



Band Handbook

2024-2025

Welcome to the Citrus Hills Band Program! My goal is to teach you all I can about music and to help you become the finest and most knowledgeable performer possible. If you always put forth your best effort with hard work and integrity, you will experience a lot of success and achieve your goals. The study and performance of music should be both rewarding and FUN! This handbook will help explain how you can find those rewards and discover the joy of music.

Please read this handbook carefully. It contains very important information. Keep it in a safe place and refer to it throughout the year; it will answer many questions that you might have (and has some GREAT phone contacts).

-Mrs. Cedar

IMPORTANT Contact Information

Mrs. Cedar's email: deanne.cedar@cnusd.k12.ca.us

CHIS Music Boosters email: chismusicboosters@gmail.com

CHIS Music Boosters website <https://chismusicboosters.org/>

Remind App Codes (receive important information with this app)

Period 1 Beginning Band:@begjagband <https://www.remind.com/join/begjagband>

Period 2 Intermediate Band:@intbandjag <https://www.remind.com/join/intbandjag>

Period 4 Advanced Band: @advbandjag <https://www.remind.com/join/advbandjag>

Period 5 Jazz Band: @jazzcatjag <https://www.remind.com/join/jazzcatjag>

Open the invite link above on your smartphone or desktop to join the group.

**Citrus Hills Intermediate School
3211 S. Main Street Corona, CA 92882**

(951) 736-4600 x4104	Band Room
(951) 736-4623	School Fax
(951) 736-4616	Attendance Office

LOCAL MUSIC STORES for Rentals and Supplies and INSTRUMENT REPAIR TECHNICIANS

Bertand's Music Repairs	910 E Highland Ave San Bernardino 909-886-5338 Rentals, Supplies, Music, Lessons,
Corona Music Store Repairs	1275 Magnolia Ave Ste. 103 951-898-2630 - Rentals, Supplies, Music, Lessons,
Music & Arts-Alta Loma Music	650 E Parkridge Ave 951-735-5924 - Rentals, Supplies, Music, Lessons, Repairs
JKEEA Music Services Repairs	19069 Van Buren Blvd #113 951-789-1422 - Rentals, Supplies, Music, Lessons,
Music n Arts	1525 E Ontario Ave #106, Corona, CA 92881 - Rentals, supplies, repairs
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The Music Contract must be filled out by your parent/guardian and submitted by **Friday, August 16**. **Those who turn in the contract (link above to google form) on time will receive 20 points.** If you need a paper copy of this handbook, please contact me.

- **Make sure to purchase the correct book based on the instrument your child wishes to play.**

A number of school issued wind instruments are available for use by band students. The following priorities are used to assign school instruments:

- Band members who play the following instruments that are not easily available to rent (tuba, baritone saxophone, tenor saxophone, F horn, trombone, euphonium, oboe, bassoon). The school has a limited supply of flute, clarinets, alto saxophones, and trumpets. The school has no string instruments available at this time.
- Students who are not able to rent at this time due to financial hardship (*PLEASE NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR IN WRITING or via Email ASAP*). You will also have the opportunity to mark this need on the google form [linked](#) here and at the top of this handbook)

In the event that there are more students than available instruments, a lottery system will be utilized to ensure fair distribution of the school instruments.

Normal maintenance for district owned instruments will be covered by the school district. Financial help covering the maintenance of booster-owned may be expected. Band members and parents are financially responsible for any damage and all necessary maintenance due to negligence. The band member and parent must agree to the School-issued contract before receiving a school-issued instrument (received after Mrs. Cedar has agreed to the contract). Regular cleaning and maintenance is the responsibility of the band member and parent in order to continue using the school-issued instrument.

MAINTENANCE OF INSTRUMENTS

Band members need to take their personal owned instruments to a professional technician periodically for maintenance, just as you would maintain a car. The technician can inform you of any work to be done and the estimated cost for such service. The band member may not even suspect that anything is wrong with the instrument, but may simply be accustomed to compensating for its problems. School issued instruments that need repair should be brought to the teacher's attention; these repairs will be handled through the school district (JKEEA does these repairs periodically throughout the school year). If you need to repair your personal instrument, contact one of the persons listed on Page 2 for assistance.

PRACTICE!!!

Practicing at home is **required** for all Citrus Hills Band members. **This is your band homework.** Band members would review what was covered in class five times a week (about 15-30 minutes) is what is required. Practicing is PART of your regular quarter grade.

GRADES

Performances and Extra Rehearsals	30%
Daily Behavior and Participation	40%
Quizzes/Playing Tests/Written Work	10%
Practice	20%

SECTIONAL AND AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS GRADES

Sectional rehearsals will be scheduled after school or during lunch. A schedule of these rehearsals will be posted so that you can make necessary arrangements to attend. Those who attend will receive 20 points. Much like daily attendance points, an unexcused tardy from a sectional will subtract 5 points. Those who do not attend and fail to bring a valid written excuse from their parents before the sectional will receive zero points. Please work out transportation for your student on these days, as there are no late buses available.

PLAYING TESTS

- Tone Quality (maintaining a full, rich tone without wavering)
- Pitch Control (maintaining proper intonation)
- Note Accuracy (playing the correct notes)
- Rhythmic Accuracy (playing the correct rhythms with a steady tempo)
- Articulation (using the proper attacks, tonguing and slurring)
- Dynamic Control (playing at the correct volume)
- Phrasing and Musical Effect (breathing in the correct places and playing with expression)
- Memorization (playing the full range of the scale without looking at the sheet)

- a major scale
- the chromatic scale
- a study from your supplementary music
- a part in your band music for upcoming performance

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Band by nature is a performance art. Attendance at performances and rehearsals outside of regular class time will be required of all band members. A PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE has been handed out ([CHIS MUSIC EVENT CALENDAR](#)). Failure to appear at any scheduled rehearsal or performance without proper excuse will result in a lower grade for the grading period. It is unfair to the band as a whole to suffer due to an individual's absence. Please review this schedule and put the dates on your family calendar. If an unavoidable conflict arises, you must let the director know IN WRITING or email (preferably several weeks in advance to make necessary adjustments in the band). To be excused, the note must be signed by the parent or guardian. Personal illness, family emergencies involving serious injury and death in the family are excused absence without prior notice from band activities. The band member should present a note to the directors upon returning to class after the performance to not receive a lower grade.

Below are the expectations to receive high PERFORMANCE GRADES:

- Arrive on time to warm-up with instrument and music
- dressed professionally (see PERFORMANCE ATTIRE)
- behave appropriately both on stage and while in the audience listening to other band members
- stay with the band for the entire performance

During the last concert of the year, the following awards are presented to deserving students in the band program.

Honor Band

Given to students who participate in honor bands throughout the school year

Spirit Awards

These students represent their band class in the following traits: prepared for class, promotes our band program to others, respectful, helpful, and kind.

Most Improved::

This award goes to a musician in 7th and 8th grade who have shown significant musical growth on their instrument.

MVP Awards

These students are the most valuable players in every class. This student goes beyond what is asked of them and is always willing to help fellow classmates and teachers.

Top Section Leader:

This award is given to our top section leader in the advanced band who assists their section members on a daily basis, spend outside time with their section to improve the music within their section, and display outstanding leadership skills in the band.

Outstanding 7th and 8th Grade Musician Award

Given to the student who has displayed outstanding musical and technical abilities on their instrument as selected by the members and director.

Director's Award

Given to an outstanding 7th and 8th grade band students in the areas of attitude, participation, and performance as selected by the director.

Outstanding Jazz Musician Award

This award is given to a member of our Jaguar Jazz band who exhibits outstanding musicianship in the style of jazz and displays a leadership role.

Please click on the link and complete the CHIS Band Contract and Volunteer Survey. This is every band member's first assignment - must be submitted to receive credit. Parents and guardians fill out this form.

[Jaguar Band Member Contract - 2nd assignment due 1st week of school \(Filled out by parent/guardian only\)](#)

[Do you want to volunteer for CHIS Music? Click here to fill out our volunteer form.](#)

[CHIS Music 24-25 Calendar - Updated weekly](#)