

**BLACKSBURG
HIGH SCHOOL**



WILDCAT BAND

BAND HANDBOOK 2023 – 2024



Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to the 2023-2024 **Blacksburg High School Wildcat Band Programs!**

The ultimate goal of the band program is to provide our students with a lifelong understanding and appreciation for quality music and the art of creating that music. Along with an appreciation for music, I hope your student will grow in discipline, maturity and desire to be successful at any task. These life lessons are crucial to your student's development and success, and I am proud to use music as a tool to see our students grow into productive adults.

This handbook provides our members and parents with a concise understanding of the policies and procedures of the **Blacksburg High School Wildcat Band**. As members and parents of the Wildcat Band, we must conform to high standards of discipline and establish operational procedures to ensure efficiency and excellence in performance. Also, in this handbook are several forms that parents and students will need to sign. The first page is the Parent/Student information page. This page will help me build the band database and email list. The second form is medical information for your student for any type of emergency while the student is with the Wildcat Band. The last page is the band contract page for parents and students to sign stating that you are familiar with the information contained in this Handbook.

As always, last year was another successful year for the **Wildcat Band** and we hope to build on the foundation that has been cultivated through the years.

I hope you will find this handbook helpful. Please read the information, sign and return all of the forms in the back of the handbook and return it to the band office along with the band fees. There are many plans ahead. I hope you are ready for a very busy yet rewarding year with the Blacksburg High School Wildcat Band. I am honored to be the band director of my Alma Mater for the past 26 years and look forward to another FANTASTIC year!

Sincerely4

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DID YOU KNOW?

- *High school music students score higher on SATs in both verbal and math subtests than their peers.*
- *Music lessons boost a student's capacity for verbal memory.*
- *Students who were exposed to music-based courses scored 100 points higher on fractions tests than those who learned in the conventional manner.*
- *Music majors are the most likely group of college grads to be admitted to medical school.*
- *Data from the National Educational Study showed that music participants received more academic honors and awards than non-music students.*
- *Research shows that instrumental students are better equipped to comprehend mathematical and scientific concepts.*
- *College-age students who studied music are emotionally healthier than their non-musician counterparts and less likely to have substance abuse problems.*
- *A ten-year study, tracking more than 25,000 students, shows that music courses improve overall test scores.*
- *"The nation's top business executives agree that arts education programs can help repair weaknesses in American education and better prepare workers for the 21st century."*

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

Aristotle

**MUSIC MAKES THE
DIFFERENCE!!!**

Mission Statement and Objectives

The Mission Statement of the Blacksburg High School Wildcat Band:

It is the goal of the Blacksburg High School Wildcat Band program and its directors to offer each and every student a safe and educational environment in which to learn music and dance, experience being an integral part of a group, and develop the work ethic necessary to set high standards and achieve high goals.

The Objectives of the Blacksburg High School Wildcat Band are designed to:

- Develop a lifelong appreciation for the value of music in each student's life
- To educate the student how history and music composition relate to the student's current life and musical experiences
- To develop performance skills of the various wind instruments, percussion instruments, and dance
- Allow each student to gain a feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction through personal effort
- Allow the student to experience a spirit of cooperation through group participation
- Provide each student an outlet for creative expression
- Foster leadership, self-discipline, self-motivation, and self-confidence in every student
- Provide for the musical needs of the school and community
- To develop the ability to function as a responsible member of a group, enhance interactions and develop Esprit de Corps
- To foster leadership skills within each student

Class and Ensemble Descriptions

Marching Band

Membership in the marching band requires commitment and the ability to play difficult literature. All students enrolled in the band program are required to have “marching band class” unless excused by the director. This group performs at all football games, up to six marching band competitions a year, and parades. There is a fee for all participants and all members are expected to fully participate in all football games, competitions, concerts and parades. (Please refer to the REQUIRED PERFORMANCES SECTION)

Concert Band

Concert Band is for all students. It is the primary performing organization in the instrumental music department during the winter and spring. The concert band meets during school and will perform a winter and spring concert along with performing at Concert Performance Assessment and at the district wide Art Expo in March. Some after school rehearsals may be required.

Honor Band - Marching and Concert

Offered to students in the 11th and 12th grade who are enrolled in class and the director’s recommendation. Students must meet all performance requirements as well as audition for region band and participate in Solo & Ensemble, concert performance assessment concert, and attend a musical performance outside of the BHS/BMS band program and write a review.

Jazz Ensemble

The Jazz Ensemble is a yearlong after school program for any students in grades 7-12. The ensemble will perform at contests, concerts, at other schools, and community events

Color Guard

Marching Band Students in grades 8-12 who are interested in dance, choreography, and movement may choose to audition for our marching band color guard. There is a fee for all participants and all members are expected to fully participate in all football games, competitions, and parades. (Please refer to the REQUIRED PERFORMANCES SECTION).

Winter Guard

Students in 8th -12th grade who are interested in dance, choreography and movement may choose to audition for the Winter Guard program. This indoor performance ensemble meets after school from November to April and competes during February, March, and April. This ensemble is strictly by audition only and extra fees may apply.

HONORS CREDIT

In the past years, honors credit has not been offered to artistically gifted band students. In order for a student to receive honors credit for band, the student must not only complete the minimum requirements, but also accomplish ALL of the following:

- **A Junior or Senior with at least two credits for Band**

- **Participate in Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, or Jazz Ensembles**

We will provide instruction, music, and performance venues for these ensembles. These ensembles will meet mainly after school.

- **Audition for Senior All-State or Jazz All-State (Region Band)**

Students will be expected to audition for either Region Band or the All-State Jazz Ensemble. Students will pass off all of the audition material prior to the audition dates.

- **Participation in Region Band or All-State Bands**

Students who are accepted into the Region or All-State Band are expected to participate.

- **Solo and Ensemble**

Students will be expected to prepare a solo for the Solo & Ensemble Festival and perform in an ensemble event.

- **Research Paper**

In the event that a student is not accepted into the Region Band, All-State Band, or Jazz All-State, the student will research and write an assigned paper. The student will be required to use the accepted research paper format of our English Department. The director will provide selected topics for research.

HONORS CREDIT ENROLLMENT FORM

Please fill out this form and return it by May 22, 2023.

I _____, would like to enroll in the Honors Band. I understand that by enrolling in this program, I will receive one Honor's Credit for band and also understand that if I do not complete the Honor Band Requirements, I will not be eligible to receive this credit.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Lettering – Block B

Students of the **Wildcat Band** are eligible to earn a varsity Block B letter (and service bars after earning a Block B) each year for their service and contribution to the Wildcat Band. However, certain criteria are required to ensure that the value of the Block B and service bars remains high.

The criteria for lettering and service bars are as follows:

- **Students must be at least a freshman enrolled at BHS (to earn their first B).**
- **Band students must be enrolled in the band class. Guard students must be enrolled in the guard class.**
- **Students must maintain an A average in all Band or Guard class through the entire school year.**
- **Students must not have any unexcused absences from any rehearsals or performances. This includes the summer rehearsals.**
- **Students must have no disciplinary issues.**
- **Students must have no past due outstanding band fees (after a reasonable amount of time has passed for collection of fees).**
- **Students must “Pass Off” all marching band music or guard routines.**

ATTENDANCE POLICY

All students registered for any ensemble of the **Blacksburg High School Wildcat Band** must be present for all performances. While public performances are not the main goal for many instrumental studies, they are, however, an important aspect for the proper development of musicianship. It is also important that each student realize that they are part of a musical ensemble, and every part and instrument is important for a performance. **Therefore, no excuses, short of extreme illness, or family emergency, will be granted for any required performance absence or rehearsal absence.** Absences must be reported to Mr. Dixon before the performance or rehearsal absence by email or by phone conversation with Mr. Dixon. Student grades will reflect absences, tardiness, and early dismissals from rehearsals and performances.

REQUIRED PERFORMANCES & REHEARSALS

- All students enrolled in the *marching band & guard* must attend all summer rehearsals (June 19, 26 - July 10) *If you are going to be on vacation during these dates, Mr. Dixon will count the absences as excused if: **parents contact Mr. Dixon at least one week before the rehearsal date. Please send a note or email along with a phone call.***
- All students enrolled in the *marching band & guard* must attend all band camp dates (July 17 - August 3, 2023)
- All students enrolled in the *marching band & guard* must attend all home and away football games listed on the band calendar.
- All students enrolled in the *marching band & guard* must attend all marching band contests listed on the band calendar.
- All students enrolled in the *winter ensembles* must attend all indoor contests listed on the winter calendar.
- All students enrolled in the *marching band & guard* must attend all marching band rehearsals (August 9 – October 27 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday).
- All students enrolled in the *winter ensembles* must attend all winter ensemble rehearsals (November 6 2023 – March 29, 2024 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday).
- All band and guard students enrolled or not enrolled in *any band or guard class* must attend the Veteran's Day Parade (A Saturday in November).
- All band and guard students enrolled or not enrolled students enrolled in *Marching Band, Concert Band, and Guard* must attend the Gaffney Christmas Parade (Dec. 1, 2023), and the Blacksburg Christmas Parade (Dec. 9, 2023).
- All students enrolled *any band class* must attend the Christmas Concert (Nov. or Dec. 2023).
- All students enrolled or not enrolled in *Marching Band or Concert Band* must attend the Concert Performance Assessment (March 2024).

REQUIRED PERFORMANCES & REHEARSALS CONTINUED

- All students enrolled in *any band or Winter Guard* must attend the district wide Art Expo (March 2024).
- All students enrolled or not enrolled in *any band class* must attend the spring concert (April or May 2024).

THE DIRECTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CALL EXTRA REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES NOT LISTED ON THE BAND CALENDARS. A ONE WEEK NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN PRIOR THE EXTRA REHEARSALS OR PERFORMANCES.

For all absences, the following procedures must be followed by all students and parents:

- MR. DIXON MUST BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCED by a parent or guardian.
- Submit an excuse and acceptable documentation to the director in the event of an absence. Excuses for sickness (doctor's note) or death in the family should be submitted within **three days** of the return to school to Mr. Dixon (please ask the school office to make a copy of the doctor's note if the student needs to turn in the excuse for school to give to Mr. Dixon)
- All documentation and communication is the sole responsibility of the parents and students.
- Although cleared by the school office, absences from a band activity must be cleared with the director as well – call the band room or email Mr. Dixon.

NON-REQUIRED PERFORMANCES

- Region Band Auditions - January - (Audition and Honor Credit Students)
- Winthrop Honor Band Clinic - November - (Audition)
- All-State Band Auditions - January - (Audition)
- Limestone Honor Band Clinic - January - (Audition)
- Regional Band Clinic - February - (Pre-Audition Required)
- All-State Band Clinic - March - (Pre-Audition Required)
- Solo & Ensemble - April - (Audition only and Honor Credit Students)

GRADING POLICY

Attendance (minor)

- **Performance Absences** – will result in a 0 for the performance grade
- **Performance Tardies** – an accumulation of three performance tardies will equal a performance absence
- **After School Rehearsal Absences** – will result in a 0 for the rehearsal grade
- **After School Rehearsal Tardies** - an accumulation of three rehearsal tardies will equal a rehearsal absence

Alternative Assignments

In the event of an UNEXCUSED absence students may complete a predetermined alternative assignment (Alternative Assignment form available in the band room) or make up the time (form available in the band room) to *receive partial credit* for a missed assignment/rehearsal/performance. The alternative should be equal to the time spent on the original event. The alternative assignment must be requested and performed within a week of the missed performance or rehearsal.

THE DIRECTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CALL EXTRA PRACTICES AND PERFORMANCES NOT LISTED ON THE BAND CALENDARS.

Daily Grade (minor)

The daily grade is based solely on the student's ability to take their instrument (including all supplies for that instrument – reed, oil, drum sticks, mallets, stick bag) and notebook home at the end of each school day and have their notebook and instrument with them when class or rehearsal is in session. For each offense of not having these materials or failure to take them home for daily practice at home will result in a 0 grade for that day.

Pop Quizzes and Prepared Examinations (major)

During the course of every rehearsal, students will be asked to individually play or perform his or her part for the director. Occasionally, these will be recorded as **pop quizzes**. Exercises such as these are used to monitor student practice habits, assess memorization of music, recognize student accomplishments, and promote consistent practice. **Prepared examinations** will be given in the form of playing tests, written exams, and/or recitals of an excerpt in band class. Each of these tests will be given with prior notice; the specifics of each test will vary and will be explained at the time the test is assigned.

EXPECTATIONS AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

All students are responsible for following all rules and expectations stated in the Blacksburg High School Student Handbook and the Cherokee County Schools Student Code of Conduct. Failure to adhere to the following expectations (rules) of class and rehearsals can affect the student's daily comprehension and improvement as well as their overall grade. Below is the Wildcat Band's classroom and rehearsal expectations:

- Be on time to all classes, rehearsals, and performances. EARLY IS ON TIME – ON TIME IS LATE.
- Students should not talk or play while the directors or staff is talking.
- Students should have all materials needed (Instrument/notebook/pencil/instrument supplies/computer)
- Students should put all materials in their proper place at the end of a rehearsal.
- Students should respect school owned and other students' instruments. (If it's not yours, PLEASE do not touch it.)
- No horseplay will be allowed in the band room or on the field.
- Students are EXPECTED to do their best at all times!

Before any disciplinary steps are taken, the band director will make every effort to attempt to solve situations before any writing assignments or office referrals. Continuous disruptions to the learning environment will be handled in the following steps:

1st offense - Warning

2nd offense – Writing Assignment-Signed by Parent(s)

3rd offense - Sent to office – Call from director

If all non-punitive consequences, parent contacts, and office referrals fail to produce the required environment for all students to learn, then the student may have the consequence of removal from the band program.

BAND FEES

To maintain the high standards of music education within the Wildcat Band program, a tremendous amount of financial support is necessary. The following is a brief explanation of the expenses, budget, and financial resources necessary for the operation of the Blacksburg Wildcat Band.

It costs approximately **\$65,000 per year** for the Wildcat Band program to function. ***If the cost is divided per student, each student would have to pay a band fee of \$1,000.00 per student.*** Your participation is crucial in the fundraising efforts that support the organization. The Wildcat Band does have limited funding from the District; however, given the decrease in educational funding from the State to the school districts of South Carolina, it does not begin to cover the amount needed to maintain the level of quality we have in the Wildcat Band program.

The Blacksburg High School Band Boosters provide fundraisers throughout the season which help support the operating costs of the band. (I.e. fuel for the truck, gator, and mule; insurance for the truck, trailers, gator, and mule; payment for the truck, etc.) It is a goal of the Band Booster Board to raise funds through corporate sponsorships and general fundraisers, which help offset the per-student cost.

Participant Fees and Payment Schedule

The individual financial responsibility for the 2023-2024 Blacksburg High School Wildcat Marching Band is **\$100.00** per participant. This fee is not optional. It is the individual student's share in paying for the operation costs not covered by the school district budget. Deposits towards your student's fees may be made through fundraisers or direct payments by checks or money order. Please do not send cash! If the band fees are not paid by the **December 20, 2023** due date, a late fee of \$25.00 will be added to the band fees.

***Please Note:** Guard and Percussion Members MAY have additional fees.

****Please Note:** THE INSTRUMENTATION AND PARTICIPANT NUMBERS ARE SENT TO THE DRILL WRITER BY EARLY JUNE. SHOULD ANY STUDENT DECIDE NOT TO BE IN THE MARCHING BAND AFTER THE DRILL WRITER RECEIVES THIS INFORMATION, THE STUDENT WILL BE CHARGED A FEE FOR THE COST OF HAVING THE DRILL REWRITTEN.

***** Please Note** If families are not able to pay the fee by the set date, please do not hesitate to come and talk to Mr. Dixon about your financial situation. We will not turn anyone away due to not being able to pay this fee. **HOWEVER, PARENTS MUST TALK WITH MR. DIXON BEFORE THE START OF BAND CAMP. ****

SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENT POLICY

Each student who uses a school-owned instrument is completely responsible for the care and maintenance of the instrument. If an instrument is damaged due to negligence, the parent or legal guardian will be responsible for the entire cost of the repair. All students and parents will need to sign a contract that will include an explanation of the expectations, and replacement costs. Brass and woodwind players are required to have their own mouthpieces. Marching percussionist must purchase their own drum sticks and mallets. Any drum head damage must be paid for by the student.

Instruments and Mouthpiece Upgrades - Recommended not Required -

When students first start their musical journeys, most parents are understandably reluctant to spend a lot of money on instruments their students may only use for two weeks and then decide band is not for them. For this reason, parents find used horns at pawn shops or rent the lowest quality of instruments so the loss is not that great. As the students decide to stay in band and practice to become better musicians, their progress can be limited by worn out or beginner-quality instruments. In order to maximize the musicianship of each student and of the Wildcat Band, listed below are professional grade instruments and mouthpieces that I recommend to improve the quality of each student's musical performances.

Mouthpieces

- **Clarinet** - Van Doren 5RV, Rovner Ligatures
- **Saxophone** - Selmer C, Rovner Ligatures
- **Trumpet** - Bach 3C or 1 ½ C
- **Horn** - Schilke 29 or 30
- **Trombone** - Bach 5G or 4G - Shilke 51 or 51D
- **Tuba** - Helleberg 120S - Bach 18

Instruments

- **Piccolo** - Yamaha YPC 62
- **Flute** - Yamaha 684 H
- **Clarinet** - Buffet R-13
- **Oboe** - Loree or Fox 400
- **Saxophone** - Selmer Mark VI or Yamaha Custom
- **Trumpet** - Bach Stradivarius or Yamaha Xeno
- **Trombone** - Bach 42 B or Yamaha Xeno YLS-8820

UNIFORM CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Marching Uniforms: Information

1. You have been issued a complete uniform, which includes a jacket, pants, two under shirts, hat wrap and hat. You are responsible for all of these components. An appropriate replacement charge will be made for equipment not returned.
2. Make sure the uniform is properly stored. This means that when the uniform is not in use it is hung in a dry place with ample space in the garment bag provided.
3. Do not wear the uniform over jeans, coats, or other outer large garments. This causes undue stress and strain to the uniform seams, buttons, and zippers. You may, however, wear thin clothes or shorts and a t-shirt under your uniform.
4. All band members will purchase a pair of black shoes (Drill Masters by Drillmaster) that will be worn for all marching band events. These shoes can also be worn for concert band. Black dress socks must be worn at all times with these shoes.
5. It is essential that we have accurate and up-to-date uniform records. The numbers of all components are recorded and on file at the school. All uniforms issued are expected to remain at school. For purposes of record keeping, it is necessary to notify the directors of any changes made in uniform assignments. Do not make changes without prior permission!
6. Plumes will be given to every member at each event and collected afterwards. Do not leave the plumes in the hat box. Plumes are not to be worn in wet weather.
7. Never wear the uniform to any non-band event. Do not let anyone else try on or wear your uniform. Uniforms will be inspected and turned in at the end of every performance. All lost or damaged uniform components will be replaced or repaired at the student's expense.

Uniform Care

The following instructions on general maintenance originated with the manufacturer of our uniforms. The life and appearance of these uniforms depend on the care each of you provide. Follow these recommendations:

1. Do NOT attempt to clean the uniforms or remove any stains yourself!
2. Store your uniforms on sturdy hangers. The use of these hangers will maintain the styling of the uniforms, preventing broken collars and creased shoulders. Do not crowd the uniforms so that they become wrinkled.
3. In warm weather especially, uniforms should be aired and dried on their hanger after each wearing.
4. We will try to avoid getting the uniforms wet. If it does happen, hang the uniform parts separately on hangers in a well-ventilated area. Do not use a dryer, blow dryer or any other heating device.
5. Never trade uniform parts with anyone else.
6. Do not do alterations on the uniform itself without permission.

REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE PROCEDURES

- Every student is required to bring pencils, instruments (including proper equipment: reeds, oil, etc.), notebooks, music, drill charts, and guard equipment to every rehearsal and performance. Percussion students are required to have their personal sticks and mallets in a stick bag every day.
- Talking and texting is not allowed while instruction is occurring. Loud talking, shouting, lewd language, or horseplay are never allowed in rehearsals or performances.
- Only bottled water is permitted in rehearsals. Gum chewing and or eating is not permitted during rehearsals or performances.
- Each student should be seated or standing in formation at the time designated by the director. Remember: If you are on time, you're late. If you are early, you're on time.
- Posture is of utmost importance. Students should avoid crossed legs, ankles, or slumping when seated in chairs.
- Notebooks, instruments, and other equipment should be kept in their proper storage places when not in use. The school district or its representatives are not responsible for damage to instruments or other personal equipment. Students are required to take their instruments home each day. **Music and notebooks should not be left on the music stand.**

Negative statements are never allowed. If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything. Remember: Never complain to anyone who cannot fix the problem and never listen to complaints if you cannot fix the problem. Thoughts, actions, and reality are a circle; if you perceive it to be good and act like it is good, it will feel good.

FOOTBALL GAME PROCEDURES

The **BHS WILDCAT BAND** attends most Varsity Football games, both home and away. Its members are to act as ambassadors of the school. As a band, we march into the stadium and perform as one single unit. In addition to proper school spirit and decorum, these guidelines should be followed:

- Whenever the band is wearing the designated uniform of the Wildcat Band, band members must present high standards of appearance and conduct at all times. The uniform must be worn the correct way until the band is dismissed from the game. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Third quarter break is not a time to forget rules.

- **NO CHEWING GUM, CANDY, DRINKS, OR FOOD IS ALLOWED IN THE BAND BLOCK!!!**

- The Band plays as an entire ensemble. No individual playing or doodling. Section playing or cheers are encouraged.

- When the ensemble is playing, **ALL** players must **stand and play**.

- There are certain times we can and cannot play during a football game. One example is we do not play while another band is playing.

- **ALL BAND MEMBERS MUST BE IN THE STANDS READY TO PLAY THE *FIGHT SONG* AT THE END OF THE THIRD QUARTER. (0:00).**

- At the end of the game, the band will perform the *Fight Song* and close with the *Blacksburg Alma Mater*. The band will not be dismissed until these songs have been performed.

During each game, the band will usually break during the third quarter. At this time, the Band Booster Club will provide the members of the band with a drink and snack. These drinks or any food are not to be brought into the band block. Please be careful when eating or drinking in uniform.

TRAVEL PROCEDURES

- Students will be assigned to a bus and are not allowed to switch to another bus.
- All trips that the band takes are school sponsored, and therefore, fall under school board policy and all band rules.
- Gross misconduct or violation of school policy or band rules while on a trip will result in the student being sent home via the most convenient means available at his or her parent's expense.
- Only students of the same gender will be allowed to share the same seat.
- All band & color guard members must travel on the bus to an event. If a student needs to return home from the event with a parent, the parent must come to the directors or an assigned staff while at the bus and request permission for the student to leave the event.
- Students are responsible for keeping the bus clean.
- Students are expected to carry their own instruments to the equipment truck and make sure their name is on all equipment.
- Upon arrival at BHS, ALL students are responsible for making sure all equipment is returned to its proper place in the band room.
- While the bus crosses railroad tracks, students must be completely silent. THIS IS A STATE LAW!
- Students are expected to remain seated on the bus at ALL TIMES and keep heads and arms inside the bus.
- No playing of instruments is allowed on the bus. THIS INCLUDES STICKS & MALLETS.
- There will be no PDA!! (Public or Private Display of Affection) PERIOD!!!

Students are to promptly follow directions made by other directors, staff, officers, or chaperones. A request from them is a request from Mr. Dixon.

2023 – 2024
Band Student & Parent Information Sheet

Parent: Please fill out this information sheet and have your child return it as quickly as possible.

- **Student's Name:** _____
- **Student's Cell number:** _____
- **Student's email:** _____
- **Student's Instrument:** _____
- **Mother's Name:** _____
 - **Mother's cell number:** _____
 - **Mother's email:** _____
- **Father's Name:** _____
 - **Father's cell number:** _____
 - **Father's email:** _____
- **Home phone number:** _____
- **Mailing address:** _____
- **Student Tee-Shirt Size:** _____

Blacksburg High School Wildcat Band Medical Form

Name of Student _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____ SS # _____

HEALTH HISTORY (Please give dates where known)

Surgery or Hospitalizations (within last year) _____

Behavioral problems _____ Diabetes _____ Seizures _____

Allergies (pollen, dust, medications, insect stings, food, etc.) _____

Tetanus (last injection) _____

Any other special health conditions _____

Is student under medical treatment at this time? YES _____ NO _____ Reason, if yes _____

Name of student's doctor _____ Doctor's phone _____

Listed below are medications that are to be given while away from school on a band activity (All medications must be provided in the original container)

<u>MEDICATION</u>	<u>DOSAGE</u>	<u>TIME TO BE GIVEN</u>	<u>MEDICAL CONDITION</u>
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			

(Check one :) Parent sending medication _____ OR, Medication to be sent from health room _____

I understand that, if my son/daughter becomes ill or is injured while with the band, at practice or on a trip away from school, the chaperones will attempt to contact me or an emergency contact at the numbers listed below.

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ Home phone _____

Mother's work phone _____ Father's work phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Alternate Contact Name: _____ Relationship _____

Alternate's Home Phone _____ Alternate's Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Family Doctor _____ Office Phone _____

Insurance Company _____

Policy Holder's Name _____

ID Number / Group Number _____

Any other insurance information we need in order to help your child: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to be given treatment by a licensed physician and/or hospital for any medical or surgical emergency, and I agree that I will be solely responsible for any and all costs incurred as a result. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the School District, its Board of Trustees, and its employees for any injury that occurs to my child which is not the result of action or inaction by the District or its representatives.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

****COPY OF INSURANCE CARD (Front and Back)
This is required**

Parents – you can take a picture of the front and back of your student’s insurance card with your phone and email me the two pictures if you do not access to a scanner and printer. Make sure that your student’s name is in the subject line when you email the pictures.

shane.dixon@cherokee1.org

BAND CONTRACT

After reading the handbook of the Blacksburg High School Wildcat Band, please acknowledge the following statements by printing both student's and parent's name, as well as signing and dating in the appropriate places.

By my signature, I confirm that:

1. I have read the Band Handbook and agree to comply with the polices set forth therein. I agree that I will support the band director in following the policies within the handbook.
2. I understand that the support of the family is paramount in a student's education and the parent is responsible to attend as many band functions as possible. The active participation of the parent in the Band Booster Club is essential for the future success of this band program.
3. I authorize the band director or his designees to render or secure first aid for my son or daughter in the event of sickness or accidents at any rehearsal, performance, or activity on or off the campus of Blacksburg High School. I give permission for the band director or his designees to secure immediate medical attention if necessary and I understand that parental contact will be made as soon as possible, and treatment will follow the specifications listed by the parent or guardian on the medical form. I also agree that I will be responsible for the cost of all necessary treatments and/or services given to my student.
4. I hereby give permission my student to participate in all activities listed in this handbook and on the Wildcat Band calendar during the school year. I realize that this permission form will cover all band activities whether individual or group trips for the entire school year. I understand all trips will be taken with carriers approved by the Cherokee County School District and will comply with all state and local governing rules.
5. I agree that I, as a parent or legal guardian, will be financially responsible for any and all Band Fees set forth in the handbook.
6. I agree that I, as a parent or legal guardian, will be financially responsible for any drill re-write fees if my student quits marching band after early June.
7. I agree that I, as a parent or legal guardian, will be financially responsible for any damages that my student may cause and incur the cost to transport my student home from a trip if his or her behavior warrants immediate attention.
8. I agree that I, as a parent or legal guardian, will be financially responsible for any damage or repairs that need to be made to the school-owned instrument that was checked out to my student.

Parent's Name: _____ Date: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____