

CADDO MILLS HIGH SCHOOL



MIGHTY FOX BAND

“We, the members of the Mighty Fox Band, will take Pride in our Performance by maintaining the highest level of Musicianship, Personal Responsibility, and Integrity.”

Caddo Mills High School Band
Student Handbook of Policies and Procedures
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Foreword

The purpose of this handbook is to provide valuable information to new and returning band students and parents about the band program. The Mighty Fox Band sets the highest standards of musicianship, personal responsibility, and integrity. This handbook applies in conjunction with the Caddo Mills ISD and Caddo Mills High School Student Code of Conduct and Handbooks.

Marching Band

A. Membership

Membership is open to all students of Caddo Mills ISD who have completed one year of Beginning Band and two years of Middle School Concert Band. Students who are transferring into Caddo Mills ISD from another school district must meet the same requirements. Students who are in Marching Band receive one semester of PE credit unless a student has either fulfilled their PE requirements or is in Athletics, Cheer, or Drill Team. Students who have fulfilled their PE credit will receive one semester of a Fine Arts Credit instead. Participation in CMHS Marching Band is required of all CMHS Concert Band students. Part assignment and field placement are decided by auditions which are held twice per year - once in the Spring, and once in the Fall. Part assignment

and field placement are not permanent, and must be retained by hard work and continued improvement. Students may challenge for parts during Summer Band only.

B. Incoming Freshman or 1st Time Marcher Camp

This Camp will be held annually before the release of the current school year in May or the two days prior to the first full day of Summer Band. This camp is for all incoming Freshman or 1st time members of the Mighty Fox Band. These students will learn marching fundamentals and rehearsal techniques.

C. Percussion Camp

Percussion Camp will be held one week prior to the first full week of Summer Band. This camp is for the percussion students to receive specialized instruction in drumline and front ensemble technique. It is mandatory for all percussion students who are in drum-line and front ensemble to attend this camp.

D. Summer Band Camp

Summer Band camp will be held at CMHS beginning around the first week of August. It is mandatory for each band member to attend these rehearsals. During summer band we will review marching fundamentals and work the show music, drill, and memorization. There is no fee for band camp; however, students must provide their own meals should there be a need to. Students who are employed should make necessary arrangements with their employers to attend all rehearsals at band camp.

E. Rehearsals

In addition to regular class time during the school year, the marching band will rehearse in the afternoons from 3:30pm-5:15pm during the fall marching season. Additional rehearsals may be scheduled for the week of contests or other events. Section rehearsals may be called by students, but must be approved by a band director.

G. Performances

The CMHS Marching Band will perform at all varsity football games, playoff games, pep rallies, Meet the Foxes, senior citizens dinner, and the Christmas parade. Playoff games can sometimes fall on Saturdays and Holidays, but the band is still required to perform. The band directors and coaches will make sure students know as soon as possible if we are going to be in playoffs so that you can plan accordingly. Additionally, the marching band will compete at 4 contests every year. Contests are typically scheduled on Saturdays with the exception of UIL marching contest which is on a weekday. All performance dates will be posted on the CMHS Webpage and at cmhsmightyfoxband.com. Attendance for all performances is considered mandatory for the over-all continued success of the CMHS Marching Band.

H. Marching Double

A Marching Double is referred to as any two band students (veteran, transfer, or incoming freshman) learning one drill coordinate dot or spot during a football and marching contest season. This is due to one or more of the following issues: marching ability, playing ability, marching and playing ability at the same time, behavior, and attendance. Marching Doubles will be determined by the Director of Bands and Asst. Director, and announced prior to the first rehearsal when drill is going to be taught. Each Marching Double will be given the same opportunities and reps to learn the one drill coordinate dot or spot. Each Marching Double will be given alternating Home and Away games to perform at half-time as long as they are academically eligible. If a Marching Double is not marching during at a football game, they will be allowed to play their instrument on the front sideline or given an equipment assignment for that performance. During the week of a marching contest, the most confident and consistent Marching Double will be allowed to perform for that individual marching contest. If a Marching Double is not marching for a specific contest, they will be given an equipment assignment for that performance. All marching doubles will be allowed to perform at community events including stand still performances, pep rallies, and parades.

I. Alternate

A band student is placed as an Alternate due to one or more of the following issues: previous or continued academic eligibility, behavior, or attendance issues; AEP or ISS placement; or placed on a Behavior or Academic Contract. An Alternate will automatically be considered a Marching Double.

J. Uniforms

One CMHS Marching Band uniform will be provided for every band member unless unique circumstances arise. The uniform is to be worn for all Marching Band performances. A one time annual maintenance fee will be required for cleaning and repairing uniforms during the year. Maintenance fees are due on a date set by the Director of Bands. Band show shirts are to be worn on all performance days. Band show shirts and shorts are to be worn underneath the marching uniform. These band show shirts and shorts may be purchased from the band office. The marching uniform consists of the following:

School Provides

Jacket	\$245.01
Uniform pant/Bibbers	\$88.60
Shako	\$48.24
Plume	\$21.32
Garment bag	\$10.00
Citation Cords (officers)	\$11.95

K. Marching Band Fees

Band fees are for all items not covered by the band budget. Prices are subject to change each year. The fees can be paid in full or a payment plan can be set-up. If a band or color guard member quits prior to the beginning of a school year the individual will be required to pay for any and all Color guard fees once supplies and uniforms have been ordered, and a deadline will be set to have these paid for. If the deadline is not met the student maybe subject to not being allowed to participate in any extra-curricular activities, check out school or library books, or the use of school technology.

Estimated Horn-Line, Percussion and Front Ensemble Fees

This year, we will need to collect the following fees from each student.

• Band Show T-Shirt (to be worn on Performance Days)	\$ 15.00
• Black Shorts (to be worn under uniforms on Performance Days)	\$ 15.00
• Black Band Shoes (Freshman and vets if needed)	\$ 40.00
• Black Band Gloves (Freshman and vets if needed)	\$ 3.00
• Draw String Bag (Freshman and vets if needed)	\$ 10.00
• Band Uniform Dry Cleaning	\$ 30.00
• Meals for 5 away games-(optional)	\$ 40.00
• Water for 10 games and 4 Contests (\$.50 a bottle)	\$ 7.00
• <u>Contest Meals (4 at \$12)</u>	\$ 48.00
TOTAL	\$208.00

Estimated Colorguard Fees

• Guard Uniform	\$ 110.00
• Guard Warm-up's	\$ 63.00
• Band Show T-Shirt (to be worn on Performance Days)	\$ 15.00
• Black Shorts (Freshman and vets if needed)	\$ 15.00
• Guard Shoes (Freshman and vets if needed)	\$ 40.00
• Guard Gloves (Freshman and vets if needed)	\$ 10.00
• Draw String Bag (Freshman and vets if needed)	\$ 10.00
• Meals 5 away games-(optional)	\$ 40.00
• Water for 10 games and 4 Contests	\$ 7.00
• <u>Contest Meals (4 at \$12)</u>	\$ 48.00
TOTAL	\$ 358.00

Instrument Usage Fees

• School Instrument Usage (percussion, low brass, low reeds)	\$ 50.00
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Once the school provided uniform components are issued to you for all performances, they are your responsibility. If any part of the uniform is damaged or lost, the student will be responsible for repair or replacement. It is possible alterations will need to be made on individual uniform jacket or bibbers. Uniform fittings will be done on the appropriate day during summer band, and a qualified person will make the alterations. Should a student miss their day for uniform, it is up to the student to reschedule. Band

members are responsible for providing and caring for their own band shoes and black socks. Band shoes, gloves, show shirts, and shorts can be purchased through the band office.

A formal inspection will be conducted by the section leaders and captains prior to every performance. Band members are expected to wear uniforms properly at all times. Uniforms will be worn to and from all games.

Band members will be expected to observe the following points to present a neat personal appearance.

1. Shoes should be clean.
2. Gloves should be clean at all times. Finger holes cut for woodwinds should not be ragged or frayed.
3. Hair should be properly groomed. Girls should avoid wearing heavy make-up (for your own comfort's sake!)
4. Trouser bottoms should be worn slightly above the ankle (in band shoes.)
5. Never wear an incomplete uniform in public.
6. Sunglasses, jewelry and other accessories may not be worn.

It is possible due to extreme weather conditions during the month of August and September; an appropriate alternate uniform can be worn with permission from CMISD and CMHS Administration. This alternate uniform will consist of the current marching band show shirt, school appropriate khaki shorts, and athletic shoes.

Remember: While you are in uniform, you represent yourself, your family, your band, your band directors, your school, and your community!

Concert Band

A. Membership

Membership for the CMHS Concert Band is the same requirements for CMHS Marching Band. Participation in CMHS Concert Band is required of all CMHS Marching Band students. Students will audition on the current years ATSSB All-Region Music and Scales for chair placement prior to Thanksgiving break.

B. Rehearsals

The CMHS Concert Band rehearses Monday through Friday during regular class time. The Director of Bands reserves the right to call any additional sectionals or full band rehearsals. Students will be given 7 calendar days notice for all sectionals and additional full band rehearsals. Attendance for all sectionals and full band rehearsals are considered mandatory for the over-all continued success of the CMHS Concert Band.

C. Sectionals

In the spring concert season, all band students will be required to attend one sectional per week. Sectionals will be held before school from 7am-7:45am and after school from 3:30pm-4:15pm.

D. Performances

The CMHS Concert Band has numerous performances every year including the Veterans Day Assembly, Winter Concert, UIL Concert & Sight-reading Contest, Spring Concert, a Concert Band Festival and Graduation. The UIL Concert & Sight Reading performance will be only those students who have auditioned and won a contest spot. This is considered to be the Varsity band. Students who do not win a contest spot will play a separate program for all other Spring performances. This is considered to be the Non-Varsity band. All performances will be posted on the CMHS Webpage. Attendance for all performances is considered mandatory for the over-all continued success of the CMHS Concert Band.

E. All-Region Band Auditions

All CMHS Mighty Fox Band Students will have an opportunity to audition for the Region 3 ATSSB All-Region Band. This is an opportunity for individual's to improve their musicianship plus have a chance to perform a concert with some of the best high school musicians in our region. Participation for the audition is optional, but is encouraged for the over-all continued success of the CMHS Concert Band.

F. UIL Solo and Ensemble

All CMHS Mighty Fox Band Students will have an opportunity to perform at the Region 3 UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest. This is an opportunity for individual's to improve their musicianship by performing a solo for an individual judge. Participation for the contest is optional, but is encouraged for the over-all continued success of the CMHS Concert Band.

Music Placement and Assignments

A. Marching Band

The Director of Bands reserves the right to assign instrumental parts (with the exception of drum-line) for all wind and front ensemble players. The following criteria should be taken into consideration:

- Chair placement of previous concert season
- Grades
- Musicianship
- Discipline
- Leadership

B. Marching Band Music/Choreography Memorization

Each band member will be responsible for the memorization of the following items:

- School Song

- Fight Song
- Patterson Chorale
- Contest show music
- Contest show choreography

C. Concert Band

Concert Band auditions for the UIL Concert season will be held the week of or the week prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The current ATSSB All-Region Band Audition music and scales will be used as audition music. The Director of Bands reserves the right to choose how many measures for each etude and which scale(s), if any, is to be used for the initial concert band auditions. The Concert band is comprised of a Varsity and Non-Varsity group. The results of the auditions will determine ensemble placement.

Color-guard and Winter-guard

A. Auditions

No High School student will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap. Each student must attend the mandatory audition clinic and return an audition packet signed by the parent or legal guardian, before the first practice. The time and dates will be announced and a calendar of practices will be distributed. All students must try out every year. Students must be academically eligible for the duration of the auditions clinic and the auditions.

B. Color Guard Members

The Director of Bands reserves the right to determine how many members will be selected, including the Captain. Each year, after supplying the required paperwork and attending the mandatory clinic, Color Guard members will be chosen by a committee of judges from outside the community. The judges will be chosen by the Director of Bands and approved by the Principal. A student that participates in the clinic does not automatically make the Color Guard. All Color Guard students are required to enroll in 1st Period Band Class. Members who play a Concert Band instrument will be required to participate with the Concert Band once Marching Season has ended. Members who do not play a Concert Band instrument are encouraged to learn a Concert Band instrument to be able to participate with the Concert Band once Marching Season has ended. Any member who quits or is dismissed from the Color Guard before completing the year, will not be eligible to participate the following school year and will forfeit the balance of any dues or fees already collected.

C. Performance Expectations

The Color Guard will perform at all football games (including playoff games), pep rallies, marching band contests, winter-guard contests, floor shows, parades, and participate in all fund-raisers and activities planned for the full year. The sponsor and Director of Bands will determine which routines will be performed for each Color Guard performance.

There will be weekly evaluations for performance eligibility. All eligible members will perform each week in the pep-rally and on the field if they have actively participated in the scheduled practices, including the mandatory last practice prior to a performance. Members with unexcused absences from practice during any given week will not be allowed to perform that week, but will be given bleacher assignment. Final decisions will be made by the sponsor.

D. CMHS Color Guard Camp

Any student selected by the audition process to participate in Color Guard will participate in the CMHS Color Guard Camp. Any absences from camp must be approved by the sponsor prior to the absence. Unexcused absences from camp may result in dismissal from the Color Guard with the unspent portion of Color Guard fees refunded. The camp will be held either on or off campus as determined by the sponsor and approved by the principal. The sponsor will determine a payment plan that is approved by the principal. All fees will be paid by the designated date or participation in the Color Guard will be forfeited. All Color Guard students are required to attend CMHS Summer Band Camp.

E. Uniforms

The Director of Bands and sponsor will determine which uniforms will be worn for each performance. Members will not wear uniforms at any non-Color Guard function. The sponsor will determine the hair style to be worn for particular performances. Uniform make-up is expected to be worn for all performances. Members will also be mindful of their personal appearance, attitude, language and general demeanor while wearing the uniform. If a student acts disrespectfully to any member of the community she may be removed from the Color Guard.

F. Equipment

Each Color Guard member will be responsible for the care of all equipment (flags, poles, rifles, sabers, props) and shall return equipment in good condition. Members might, on occasion, be responsible for buying and/or making costumes or props used in routines. If the purchase of additional costumes or props is in order, each member will be notified at least two weeks in advance. Members will pay for any lost or damaged items.

Leadership

All officers are selected through either an audition process or selected by the Band Director's after a full application has been filed with the Director of Bands. When applying for an office, you must be academically eligible and have at least a "B" average for the entire year in all of your classes during the time of the application process. Applications will not be accepted from an applicant who was academically ineligible during a Six or Nine Week Grade Check, is currently on a behavior or academic contract, or has served ISS or AEP at any time during the school year. The director reserves the right to remove any student from office who acts in an insubordinate or disrespectful manner towards a director, parent, school faculty, or another student. This includes but is

not limited to: academic ineligibility for a contest, continued Absences or Tardies; and receiving excessive Detentions, Night School, ISS or AEP.

Head Drum Major – This person should have 1 years of Marching Band experience and is selected through an audition process for the band director and several judges. The Head Drum Major must display strong leadership and motivational qualities and must have knowledge of musicianship, teaching drill, conducting and marching fundamentals. He/She is in charge of the band; with supervision, at all marching functions and will work under the supervision of the Band Directors. He/She will conduct during all rehearsals and performances of the CMHS Marching Band. He/She will also assist at any CMMS Band Football events.

Assistant Drum Major - This person should have 1 years of Marching Band experience and is selected through an audition process for the band director and several judges. The Asst. Drum Major must display strong leadership and motivational qualities and must have knowledge of musicianship, teaching drill, conducting and marching fundamentals. It is possible he/she shall double as a Section Leader for their instrument. He/She will assist at all marching functions and will work under the supervision of the Head Drum Major and Band Directors. He/She will assist with conducting during all Pep Rallies, Football Games, and Parades. He/She will also assist at any CMMS Band Football events.

Woodwind/Brass/Percussion/Guard Captain - This person should have 1 years of Marching Band experience and is selected through an audition process for the band director and several judges. The Captain must display strong leadership and motivational qualities and must have knowledge of musicianship, teaching drill, and marching fundamentals/choreography. It is possible he/she shall double as a Section Leader for their instrument. He/She is in charge of their prospective sections at all marching functions and will work under the supervision of the Drum Major's and Band Director's. He/She will also assist at any CMMS Band Football events.

Section Leaders – This person should have 1 year of Marching Band experience and is selected through an audition process for the band director and several judges. These students assist in teaching and rehearsing all marching band shows. They must have a thorough knowledge of marching fundamentals, drill teaching techniques and rehearsal methods. Section Leaders must display a high level of musicianship and have the ability to lead their sections while maintaining a positive rapport. They work under the supervision of the Brass or Woodwind Captain, Drum Major, and Band Director's; and should check daily to see that they are prepared for each rehearsal. In addition, they are responsible for running music section rehearsals when needed, checking off music, and inspecting uniforms before performances. He/She will also assist at any CMMS Band Football events.

Secretary – This person should have 1 year of Marching Band experience and is selected through an application and interview with the Band Director's. The secretary assists the band director with office work, and is responsible for taking roll at all rehearsals and performances. This person also performs regular secretarial duties as assigned by the director as well as in charge of the Marching Band uniforms. He/She is allowed to pick up to 2 additional students with Director's approval to assist with uniforms. He/She will also assist at any CMMS Band Football events.

Quartermaster – This person should have 1 year of Marching Band experience and is selected through an application and interview with the Band Director's. This individual is responsible for the issuance and care of all equipment and maintains the cleanliness and appearance of the band hall. He/She reports directly to the director and assists the work crew. The Quartermaster is responsible for making sure that all equipment is available for all band activities. Daily activities include supervising the set up of chairs, stands and the director's podium for concert band rehearsals. He/She also supervises the set up of the drum major podium and yard line markers for marching band rehearsals. Additional duties include supervising the loading/unloading of instrument, equipment and uniforms for football games and band trips. The weekly detail crew will be assigned to the Quartermaster for assistant of the above mentioned. He/She will also assist at any CMMS Band Football events.

Librarian – This person should have 1 year of Marching Band experience and is selected through an application and interview with the Band Director's. The Librarian supervises and manages all library operations including distribution, collection, and cataloging of all band music. Duties include keeping the library clean, passing out sheet music, sight reading music, and filing music taken from folders. This person also passes out music at performances, packs music into cases for trips and notifies the director in needs when music is lost or stolen. He/She will also assist at any CMMS Band Football events.

Historian – This person should have 1 year of Marching Band experience and is selected through an application and interview with the Band Director's. This student will be responsible for recording the achievements of the band for the community and for future band students. Responsibilities will include taking pictures of the band at rehearsals and performances, writing publicity articles for local newspapers, and the Band Notes, assembly of the annual slide show. He/She will also assist at any CMMS Band Football events.

Summer Leadership Camp

All Mighty Fox Band leadership will be required to attend the Summer Leadership Camp which is a free event held at Caddo Mills High School in July and taught by professional leadership trainers and music conductors.

Jazz Band

A. Membership

The CMHS Jazz Band and an additional ensemble for band students to provide an additional performance experience. Participation in CMHS Concert Band and CMHS Marching Band is required of all CMHS Jazz Band Students unless you can only play the Piano, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, and have never participated in beginning band or concert band. Admittance to participate in the Jazz Band will also be based on the following: musicianship, dedication, behavior, and academics. All students who wish to participate in the Jazz Band could be subject to a musical audition determined by the Director of Bands.

B. Rehearsals

The CMHS Jazz Band rehearses Monday through Friday during regular class time. The Director of Bands reserves the right to call any additional sectionals or full band rehearsals. Students will be given 7 calendar days notice for all sectionals and additional full band rehearsals. Attendance for all sectionals and full band rehearsals are considered mandatory for the over-all continued success of the CMHS Jazz Band.

C. Performances

The CMHS Jazz Band performances at numerous every year including, but is not limited to the Winter Concert, the Foxette Spring Show, Fox Fest, Spring Concert, and any additional community event deemed necessary by the Director of Bands. All performances will be posted on the CMHS Webpage. Attendance for all performances is considered mandatory for the over-all continued success of the CMHS Jazz Band.

D. All-Region Jazz Band Auditions

All CMHS Jazz Band Students will have an opportunity to audition for the Region 3 ATSSB All-Region Jazz Band. This is an opportunity for individual's to improve their musicianship plus have a chance to perform a concert with some of the best high school musicians in our region. Participation for the audition is optional, but is encouraged for the over-all continued success of the CMHS Jazz Band.

Grading Policy

All students will earn a grade of "A" provided that they follow the grading policies of the band and will be weighted in the following manner:

- **Participation** **25%**
Based on daily participation in the ensemble
- **Sectionals** **25%**
Based on attendance and participation at any rehearsal outside of school hours
- **Performances** **50%**
Any and all performances

Academic Eligibility

All band students must maintain academic eligibility as defined in the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*. Students who are declared ineligible will not be allowed to participate with the band at pep rallies, football, volleyball, basketball games, and Music Festivals, UIL contests, or Region Band auditions until they become re-eligible. Ineligible students will still be required to attend all rehearsals unless otherwise determined by the Director of Bands.

Grades are released every three weeks. In the event any student is failing a class, the students will be given a grade check form on the Monday of each week to be filled out with their most up to date average from each class. These forms are to be filled out in their entirety, signed by their parent or guardian, and turned in by the following Monday. The student will receive a detention for each day late. This process will continue until the student is passing all of their classes at the next grade check.

Furthermore, any student who is unable to participate at contest due to grades will be subject to be put on alternate status the next contest season. If you are an officer, you will lose your position, and not be able to hold any leadership position the next school year. The Director of Bands may choose another student of their choice to fill the open officer position at their discretion.

Attendance Policies

All CMHS Band members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. Only in cases of extreme emergency, illness or another school function will any student be considered excused. Students should arrive 15-20 minutes before all scheduled functions before attendance is actually taken in order to be on time. Students who are continuously tardy, miss rehearsals, and miss performances will be dealt with severely. At the request of the Director of Bands, please **DO NOT** schedule any personal appointments or trips during any rehearsal or performance. Excused and unexcused absences will follow the same guidelines as CMHS Handbook. It is essential for all band students to be in attendance at all functions for the over-all continued success of the CMHS Band Program.

A. Excused Absence from Rehearsal

In case of illness, students are asked to communicate with a Drum Major, Captain, Section Leader, or Band Director no later than 6:30 a.m. If an individual has two or more absences during a performance week the individual could be subject to being placed on alternate status or may not be able to perform for that week.

B. Unexcused Absence from Rehearsal

1 Unexcused Absence – Maybe put on alternate status

2 Unexcused Absences – Will not perform, but will attend performance

C. Tardy to Rehearsal

Attendance will be taken prior to the beginning of all rehearsals. If you are going to be tardy to any type of rehearsal or sectional, please call you section leader, captain, or the band office. Two tardies equals one unexcused absence. The director determines what is considered to be an excused or unexcused tardy. Any tardy will result in one demerit.

D. Absence from Performance

Only in cases of extreme emergency, illness or another school function will any student be considered excused. Excused absences must be approved by the Director of Bands. Any absence needs to be brought to the director's attention 2 weeks prior to any performance. Excused absences will have an alternate assignment to be done. The alternate assignment will be determined by the Director of Bands. An unexcused absence from a performance will result with a grade of "0" in the grade book, and will not have an opportunity for an alternate assignment. Any student who has an unexcused absence from a marching performance will be moved to permanent alternate status.

E. Athletic Conflicts

Students involved in team sports will be expected to attend all performances of the marching and concert bands. Members of the varsity football team will be excused from marching performances at football games. Every effort will be made to schedule concerts so they do not conflict with athletic events. In the event that a performance is scheduled on the same day as an athletic event, the Director and Coaches will make every effort to allow the student to attend both activities. If the sponsors cannot resolve the conflict, the Principal will be consulted to make a decision regarding the student's participation. Students will be excused from rehearsals or performances when they conflict with an athletic event as long as prior permission is granted by the band director.

F. Academic and Club Conflicts

Many students in the Caddo Mills Band Program are involved in many clubs throughout CMHS. The Director of Bands will work with other Club Sponsors to make sure there are not any conflicts with any performances. Each student is given a semester calendar of events at the beginning of each semester in an effort to make sure other activities are not scheduled at the same time as band activities. Should there be an issue, the club sponsors will work together to make sure the student has the opportunity to participate at both events. If the sponsors cannot resolve the conflict, the Principal will be consulted to make a decision regarding the student's participation. Students will be excused from rehearsals or performances when they conflict with an athletic event as long as prior permission is granted by the band director.

Letterman Jackets

In order to be eligible for a CMHS Band Letterman Jacket, each student must adhere to all of the following....

Instrumentalist (primary instrument is woodwind, brass, and percussion)

1. Participate in the CMHS Marching Band and CMHS Concert Band for 2 years
2. Be Academically Eligible for UIL Marching and UIL Concert Contests for 2 years.
3. Audition for the Region 3 ATSSB All-Region Concert/Jazz Band or
4. Play a Solo at a UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest or
5. Be selected as a Drum Major or Captain through an audition process

Colorguard (those who participate in Colorguard, but are not an instrumentalist)

1. Participate in the CMHS Marching Band and CMHS Concert Band for 2 years
2. Be Academically Eligible for UIL Marching, UIL Concert, and Winter-guard Contests for 2 years.
3. Perform a solo at Winter-guard Contest or
4. Be selected as Guard Captain through an audition process

Should a student transfer into CMHS, the Director of Bands reserves the right to accept any time served or accomplishments from the school/program the student has transferred from.

CMHS Band Transportation Seating Guidelines

A. Bus, Sub, and Band Truck

Truck – 2 Students of the same sex as the driver will be assigned to the band truck
 Suburban – 7 Students of the same sex as the driver will be assigned to the Suburban
 Bus – The remaining students will be divided up evenly on the bus. Only Students of the same sex will be allowed to sit in the same seat. Male students will sit in the back half while female students will be sitting in the front half of the bus.

B. Two Buses or Suburban's

If two buses/suburban are being used, the male students will be assigned to one bus while the female students will be assigned to the second bus/suburban.

C. In the case of an odd number of buses

Odd Bus – The remaining students will be divided up evenly on the bus. Only Students of the same sex will be allowed to sit in the same seat. Male students will sit in the back half while female students will be sitting in the front half of the bus.

D. Parent Chaperones/Volunteers

In the event there is not a Director or Staff Member on the bus, and if room allows for it, a Parent Chaperone/Volunteer will be asked to ride on the bus/suburban for additional supervision.

Band Trip Reminders

1. The complete uniform should be worn properly at all times when in public.
2. Before every band trip, the student must submit a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian.
3. Horseplay and screaming are prohibited on the bus.
4. All students will sign a bus list before departure. Students may not change busses without permission. The roll will be checked on each bus before departure.
5. All students must travel to and from performances on busses, not in personal vehicles. Students will only be allowed to return from trips with their parents in cases of extreme emergency. In these cases, a permission form must be signed and submitted before the trip.
6. Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes or drugs are strictly prohibited.
7. When wearing uniforms, no drinking or eating will be permitted except when designated by the director.
8. Students are responsible for their own equipment and instruments. Equipment should be placed near the equipment truck or busses. The Quarter Master and Detail Crew will load the equipment truck or busses.
9. Students will receive an itinerary of activities for all major trips. Students are responsible for knowing all departure times and should be ready on time.
10. Chaperones are to be obeyed and respected.
11. Any illness or injury should be reported to the director immediately, no matter how unimportant it may seem.
12. Upon arrival at a destination, students should remain seated until instructed to leave by the director.
13. Students are expected to keep the bus clean and should avoid standing while the bus is in motion. Students should keep heads and arms inside the bus.
14. Conduct of students in public eating places should be subdued and courteous.
15. Students may not change buses without permission from the Director of Bands.
16. If there is any free time given at any location for any trip, all members need to be in groups of four or more.
17. In the event there are chaperone assignments made, each member of the group will need to remain with the chaperone during any free time given.
18. At no time is any individual allowed to separate themselves from the group.

Rehearsal and Performance Procedures

1. Every band member is responsible for their own equipment and materials for every rehearsal or performance.
2. Proper rehearsal and performance etiquette will be followed
3. No food, candy, gum or drink is allowed in the BH or on the marching field at any time unless specified by the Band Director.
4. The board should be read when entering the band hall. Music should be placed in the proper order according to the instructions on the board.

5. Students are not allowed to write on the board or add anything to the bulletin boards. Posted information should never be removed from the boards.
6. Music folders, instruments and equipment should be kept in their proper storage places when not in use.
7. Books and personal belongings should not be left in the band hall unless they are in your locker. All trash should be thrown in the trash can. Students may not bring anything to their rehearsal area other than what they need for rehearsal.
8. Loud talking, shouting or horseplay is not allowed at anytime.
9. Cell Phones are not permitted during any rehearsal or performance unless students are on an official break. Cell phones will be taken up if they are seen during any rehearsals or performances. They may be kept secure either in their instrument cases, hat box, draw string bag, or assigned lockers during a rehearsal or performance.
10. Every student will receive a schedule of performances the band will be attending throughout the year. Information about these events will be posted on the bulletin board and on the band website. It is the student's responsibility to check the bulletin boards, whiteboard daily, and website regularly.
11. Always report (rain or shine) to the designated meeting place. The Band Officers will call if plans are changed. Do not call the director unless there is an emergency. If in doubt, phone a band officer.
12. Uniforms will be stored in the band hall at all times. Students will be asked to dress at school for all public performances. Students are responsible for bringing white gloves, black shoes and black socks. Shoes should be clean. Uniforms will be placed on your chair by the uniform committee. After the performance, place your uniform on the back your chair with the hanger provided.
13. Uniform inspections will be held at every performance by the Drum Major, Band Officers or Section Leaders.

Instrument Information

The band department will provide instruments to those students who do not have their own instruments to play on. There will be a \$50 annual maintenance fee for the use of a school instrument. These instruments are limited to large woodwind and brass instruments and percussion instruments. Piccolos will be provided to flute players for marching season as they become available. An Instrument Care Agreement should be filled out and signed by the student and his/her parents at the beginning of the school year. Each band member is responsible for the proper care, conditions and repairs of this instrument for the length of the agreement. Any damages or serious malfunctions must be reported to the director at once. Damages due to the negligence of the student will be charged to that student. If the instrument is lost or stolen while away from the band hall, the student must reimburse the band for the cost of the instrument.

A privately owned instrument is the responsibility of the student who owns it. Students should check with their parents to see that the instrument is included on their homeowner's insurance policy. Before purchasing an instrument, students should consult

the band director. Students using privately owned instruments will have to register their serial numbers with the band office.

All instruments should be kept in excellent playing condition and should be cleaned and polished before every performance. Inspections will be held periodically before games and concerts.

Private Instruction

Private lessons are a tremendous aid in the development of a student's musical knowledge and will improve the overall quality of the band. Any student interested in studying privately should see the band director for recommendations.

Music Festivals, Contests and Special Performances

Announcements are made throughout the year as to which events the band will attend. Contest dates and times will be posted in the band hall and announced to all classes. A schedule of events will be given to each student. The following is a list of traditional annual activities:

August	Meet the Foxes (CM Stadium) Senior Citizens Dinner (CMMS)
September	All-Region Jazz Auditions
October	Festival Marching Contest (TBA) Festival Marching Contest (TBA) Festival Marching Contest (TBA) UIL Marching Contest (Mesquite Memorial Stadium) UIL Area/State Marching Contest (every other year, only if we qualify)
November	Veterans Day Program (TBA)
December	Caddo Mills Christmas Parade (Caddo Mills) All-Region Band Auditions (TBA) Winter Concert (CMHS)
January	All Region Clinic (Canton HS)
February	UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest (North Garland, HS)
March	UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest (Canton HS)
April	Ford Day Dinner Concert
May	Spring Concert (CMHS) Spring Contest (TBA) Awards Banquet (CMHS) Graduation (TBA)

The band department pays all fees for entering Full Marching/Concert Band Festivals and Contests. All-Region Jazz Band, All-Region Concert Band Auditions, Solo and Ensemble Contests, and Individual Contest are optional; therefore, those fees will need to be paid for by the individual which can be paid for through the Individual Student's Activity account.