



North County Winds Student Guidelines & Privacy Policy

The North County Winds (NCW) community band is a component of the San Diego Music Consortium, a 501c3 non-profit organization. The North County Winds is a collection of professional and amateur musicians of all ages dedicated to:

- performing challenging music at the highest quality level
- supporting music education in local schools
- encouraging individuals to play music throughout all stages of their lives
- fostering friendship, camaraderie and community
- having fun!

We are also dedicated to providing middle and high school age students with above average musical skills and maturity the ability to participate in our group.

- Students need a recommendation from their band director or private lesson instructor to join the group.
- Students must be of a maturity level to play during the 2-hour rehearsal lasting until 9pm.
- Students must prepare for rehearsals by practicing current band selections on a regular basis.
- Students must provide transportation to and from weekly rehearsals and concerts. Not being picked up at the end of rehearsal may be cause for dismissal.
- Missing more than 2 rehearsals per month may be cause for dismissal.
- Students must report their absence to their section leader prior to missing a rehearsal.

Our Culture:

As in all community bands, NCW seeks to maintain an all-inclusive and relaxed culture while fostering the strong commitment necessary to perform at a high level. The North County Winds organization strives to be the highest performing community band in the county with a serious approach to making music. As such, members are asked to follow the following guidelines and policies:

Rehearsal and Attendance Policy:

We rehearse every Thursday night from 7pm to 9pm in the Oak Valley Middle School band room located at 16055 Winecreek Rd, San Diego, CA 92127.

- Rehearsals begin promptly at 7:00pm.
- We ask you to be warmed up and ready to play by 7pm. The band room is open at 6:30pm so you can warm-up, tune and secure any music needed for rehearsal.
- We have approximately 40 rehearsals per year and members should expect to attend at least 30.
- If a member misses 3 or more rehearsals leading up to a concert, the member may not be able to perform in the concert without director's approval.
- Members must report their absence to their section leader prior to missing a rehearsal.
- Dress Rehearsals are limited to only members performing in the concert.

Rehearsal Etiquette

Collegiate rehearsal etiquette is the standard.

- Talking during pauses in the music should be kept to a minimum and at a whisper level if necessary.
- All music must be brought to every rehearsal – set lineups are e-mailed out prior to each rehearsal so members will know which pieces to prepare ahead of time.
- Musicians must bring a pencil to every rehearsal.
- All brass and woodwind players must bring a tuner to every rehearsal.
- All members are expected to return from the mid-rehearsal break and be seated ready to play at the agreed upon time.

Concert Etiquette and Dress

Collegiate concert etiquette is the standard. We typically play 5-6 concerts per year ranging from large community band events to informal street performances. Members should make every attempt to attend these concerts which will occur on weekends and evenings. Call times are typically 1 hour before downbeat.



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- Cases, purses and excess equipment must be stored off-stage
- Members must bring a black music stand (non-wire) if the venue does not provide one.
- Talking between pieces in the music should be kept to a minimum and at a whisper level if necessary
- When standing for audience acknowledgement, please face the audience and smile. Do not fidget with or change music.
- Formal for men: black pants and jacket (no tuxedos), black socks and shoes, white shirts, long black tie (no bow ties)
- Formal for women: black pants or skirts, black shirt or blouse, black shoes
- Casual for men and women: Khaki pants, black shirt, dark shoes
- Holiday for men and women: black pants/skirts, festive shirt or blouse, black shoes

Practice and Musical Expertise

Our organization plays musical selections ranging from *Grade 3 to Grade 5. New members are expected to be able to sight read at a Grade 3 level and be as good as or better than the average skill level of the section as determined by the section leader. All members are expected to be able to perform Grade 4 and 5 selections with the required amount of practice. Members who cannot maintain this level of expertise will be encouraged to seek other musical groups that better fit their talents.

* See bandworld.org/pdfs/gradingchart.pdf or halleonard.com for guidance on Grade levels

Dues

The band is supported through membership dues of \$100 twice per year for all members (Jan, July). Failure to pay dues in a timely basis may be a cause for dismissal. Please contact a board member if you have a financial hardship and wish to be considered for a waiver of dues. We do not wish to turn musicians away from our group due to financial concerns.

Privacy Policy

By becoming a member, you are granting the San Diego Music Consortium, DBA North County Winds to collect, store and use your personal contact information for the purposes of conducting the normal and customary business functions associated with communicating with its members via, telephone, e-mail, mail, and text message. These functions include but are not limited to sending out member notifications, invoicing and collecting dues, and communicating other relevant band business. The North County Winds will not distribute or sell any personal information outside the organization.

I acknowledge receipt of the member's guidelines and privacy policy.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Mailing Address

Parent E-mail

Parent Phone Number