

TIGER BAND HANDBOOK

2024-2025



SMITHVILLE

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"BUILT ON PRIDE"

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This handbook is intended to inform band parents and students of the Smithville Junior High Band program's policies and procedures. If situations or conditions arise during the year, which are not addressed in this handbook, the director will make a decision that is in the best interest of the student and the program.

Our band program seeks to offer each student, who is interested and eager to learn, an enjoyable, musical learning experience.

Band Courses

Beginning Band – Beginning Band; 6th & 7th period - 6th grade & Beginning 7th/8th grade.

Junior High Band – Concert Band**; 3rd period -7th and 8th grade.
Symphonic Band; 5th period -7th and 8th grade.

**Concert Band will have 7th/8th grade experienced and beginner students; experienced students will have the opportunity to advance to Symphonic Band for the 2nd semester.

Smithville Junior High Band Website

From the Smithville ISD main webpage, www.smithvilleisd.org

- Select Junior High under Schools tab and
- Band under the Extra Curricular tab
- Look at Posts on Mrs. King's page

The band website will provide an overview of topics for the year. Please refer to it to keep apprised of information about the band program. Select the subscribe button to get notifications from the website.

For the most up to date information, please use the SISD App and turn on notifications for "Rooms".

Fundraisers

- The #1 goal of JH Band fundraisers is to **HELP THE BAND!!** (with needs outside the regular district band budget)
- Most Band fundraisers will be sponsored by the Smithville Band Boosters; checks will be made to the booster club and money will be held in the booster account.
- The band will usually have 1-2 fundraisers per year, starting in September/October.
- As part of the prize program, students may earn partial or full credit towards the spring trip, among other prizes.
- Fundraising is not required, however, we ask each student to participate in the fundraiser **to help our band program :)**
- All fundraised money goes directly to the SISD Band Boosters.
- If a student earns their trip through fundraised money, and cannot attend the trip, the student will be given a park ticket to use at a later date (only if the park policy allows).
- A student may choose to pay for their spring trip and not fundraise, but **this does not help the band**, it only helps the individual.
- Parents/supporters may make a monetary donation to the band if they would like to offer support. Students will receive information about this along with the fundraising packet.



Band Trips

Students may have opportunities to attend musical functions, contests or the spring band trip. The **Handbook Acknowledgement and Permission Form**, at the end of this handbook, will serve as **permission to travel with the band and attend band functions for the entire school year.**

It is reasonable to expect parents/guardians to pick up their child within 30 minutes of returning from a band event or trip. After 30 minutes have elapsed, SPD may be called to wait with the child until a ride arrives.

The Spring Band Trip is intended to **reward** students for;

- hard work,
- excellent behavior, and
- giving their best effort every day in class and at extra rehearsals.
- attendance at all required band events.

Students will not be allowed to attend the spring band trip if:

- **they have more than 3 strikes on the behavior chart**
- they receive an office referral from a band director or band substitute at any time during the school year.
- They are **not** academically eligible at the time of the trip (see eligibility calendar).
- They have been issued more than 1 day of ISS, or any days of OSS for misbehavior.

Money for the students' trip will not be refunded after group arrangements have been made. If a student is unable to attend the trip, for any reason, the **only refund available will be their park ticket**, to use at any time during the current season and **after** the date of the band trip (unless this violates park policy – if so, no refund will be given). It is the student's responsibility to follow through with the requirements to be eligible to attend the spring band trip, even after they have made payment. Payment is due in advance in order to obtain group prices. Therefore, if the student becomes ineligible to attend the trip, between the time money is due and the trip, he/she may not be given a refund.

Grading Policy



DAILY GRADES = 40%

Weekly Fundamental Grades

This grade will be earned by participating fully in class while displaying proper playing fundamentals (posture, playing position, tone production, individual warm up, preparedness). All of the fundamentals are important for playing a musical instrument. Correct posture and playing position allow the air to flow through your body and through your instrument unobstructedly, which makes the best characteristic sound on each instrument. Preparedness and a good warm up will allow you to make your best contribution and sound to the group. All of the fundamentals of playing music, if done well, lend to a better balanced and well tuned ensemble.

Practice/Homework Grades

A good, general rule is to practice at least 15 minutes a day outside of class.

6th Grade – Evidence of practice at home will be determined by daily playing grades and locker checks. Please develop a daily practice routine of 15+ minutes per day (your band teachers will give you guidance on how to structure your daily practice at home).

All students may be given playing grades for homework to be recorded on a computer or other recording device and sent via the internet to the band directors. Training on this process will be given before any assignments are made. Students who do not have internet/computer access at home may obtain permission to use the computers in the practice rooms in the band hall before or after school.

Random weekly locker checks will be counted towards a homework grade. If you are not seeing your child's instrument come home or hearing them practice, please contact a band director.

ASSESSMENTS (Tests and Quizzes) = 60%

Playing Grades

Playing grades will consist of quizzes and tests given every week, played by the student on his/her instrument. The student will be asked to play a short musical excerpt from material being covered in class. Generally, playing assignments will be given once per week; pop quizzes should be expected at any time. The quizzes/tests will be performed "live", in class, or recorded on a computer, video or audio device in the band hall or at home. In the event a child is absent the day a quiz or test is given, the student will be given the opportunity to make up the grade upon return to school. A student may also try to improve a playing grade (if an

attempt was made when the playing grade was due) at any time during the nine weeks, by playing for a director before or after school. Refusal to attempt a quiz/test will result in a zero that may not be made up. Any attempt is better than nothing at all since playing grades may be made up!

After School Practices

6th Grade - An afterschool practice may be called in December right before their first concert. Another one might be called in May before their End of the Year concert. These will be called so the students can practice giving their best performance as a group, since they rarely meet as a whole band during the school day. IF an 6th grade afterschool practice is called it will be recorded as **2 quiz/test grades per rehearsal**. Parents will be informed of these practices at least 3 weeks in advance so the proper travel arrangements can be made.

7th & 8th Grade - Extra practices held after school, will be recorded as **2 quiz/test grades per rehearsal day**. Extra practices, for band, only happen the last week of January through the month of February. Students will only be assigned up to 2 practices per week. See “Extra Practices” section for further expectations.

Performance Grades

Performance grades consist of grades taken for participation and attendance in Concerts/Contests, Pep Rallies, Football Game, Winter Concert, Pre-UIL Concert, UIL Evaluation, Spring Music Festivals, and Spring Concert. To get full credit, students must be **on time** and in the **required uniform**. A performance grade MAY NOT BE MADE UP. The only excused absences from performances will be for family emergencies and serious illness (with medical documentation). Please look at the list of required performances on the band calendar, included with this handbook, and mark your calendars!

Extra Practices

Extra after school practices from **January-March may be required for 7th & 8th Grade Junior High SYMPHONIC Band members (5th Per. Band)**. Attendance, at these practices, is mandatory and will be graded. An unexcused absence from an extra practice will result in a lower grade, loss of spring trip and the student may lose eligibility to perform at contests/festivals. A specific schedule will be sent home prior to the start of extra after school practices. Please use the schedule to arrange other activities so that you will not miss a practice. Plan ahead to ensure transportation from after school practice (most will end by 5:00 pm).

Contests & Performances

UIL Concert & Sight-reading Evaluation and/or Music Festival:

***** 7th & 8th Grade Junior High SYMPHONIC Band Only***

During UIL Concert Evaluation in March or April, each band performs a selection of pieces of music for three judges. From there they proceed to the Sight-reading portion of the contest, where the band is expected to perform a piece of music they have never seen before.

The Symphonic and Concert bands will have scheduled sectionals to prepare for contests and festivals during the spring semester. The bands will also have a pre-contest concert to help prepare them for competition. All of these activities are listed on your calendar; attendance and proper uniform are required.

ATSSB Middle School All- Region Band

7th & 8th Grade Junior High Sym. Band Only

ATSSB Region auditions are held in November/December each year. Students will have the opportunity to play in a 100 piece concert band made up of the best Middle School Musicians from our Region.

Students who earn a chair in either the All Region Symphonic or All Region Concert Bands will attend a two-day clinic where they'll get to learn from one of the best conductors in the State and get to perform on the big stage at the Bastrop Performing Arts Center!

In order to make the band students must prepare two etudes and several scales for a panel of three judges. Unfortunately, not all students who audition will make one of the All-Region Bands. If a student signs up to participate and doesn't follow through, he/she will be required to reimburse the band the \$12.50 audition fee.

Solo and Ensemble

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Students

Solo and Ensemble contest usually occurs in late April or early May. Each individual enrolled in band will be assigned to participate in an ensemble. There is a \$10 entry fee. (SISD band covers this fee for each student, however, if a student is assigned to participate and doesn't follow through, he/she will be required to reimburse the band the \$10.00 fee). **If you know of an unavoidable conflict with the date of the contest, let Mr. Baker know asap so that you are not assigned to a group.** Students may also choose to perform a solo at the contest, in addition to their ensemble. Students pay an entry fee for each solo or ensemble. The students will perform their selection for a judge and will be given comments and a rating.

Pep-Rallies H.S. Football Game

7th and 8th Grade Junior High Band

All Tiger Band Members will need to have their **instrument, flip folder, music and a lyre** (music, flip folder & lyre are issued from the band) at every pep rally and the HS football game. Band members who are also cheerleaders, mascots, and football players are required to perform with the band during pep rallies. Students are given a performance grade for pep rallies (participation, proper uniform, correct supplies and music are required and are part of the grade).

H.S. Football Game

Smithville JH Band students will be joining the High School Band for the last football game of the year! JH Band Students will get to march in with the band, play in the stands and perform a piece of a halftime show! Students are given a grade for attending the Game and the date will be announced at the beginning of the year to give families time to plan for pick up and drop off. A detailed schedule and plan will be released within a few weeks of the game.



CONCERTS

Holiday and Spring Concerts

ALL BAND STUDENTS

Students will prepare and perform concert selections for an audience. The holiday concert will be in December at either the junior high cafetorium or junior high gym. The spring concert also serves as our annual band awards ceremony. Attendance, participation and proper uniform are required at each concert.

Pre-UIL Concert

7th & 8th Grade SYMPHONIC Band Only

Junior High Band will play their UIL music for mock judges a few weeks prior to UIL Concert and Sightreading Evaluation and/or a selected Music Festival. Attendance, for all 7th & 8th grade (Symphonic) band students who are performing at competition/evaluation, is required. Students need to wear their concert/formal uniform to this performance.



Band Attendance Policy

All band performances and after school rehearsals are mandatory and graded. See the SJH Band Calendar for required performance/rehearsals for your class period or grade. If a student misses a required performance/rehearsal they must provide documentation of a medical or family emergency in order for the absence to be excused; (examples; doctor's note from a hospital or urgent care, documentation of a vehicle accident). Absences for regular doctor/dentist/orthodontist/hair appointments will not be excused; absences for sports/cheer/dance/tumbling practices, games, etc. will not be excused. The SJH band directors and coaches will work out schedules to avoid school related conflicts. Absences during the school day are subject to school policy.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (NO PASS, NO PLAY)

Co-curricular Events.

- Extension of the classroom that happens outside of the regular class time.
- Co-curricular events, such as concerts and UIL Evaluations, require attendance by ALL BAND MEMBERS, regardless of their eligibility status.

Extra-curricular Events.

- Competition-oriented, require loss of class time other than band class or require an admission fee.
- Participation in all extracurricular band activities, the student must be eligible.
- To be eligible during the first six/nine weeks of school, students must have been promoted from their previous grade level.
- A student who receives, at the end of any grading period, after the first six/nine weeks of the school year, a grade below seventy in any academic class, or a student with disabilities who fails to meet the standards in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three school-weeks.
- An ineligible student may practice and rehearse.

- Students regain eligibility (at the end of a grading cycle), if the principal and teachers determine that he or she has earned a passing grade (seventy or above) in **all** academic classes.

Co-curricular and extra-curricular events will be a part of the student's grade in band. Only ineligible students will be excused from extra-curricular events and it will not affect their grade. These students will complete an alternative assignment to substitute for the missed performance.





BEHAVIOR, EXPECTATIONS AND PROCEDURES

SJHS STUDENT EXPECTATIONS (and what that looks like in band)

1. BE RESPONSIBLE, BE PRESENT AND BE READY

Students are to be ready and prepared for learning.

- Have all band materials every day; instrument, music/band binder
- , pencil, reeds, valve oil...
- Do not play instruments without permission; when you are allowed to warm up on your own, do it with a good sound and only play appropriate warm up material.
- Oil valves, soak reeds, assemble instruments during the 2 minute countdown.
- Practice at home to maintain forward momentum for the class.
- PARTICIPATE fully in class.
- Check the board/screen for announcements and daily agenda/lesson.

1. BE RESPECTFUL

Respect people, property, and yourself.

- No out loud comments or jokes
- Always raise your hand and patiently wait for permission to comment/question.
- No talking while anyone is on the podium; focus attention on them (usually a director).
- Take care of the band room; keep it clean; take all personal belongings after class.
- DO NOT TOUCH INSTRUMENTS OR MATERIALS THAT DO NOT BELONG TO YOU!
- Respect others' space when approaching lockers and common areas.

1. BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL AND BE RESPONSIBLE (virtually & in person)

- Be aware of others and your surroundings especially near the lockers and be careful with equipment.
- Always keep instrument cases clear of walkways; most cases go back in lockers during rehearsal, flute and clarinet cases go under chairs.
- NO GUM ever in the band hall.
- Clear water bottles, with water only, are allowed in the band hall.
- Do not distract with sounds of “crinkling” water bottles or slurping.
- Keep personal belongings in your band locker or under your chair.

OTHER BAND EXPECTATIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES

1. YOU MUST PRACTICE

The band is only as strong as our “weakest link”. When one person does not practice, it hurts the entire bands’ progress. Don’t let others down! Do your part to always play your best.

1. ALL BAND STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM at ALL scheduled concerts, assemblies, and festivals required for their band class, and must be in the required uniform.

1. LEAVE ALL NON BAND RELATED BOOKS AND MATERIALS IN YOUR SCHOOL LOCKER.

You will not be allowed to do homework from other classes or use non band related books during band rehearsals. If you must bring your school binder or backpack to band class, it needs to be stored in your band locker, or under your seat, throughout class.

1. NO CELL PHONE USE

No cell phone use during rehearsals (before, after or during school). Cell phones must be **turned off** during band events (football game performances, concerts, contests etc...). Student cell phone use will be permitted only to contact parents, **after** an event, to arrange for a ride home. **Students found using their electronic devices and/or telecommunication devices will be subject to having their device taken away & being held in the office until \$15 fee is paid.**

Band Hall Procedures

1. Leave trash and gum in the trash can by the entrance.
2. Leave book bags, school binder, personal belongings, etc. in your band locker or under your seat.
3. Enter and exit the band hall quietly and orderly. Enter in door near main corridor, exit out door to your right (as seated in the band hall). No loud talking while getting ready for band. No horseplay in the band hall at any time.
4. Get instruments out and place the case back in your locker.
(Exception; flutes, oboes and clarinets may have their case under their seat during band rehearsal as long as it does not cause a distraction)
5. Read, and follow instructions, on the board/screen.
6. When allowed to warm up individually, play with a good sound and only play appropriate warm up material.
7. No talking or playing out of turn once class begins. If you have a question, raise your hand and a director will call on you.
8. You must have permission to use the restroom.
9. You must have permission to use the practice rooms. Practice rooms are available for you to use before and after school, with permission from a director.
10. No homework/reading, notes to other students, cell phones, cameras, lasers or other distractions will be allowed, the item will be taken away.
11. Never handle another person’s instrument.
12. Only percussionists are allowed to handle the percussion equipment.



Tardies

A student may be counted tardy in one of two ways:

1. If he or she is not in the band room by the tardy bell; or
2. If he or she is not in his/her seat, with materials ready, when instruction begins.

Personal Items

The Tiger Band staff is not responsible for students' belongings. Students should not ask any staff member of the Tiger Band to hold, watch or guard any personal items. Leave all personal items of value at HOME. The staff is not responsible for personal items lost or stolen at school or on school-sponsored trips.

According to Texas state law, public school districts are not liable for personal property that is stolen at school. The band department strongly encourages instrument(s) to be included on the homeowner's insurance policy. Call the band hall for information on insurance companies that specialize in musical instrument insurance.

Personal items left unsecured (not locked in locker) in the band hall, will be placed in the junior high lost and found. We will not keep a "lost and found" in the band hall.

Instrument Storage

- Students may store their instruments in the band hall (lockers/shelves) during the school day
- Using the band hall as a storage area is a privilege which can be taken away if abused.
- If a student's instrument is left in the band hall overnight, this will affect the student's grade in band. They may be required to complete an extra assignment and will jeopardize their locker privilege.
- Instruments may be dropped off at the band hall in the morning upon arrival at school.
- Each instrument must be picked up from the band hall immediately after school.
- All students must have their name clearly marked on their instrument case (name tag, label, etc.)
- **Students must provide their own locks** and give the directors the combination or extra key.
Students who do not provide their own lock will still be issued a locker; it will just not be secure.

It is very important to keep your lockers locked!! This not only helps to secure your belongings, it also reduces the risk of losing or misplacing your lock. Students who leave their locks unlocked will have their locker privilege suspended, and will have to take personal responsibility for their instrument, until their locker is reissued.



Fees

Each band member is required to purchase a band t-shirt. This shirt will serve as a uniform for pep-rallies, some concerts and spirit days. The cost of the **band shirt will be \$15**. The band t-shirt is the same design as last year. Seventh and eighth graders who still have their band t-shirt (that still fits) from last year, will not be required to purchase a new one.

Each band member is also asked to purchase their own **solid black, 1 inch, 3 ring binder (“band binder”)**. Each binder will need to have at least 10 clear sheet protectors (extra sheet protectors will be available to purchase at the band hall). .

Other fees may include; **beginning band book or other method book**, participation in **Region Band Auditions** and **Solo and Ensemble Contest** entry. For your convenience, in emergency situations, the band will also sell certain items such as **reeds**, however, reeds and other supplies should be purchased elsewhere, if possible. The price for these varies based on the instrument.

All students who use a **school-owned instrument**, (limited # of tubas, baritones and French horns), may be required to pay an instrument **maintenance fee**. This fee covers normal wear and tear of the instrument. Any damage caused by student negligence will be the responsibility of the student. The rental fee balance must be paid in full before an instrument will be issued to a student (See Band Director for current rental amount). Students are expected to keep their instruments clean and in working order. Students should not play other students’ instruments. If instrument repairs are needed, students should bring their instrument to a band director.

Materials

In addition to the materials listed below, **ALL BAND STUDENTS** need to have an **audio/video recording device** to record assignments at home, (computer, phone etc.) This device must be able to send recordings to Google Classroom/Flipgrid.

All students will need to report to band class each day with the following materials.
Exceptions; most cleaning materials may be left at home.

Brass players:

- Valve oil
- Cleaning materials for instrument
- French horn players need a small eyeglass screwdriver and French horn string
- Band Binder
- Pencil
- Music/Book

Woodwinds:

- Must have at least 3 good reeds at all times (begin the year with a full box of reeds)
Extra reeds may be purchased from the band directors before or after school only...not during class
- Cleaning materials for instruments
- Small eyeglass screwdriver
- Band Binder
- Pencil
- Music/Book

Percussion:

- 1 pair of snare drum sticks (Vic Firth SD1 General)
- 1 pair of yarn mallets (Mike Balter 12 BB, med. hard green yarn or Vic Firth M2 or M3)
- 1 pair med. hard rubber mallets (Vic Firth M6 or Mike Balter M4 or MH5)
- 1 pair timpani mallets (Vic Firth T-1)
- Stick bag
- Metronome
- Band Binder
- Pencil
- Music/Book

Uniforms

Students must be in full, required uniform to receive full credit for performances.

Non-Formal Uniform

This uniform will be used by 7th and 8th grade band members for pep rallies and 1 HS football game, and may be used for some concerts for the 6th grade band.

- Band t-shirt
- Full length blue jeans (no holes, no capri style, no shorts)
- Tennis shoes

Formal Uniform is used by 7th and 8th grade band members for more formal events, such as concerts and contests. **Please check your uniform about 2 weeks prior to each event to ensure completeness and proper fit.**

- **Solid Black dress pants** (length – below ankle/above bottom of heel)
- **Solid black shirt with sleeves or Band t-shirt** (depends on event)
- **Black socks**
- **Solid Black closed-toe shoes**

****If there is a financial problem in obtaining the uniform, please contact the band staff ASAP****





Awards

(All awards may have multiple recipients, except *Director's Award*)

Leadership Award
Superior Musicianship
Most Improved Musician
Director's Award

1st Division Solo
1st Division Ensemble

All Region Band Member

This calendar is subject to change. The Band Directors will give our very best effort to send notification of changes in advance.

Events marked with ** require academic eligibility.

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Band Calendar 2024-2025

Fall Semester



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sept. 5	Pep Rally** - Symphonic Band will perform (wear band t-shirt, blue jeans and tennis shoes) Participation and proper uniform will be counted as 2 test grades.
Oct. 17	Pep Rally** - Only Symphonic Band, 5th per., will perform (wear band t-shirt, blue jeans and tennis shoes) Participation and proper uniform will be counted as 2 test grades.
Nov. 1	JH Band Night w/HS Band** ; ALL 7th & 8th Gr. Band students, (wear band t-shirt, blue jeans and tennis shoes); Meet at JH Band Hall at 6:00 pm. (possibly earlier) Students will be dismissed from the game after halftime; approx. 9:15 pm Attendance is mandatory and will count as 2 test grades.
Dec. 10	JH Band Holiday Concert 6th Grade/Beginning Band at 5:30 p.m. and 7th/8th Grade "Symphonic Band/Concert Band" at 7:00 p.m. All groups will need to wear nice dress clothes, in school dress code. Attendance is mandatory and will count as 2 test grades.
Dec. 12	SJH Band Pictures ; All 6, 7 & 8 grade band students. - Will take place during classes; wear Band shirt and blue jeans.
Dec. 14	ATSSB Middle (JH) School Region Band Auditions** @ Smithville HS (Only Symphonic Band, 5th per., will participate.)

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD FOR ALL BAND EVENTS!

MAKE SURE TO HAVE THE APPROPRIATE UNIFORM AND

A RIDE TO/FROM THE EVENT.

Review the SJH Band Attendance Policy, pg. In the Band Handbook.

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Spring Semester



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jan. 24-25	ATSSB Middle School (JH) Region Clinic/Concert** and HS Region Jazz Clinic/Concert – Bastrop PAC; those participating (only Sym. Band members who made the Region Band) will wear formal uniform.
Jan. 13	J.H. Symphonic Band (5th per.) After School Sectionals Begin - Specific schedule will be provided before leaving for Winter Break. Attendance is mandatory.
Feb. 6	Chili Supper & Silent Auction – All students and parents are encouraged to attend. Tickets will be sold 1-2 weeks in advance.
Feb. 20	J.H. Pre-UIL Concert – Only 5th per. Symphonic Band; 7p.m. in JH cafetorium; wear formal uniform (black pants, black socks, black closed toe shoes & band t-shirt)
March 4-5	Symphonic Band - MS Band Concert & Sight-reading Evaluation @ Bastrop PAC; Symphonic Band only. Wear formal uniform;(same as Pre-UIL).
April 21-23	Colorguard Help Sessions (current 8th graders who are interested....)
April 16	Money Due for Spring Trip All 6, 7 & 8 gr. Band students.
April 29	J.H. Band Solo & Ensemble Contest** –at Smithville JH; All 6, 7 & 8 grade band students. Attendance is mandatory & graded.
May 1	Colorguard Auditions (current 8th graders who are interested....)
May TBD	HS Marching Percussion Placement Auditions (current 8th grade percussion students)
May 13	J.H. Band Spring Concert - 6th Grade/Beginning Band at 5:30 p.m. and 7th/8th Grade “Symphonic Band” at 7:00 p.m. All groups will need to wear nice dress clothes, in school dress code. Attendance is mandatory and will be graded.
May 16	Spring Band Trip** (all eligible 6th, 7th & 8th grade band members)

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Events marked with ** require academic eligibility.

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MAKE SURE TO HAVE THE APPROPRIATE UNIFORM AND A RIDE TO/FROM THE EVENT.

Review the SJH Band Attendance Policy, pg. 9. In the JH Band Handbook.

SMITHVILLE ISD ELIGIBILITY CALENDAR 2024 – 2025
9 Week Grading Periods

Date	Event
September 19 (Thurs)	Check grades - 6th Week of the 1st 9 Week Grading Period
September 26 (Thurs)	Students lose eligibility **
October 10 (Thurs)	Check grades - End of 1st 9 Week Grading Period
October 17 (Thurs)	Students lose or regain eligibility **
November 4 (Mon)	Check grades - of students who lost eligibility on Oct. 17 - 3rd Week Check
November 11 (Mon)	Students who were passing all classes on Nov.. 4 become eligible **
December 2 (Mon)	Check grades - those who didn't regain on Nov. 11 - 6th Week Check
December 9 (Mon)	Students who were passing all classes on Dec. 2 become eligible **
December 19 (Thurs)	Check grades - End of 2nd 9 Week Grading Period
January 14 (Tues)	Students lose or regain eligibility **
January 27 (Mon)	Check grades of students who lost eligibility on Jan. 14 - 3rd Week Check
February 3 (Mon)	Students who were passing all classes on Jan. 27 become eligible **
February 18 (Tues)	Check grades - those who didn't regain on Feb. 3 - 6th Week Check
February 25 (Tues)	Students who were passing all classes on Feb. 18 become eligible **
March 13 (Thurs)	Check grades - End of 3rd 9 Week Grading Period
March 31 (Mon)	Students lose or regain eligibility **
April 11 (Fri)	Check grades of students who lost eligibility on March 31 - 3rd Week Check
April 18 (Fri)	Students who were passing all classes on April 11 become eligible **
May 5 (Monday)	Check grades - those who didn't regain on April 18 - 6th Week Check
May 12 (Monday)	Students who were passing all classes on May 5 become eligible **

Thanksgiving Break - All students are eligible

Christmas Holidays - All students are eligible

Spring Break - All students are eligible

Summer Break - All students are eligible

Ineligible Students **can not** travel with the band/ team or perform/ participate at Pep Rallies, Football Games & Extra-curricular performances. The travel exception is for any student travel that is deemed an "Educational Field Trip" by school administration. However, ineligible students may not participate in any extra-curricular performances or contests that may be part of an "Educational Field Trip".

Ineligible students **can** and are expected to attend extra practices and perform at curricular concerts. (Curricular concerts include the Christmas and Spring Concerts)

**** Eligibility** is lost or regained at the **end of the regular school day** - even if the day it changes falls on a school holiday.

SJH BAND FORMS

[T-Shirt Order Form Link](#)



[Information and Permission Form Link](#)



JH Band Handbook Acknowledgement and Permission Form

Student Name (first and last) _____ Grade _____

Please check ALL.

- ☐ I have read and advised my child of the Smithville Junior High Band Handbook and understand the guidelines and commitments. (Access JH Band Handbook online)
- ☐ I received a copy of the JH Band Calendar with dates for band performances and rehearsals, and understand the requirements for attendance. (in JH Band Handbook online)
- ☐ My child and I have signed up for SISD Rooms for parent/teacher communication.
- ☐ I have filled out the SJH Band Online (or paper) Student Information & Permission form
- ☐ I have filled out the SJH Band Online (or paper) T-shirt Order Form
- ☐ My child has an ID tag on his/her instrument case.
- ☐ I understand that I must provide a lock for my child's band locker (not required).
- ☐ My child has a solid black, 1", 3 ring binder with sheet protectors, for band.
- ☐ I've read the uniform requirements for band. (band t-shirt, blue jeans, tennis shoes for 6, 7 & 8th graders, and black shirt, black pants, black shoes & socks for 7th/8th gr)
- ☐ I know how to access the JH Band webpage, Rooms & SJH Band Facebook page.
- ☐ I understand that my child will need to be picked up within 30 minutes of returning, or the end, of a band event.

- ☐ **I give permission for the following:**
 - Use of recorded media (video or audio) of my child for band related purposes.
 - Allow pictures and/or video to be taken of my child that could possibly be used on the website/social media.
 - Medical treatment to be given to my child, if needed.
 - Furthermore, I give permission for my child to **ride the bus/school transportation for all band activities** this year, including the spring band trip in May. I will hold SISD and SISD employees harmless in the event of an accident or injury while on school sponsored activities.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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