissal. (*This includes social media*)
- Sexual misconduct is grounds for suspension or dismissal.
- Each member must abide by those standards set by Lee County, which can be found in the Ida S. Baker student handbook.
- A member must be courteous and friendly to other bands, teams and visitors.
- A member must be courteous and friendly to all other band members as well as the student body and Ida S. Baker HS staff.

Demerits

The IBHS music program will be governed by a demerit system that is outlined below. This system applies to all members that would perform on behalf of Ida S. Baker HS.

One demerit is given for:

- Tardiness to any band activity (*excused or unexcused*)
- Leaving early from a band function
- Any excused absence after the allotted one.
- Improper uniform at a performance, activity, or practice (includes jewelry, proper hair accessories, etc.)
- Forgotten materials or accessories.
- Wearing unapproved jewelry at band functions, games, or practices
- Cell phone use at band functions, games, or practices
- Not clearing tardiness/absences with the coach 48 hours in advance (*written notice*)
- Not completing required documents and payment arrangements.
- Uncooperative behavior at band activities, rehearsals, games, or competitions.
- Failure to wear game day attire or uniform to school on game days.
- Failure to turn in fundraising money or forms on time.

Two demerits are given for:

- Loss of equipment/uniform
- Not completing tasks delegated by Staff, Drum Majors, Captains or Section leaders
- Late Pick-Up from any band related activity, exceeding 30 minutes after dismissal
- Unfavorable reports from administration, teachers or counselors.

Three demerits are given for:

- Disrespect towards any person.
- Unexcused absence
- Undocumented excused absence (*these are considered unexcused*)
- Use of inappropriate language or PDA in uniform, at Rehearsal, or anytime while representing IBHS or the Music Program.
- Behavior unbecoming of a Band Member (*in or out of school*)
- Gossiping or displaying any type of bullying

Multiple Demerits -

Marching Band Specifically-

2 (two) total demerits =

Marching Band -The student loses the ability to leave the stands during their 3rd quarter break at the football game. A staff member will get them concessions if they planned to spend money during that time.

3 (three) total demerits = The student will be removed from the next performance and will lose their 3rd quarter break, but still must attend the full event.

5 (five) total demerits = removed from performing at the next 2 games+No 3rd quarter breaks but still must attend that performance. This will also result in a parent/student/teacher conference.

All Ensembles-

8 (eight) total demerits = Dismissal from the ensemble. **No Exceptions.**

- This list of demerits is not all-inclusive. As these guidelines cannot cover all situations, Mr. Grubb and staff reserve the right to handle special cases. For an infraction which repeatedly occurs, a more stringent solution may be in order. The staff will determine what that solution will be. Please note that most examples of out of school suspension will result in removal from the band. Demerits are given by the Staff and can be given at the suggestion of the band leadership.

Finally, these guidelines and consequences have been implemented to strengthen each band member's sense of responsibility to themselves and the entire band program. They have been designed to build a higher caliber band program with a respectable and impressive reputation.

Academic Credit

- Students who complete 2 full years of marching band participation will be able to fill out a "HOPE Course Waiver" rather than completing the HOPE course needed for graduation.
- In a lot of cases, this could give the student 1 more elective to choose from on their schedule.
- You must speak with Mr. Grubb and your IBHS Counselor to complete this.

Bus Rules

When riding on a bus, you must follow any rules that the bus driver asks of you. If they say no music, food, etc, you must follow those rules. In addition, we expect the following from Ida S. Baker Students.

When traveling students will sign up for a bus on the board in the Band Room.

All students must select a bus **before** we leave.

- Get on the bus you signed up for. Staff/Chaperones must know where you are at all times. *To better choose a bus; Bus 1: "Quiet bus" Bus 2: More energetic "loud bus"*
- No screaming
- No throwing things
- Do not leave trash on a bus. Even if we are coming back to the bus. Throw it away. Bus drivers have other routes and trips to take. Leave their bus cleaner than we found it.
- When given instructions, make sure you are listening.
- Don't talk if staff or leadership are speaking.
- Act responsibly, you are still required to adhere to the Ida S. Baker student code of conduct and music program rules.
- You may have a speaker on bus 2 ONLY, on the way to events and if the bus driver allows it. Don't blast music or you will be asked to turn it off.
- Respect others. If someone asks you to leave them alone, respect that.
- When traveling after dark, couples are not allowed to sit together on the bus.
Students that violate this will receive a referral when we return to the school.
- No yelling or loudly talking after dark, If you are asked to speak quieter, listen.
- No flash from phones or any other source that might distract the driver or cause other band members issues. It's disrespectful to pester people and it is a safety hazard.
- If you are told to go to the bus, go there immediately. At events we must move with urgency to ensure that we stay within the schedule given to us.

When we are leaving an event, students should reach out to their ride and tell them when we will return. This ensures that they will not be waiting at the school for more than 30 minutes after we dismiss from an event. This will result in demerits being given to the student.

Band Room Rules

The Band Room is a privilege, do not be the reason the program loses access to the band room before events.

1. ***Stranger Danger!***
 - No entry for Non-Band students (*Goodbye 🖐️*)
 - No entry during lunch (*Unless Practicing/Volunteering*)
2. ***Maintain the Band Room!***
 - No eating in the band room (*No Roaches Allowed*)
 - No trash in the band room (*Ya Nasty!*)
3. ***Respect Others Always!***
 - No touching things that are not yours (*Rude!)(Theif!*)
 - No drama in the band room (*Boring...Yawn...Petty...*)
4. ***Don't Be Gross!***
 - No PDA; *Cuddling, Kissing, etc. (Eww, Cooties!)*
 - No lights off in side rooms (*Side room rules posted on each room*)

Students may stay after school on event days, but they must stay in the band room if they stay on campus. Any student that needs to eat before an event may use the Bistro area to do so.

Be smart. Keep drugs, alcohol, and vapes out of any band or school related event. We will find out and it will not go well. The consequences you will receive from the school administration are not worth it. This will result in an immediate removal from the Music Program and all performing ensembles.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mr. Grubb

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Full IBHS Music Calendar —> [Google Calendar](#)

IBHS Music Website —> ibhsmusic.com

For volunteer opportunities or questions pertaining to the Bulldog Music Boosters, please contact us through email; bulldogmusicboosters@gmail.com

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