

# **BELLEVUE EAST BANDS**

## Campus Band Handbook 2023-24

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BAND App: <https://band.us/n/aea3912dE1T33>

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## To-Do/Turn-In Checklist

- Turn in Information Form
- Join the Campus Band group on the Band App <https://band.us/n/aeae98w0hdDd1>
- Follow the Band Social Media Pages on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok
- Review Handbook & Information as a Family

## Campus Band Course Description

The Bellevue East Campus Band is a full year, co-curricular class. Students will study basic instrumental music skills and participate in performances at football games, basketball games, and concerts. Performances will be based mainly within the Bellevue School District. Enrollment in this course qualifies students for enrollment in the jazz band course.

## Important Performance & Event Dates

Thursday, Sept. 14: Homecoming Football Game

Friday, Sept. 29: Exhibition Performance

Tuesday, Dec. 12: Winter Concert

Thursday, Jan. 25: Solo & Chamber Music Recital

March, Date TBA: Concert Band Festival

Thursday, May 9: Spring Band Concert

Friday, May 10: Band Banquet

## Attendance Policy

Attendance is one of the most important aspects of a successful band. When a student is not present, it can create difficulties for fellow band members. All students should be present in order to have a successful rehearsal and performance. School district policies will be utilized during class times.

**Excused Absences** - In some cases, there may be times when conflicts arise that prevent you from being at a rehearsal or performance. Some of these may include a wedding, family emergency, medical emergency, sickness, etc. If for any reason you may have to miss something you should: discuss the absence with the directors (Mr. Krug and Ms. Keck) and have your guardian email them at least **two weeks** in advance, and then remind/follow up with the directors to get any missed work.

**Unexcused Absences** Work-related absences and tardiness are not excused; please be organized with your workplace to prevent this from happening. Missing rehearsals or performances due to an abundance of homework or studying are also not an excuse; use good time management, prioritization skills, and planning skills to get everything done on time. Unexcused absence time will either be made up with a director after school or with a special project, as determined by the band directors.

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**Tardies** - Rehearsals and warm-up times start promptly at the designated time. You should be ready to begin rehearsing with all of your materials at the designated time. Arrive early enough to get your things ready. Call times are designed to give you ample time to prepare for performances. Please do not be tardy. We will be following Bellevue East's tardy policy for documentation. If you are late during class time, please remember to scan the school QR code so you are not marked absent.

### **Outdoor/Introductory Marching Unit Rehearsal Safety**

Student Health and Safety is our top concern. During the first semester, Campus Band students will complete an introductory marching band unit. This will require some class time to be spent outdoors. For all outside classes and rehearsals students need to bring water and wear comfortable athletic shoes and socks. Students need to be acclimated to moderate periods of standing, activity and warm temperatures. They will be given frequent breaks and no student will be denied water ever. We plan a minimum of one break per hour with the frequency increasing with temperatures and humidity. Hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen are highly encouraged. Musicians hearing protection is strongly encouraged. Some students may want to utilize insect deterrent. In hot and humid conditions students should wear light colored athletic clothing. In cold weather conditions students should be prepared with layers of clothing, hats, and gloves. Adequate rest and hydration are essential to success. Healthy diet can also enhance a student's ability to sustain their physical and mental endurance.

### **Dress Policy**

Dress appropriately at all times. No offensive, questionable, or revealing clothing is permitted. School dress codes are still enforced in rehearsal and on trips.

**Marching Band Uniforms** - Campus Band will perform at the Homecoming Game and Exhibition performance in a purple Chieftain Band shirt, jeans, and athletic shoes. The specific shirts are available through the band boosters and are \$15. Please see the directors to get your shirt! When you are in uniform, you are representing Bellevue East High School and the tradition of excellence of the Bellevue East High School Band. Horsing around, playing games, running, and public displays of affection are not allowed in uniform. No food or drink, other than water, may be consumed in uniform. Cell phones are not permitted in uniform.

**Concert Dress Attire** - Campus Band performers will perform in 'Concert Black Dress' attire. Students are responsible for providing this attire. There are two options for concert black—Option 1: a black full length concert dress; and Option 2: black dress pants and a long-sleeved black dress shirt. Both options require black shoes and black socks/stockings. If you have questions about appropriate attire, please contact the directors.

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**Bellevue East Band Apparel** - Due to copyright restrictions, no one is allowed to produce Bellevue East High School clothing or Band Program clothing without the consent of the director of bands. All section attire needs to be approved by Mr. Krug in advance. There will be several opportunities to purchase apparel to support the band program throughout the summer and fall.

### **School Instruments**

Bellevue East High School provides instruments for students who perform on larger or specialized instruments. These instruments, cases, and accessories are property of Bellevue East High School and Bellevue Public Schools. Instruments will be checked out in good working condition and should be returned as such. Students are responsible for any repairs due to negligence while the instrument is checked out.

### **A-Wing, Band Room, and Band Locker Cleanliness**

The A-Wing is home to over 400+ performing arts students. The band rooms are home to 200+ students, staff, and faculty. The band department should feel like home, but please do your part to keep the performing arts area clean and in good representation of the Bellevue East Band Program. Band lockers are a privilege, not a right. Please leave all of your personal belongings, clothing, books, instrument, case, and accessories **INSIDE** your locker **AT ALL TIMES**. Any materials left out will be confiscated. If your book bag does not fit inside your locker, please set it on the floor up against the lockers out of the way of the rest of the room. Keep your locker locked. There are often other events and activities that utilize our space. Music faculty will not be held responsible for missing items. There is absolutely no food or drink in the band room, unless for a special approved event. If you see trash, pick it up. If the chairs and stands are messy, fix them. If you move something, put it back. **EVERYONE** is responsible for the cleanliness of the performing arts areas!

### **Electronic Device Policy**

Cell phones and tablets have become incredibly useful tools for learning. They will be utilized in rehearsal both in the marching and concert settings. The temptation to use devices in unproductive and distracting ways is very real. Students, like adults, are expected to utilize them in a professional manner. Students and staff are expected to refrain from social media during rehearsals and interact in meaningful ways with each other while in rehearsal, even on breaks.

### **Social Media Policy**

As a member of the Bellevue East Band, everything you say and do is a direct reflection of the band program. Posting any material that reflects negatively upon the Bellevue East Band will not be tolerated and disciplinary action can be taken. This could include (but is not limited to) material that chastises other members and sections, other band programs, or other school and district programs. Once something is posted, even in a place you believe is private, it is in the public domain forever.

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## **Copyright**

Due to copyright laws, please do not video or audio record any portion of rehearsals or performances. Furthermore, please do not share or post any rehearsal or performance videos on social media, YouTube, etc. Failure to comply may result in legal action against Bellevue Public Schools, Bellevue East High School, The Bellevue East Band Program, and/or yourself directly.

## **Lettering**

Students who complete their first full year of marching band along with symphonic band or wind ensemble or winter guard will receive a varsity letter. Students who complete an additional full year of marching band along with symphonic band or wind ensemble or winter guard will receive a letter jacket chevron.

## **GPS (Guided Personal Study) Policy**

GPS happens at the end of each school day. The goal of GPS is to allow students to have 30 minutes to be productive how they deem most appropriate. Students should use this time to do homework, visit teachers for help, make up tests, practice their instruments, hold sectionals, or for other academic purposes. If you would like to come down to the band room during GPS, please obtain a pass from an instructor early in the day. Be sure the instructor puts the correct date along with their signature on the pass – the pass is only valid for that day. When you arrive at the band room, please sign-in on the GPS Sign-In form online. Should you leave GPS please sign out utilizing the appropriate online form. While you are in the band room, you should be doing one of the following only: 1) practicing your instrument, or 2) doing homework quietly. It should NOT be used for socialization, but for academic purposes only. Coming to the band room during GPS is privilege. Please utilize is appropriately.

## **Basketball Pep Band**

Basketball Pep Band is a fun and exciting part of the band program, which performs at selected Bellevue East home basketball games and any postseason games. The performance schedule will be released as soon as the basketball game schedule is available. All band students will be distributed into two bands: 'Purple Band' or 'White Band.' Attendance at scheduled games is required as part of the grade for all band students. Student will be expected to attend 4-5 home basketball games. Postseason games will be made available on a volunteer basis and all students may not be able to attend.

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## **Travel Policies**

These policies apply to students performing on pep band and winter pageantry trips.

- 1) Due to district and NSAA/NSBA policies, all students are required to travel with the band to and from events. The only exceptions include travel from another school event during the same day or early release with a guardian following an event. Any exceptions must be approved in writing with Mr. Krug at least a week in advance. Students must check in or check out directly with a director alongside their parent or guardian.
- 2) Obey chaperones, staff, and directors at all times. They are here for everyone's safety.
- 3) Roll will be called every time people enter a bus. Do not answer for other students.
- 4) When given free time, do not go off on your own. Everyone must remain in groups of at least 4.
- 5) Dress appropriately. School dress codes are still enforced on trips. No offensive, questionable, or revealing clothing is permitted.
- 6) No alcoholic beverages, drugs, tobacco, electronic cigarettes, weapons, or fireworks are allowed at any time on a trip. Any illegal substances will be dealt with by local authorities.

## **Bellevue East Band Boosters**

**Mission** - The Bellevue East High School Band Boosters is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization whose mission is to support the development of excellence in music education, performance skills, and leadership in our instrumental music and pageantry arts programs.

**Vision** - The Bellevue East High School Band Boosters supports the band program in the following manner: - Work to build and maintain an organization of parents who assist and promote the activities of the instrumental music and pageantry arts programs - Promote the band program in a positive manner - Serve as a promotional and marketing organization in the community - Generate and provide additional funding.

### **Band Booster Board 2023-24 -**

Amy Woods, President

Jimeal Phillips, Vice President of Operations

Anne Marie Zimmerman, Vice President of Communications

Nicole Mulcahy, Vice President of Finances

Nathan Rachwitz, Treasurer

Yesenia Torres, Vice President of Special Functions

Julie VanHaften, Director of Apparel

**Student Accounts** - Student accounts will be monitored and maintained by the Band Booster Treasurer through [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com). Each student or family will be given a specialized login to maintain anonymity. Students/parents will be emailed a monthly account update. Students who have not paid fees by the scheduled full payment due date may be in jeopardy of traveling or performing.

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