

H.I.S. HomeSchool Band

 Hands on Instruments Serving 

Raising up a generation of Musicians to serve HIM!

2023-2024 MEMBER HANDBOOK

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“Whatever you do, work at it with all
your heart, as working for the Lord”
Colossians 3:23

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WELCOME!

Welcome to H.I.S. Homeschool Band! As a member, you have a unique opportunity to be part of something special that God has created and continues to shape. You will be offered many opportunities unlike anything you have experienced before. You will be challenged to grow the talents God has blessed you with and use them for His Glory. You will make friends that will last a lifetime and create memories that will be with you forever.

MISSION STATEMENT

H.I.S. Homeschool Band's mission is to provide homeschooled students of Western North Carolina ages 8+ the opportunity to learn to play a concert band instrument with special focus on bringing praise, honor, and glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by serving others in our community with those talents.

PURPOSE OF THIS HANDBOOK

H.I.S. Homeschool Band has grown to a size that necessitates the need for a handbook. The purpose of this handbook is to provide information to ALL members and families of H.I.S. Homeschool Band. Please be sure to read through all parts of this handbook. It is impossible to anticipate or address every situation, so if you have questions, please ask.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

GOD: God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. The three are co-equal and are one God.

JESUS CHRIST: We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God. We believe that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and through the death and risen power of Christ, all who believe and confess Jesus as Lord can be saved from the penalty and power of sin.

THE HOLY SPIRIT: We believe the Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world and lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation.

THE BIBLE: We believe the Bible is the inerrant Word of God and that none may add or take away from it.

THE CHURCH: We believe the Church is the bride of Christ and consists of all persons who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

SALVATION: We believe salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness, can we be saved from sins' penalty.

ETERNAL SECURITY: We believe God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ and the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity.

ETERNITY: We believe people were created to exist forever and we will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life.

SAFETY!

The safety of our students and their families is of the utmost importance to us. Although we look after students while they are under our direct supervision inside the bandroom, we cannot be responsible for any children outside the bandroom. Parents need to:

- Be mindful of where their child(ren) are at all times
- Be aware this campus is unsecured and various people come and go frequently
- Have a plan in place and communicate that plan to their child(ren) for when the unexpected arises, such as when someone else needs to pick their child up or when a parent is running late returning to campus (i.e. stay in the Youth Modular, Grandma may pick you up, this/these band parents are okay to watch you/drive you home if needed, etc.)

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Due to limited contact hours, each and every rehearsal is of extreme importance.

Text Christy at 828-775-5052 if student will be absent or tardy.
Directors will determine if it is excused or unexcused.

ABSENCES:

- Students with three (3) absences without valid excuses (illness, death in family, etc.) will not be allowed to perform with the group that semester.

TARDIES:

Students will be considered tardy if they are not in the band room with their instrument and music ready to begin rehearsal at their designated rehearsal time.

- Two (2) unexcused tardies will be considered one (1) unexcused absence
- Students with three (3) tardies (total excused and unexcused) will only be allowed to perform on semester concert with director's approval.

BEGINNER BAND CAMP ATTENDANCE

Beginner band camp dates are available to all prospective students prior to registration.

Beginner Band Students are required to attend all 7 1/2 hours of beginner band camp in order to participate in beginner band unless other arrangements are made with the director in advance.

WEATHER POLICY

H.I.S. Homeschool Band will follow Buncombe County Schools in regards to weather delays and closings. If inclement weather is forecast or occurring, directors will make a decision by 11am and send all announcements via email and/or text message. It is the responsibility of the band member/family to check for cancellations.

SCHEDULE

H.I.S. Homeschool Band's schedule including all rehearsals, performances, dances, socials, and reward dates can be found on the schedule tab of www.hishomeschoolband.com.

Unscheduled opportunities to perform and support our community may arise throughout the year. Such events often arise on short notice and all students should make every effort to participate as opportunities arise.

REGISTRATION

Returning member registration is held in April for the following school year. Half the annual tuition is due upon registration with the balance due in November.

New student registration will be held at different times between April and July with half the annual tuition due at registration and the balance due in November.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.

CONDUCT

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Students are expected to:

- participate with a positive attitude
- be respectful to everyone
- follow class rules
- properly care for all instruments and facilities

OUTREACH PERFORMANCES

When performing at outreach locations members are representatives not only of H.I.S. Homeschool Band, but most importantly representatives of Christ and are expected to conduct themselves as such.

CLASSROOM RULES

- Attend all rehearsals
- Be on time
- Participate in a positive manner
- Be prepared (working instrument, oil/reeds/neck strap/sticks/etc, music, theory book, PENCIL)
- Keep facilities clean
- Be respectful to everyone
- Use clean speech
- No food or drinks (water bottles okay)
- No gum

DISCIPLINE

Behavior that interrupts rehearsals or performances will be handled in the following manner:

1st-Verbal warning

2nd-Director will document and discuss with parent

3rd-Student may be dismissed from band at Director's discretion

PERFORMANCE & REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE

- All performances are required and attendance is mandatory
- Arrive 10-15 minutes early to all rehearsals
- Follow Classroom Rules
- Students are expected to stay for the entire concert/performance to show support to all students and performing groups
- Absolutely NO talking during performances
- Absolutely NO disruptive behavior
- NO food, drinks, or gum in performance area
- NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES in rehearsal/performance area

MUSIC

Music Theory Book

Each student is required to own and bring a copy of the music theory book and/or scales and fingering chart for their instrument for their group to **every rehearsal**.

2022 Beginners: Essential Elements for Band (Instrument specific)

Intermediate and Advanced: Rubanks Scales and fingering chart for their instrument

Sheet Music

Students may be given sheet music to be rehearsed and performed.

Students are required to keep their music in a 3-ring binder in sheet protectors.

Sheet music should be brought to **every rehearsal**.

A charge of \$1 per title will be charged to replace lost sheet music.

REQUIRED AT-HOME PRACTICE

At-home practice is critical to the success of both the student and the group as a whole.

Students should commit to practicing **AT LEAST** the minimum practice time expected for their group each week. In addition to mastering the semester's music, this will build endurance and move the student toward mastering their instrument.

Students must log at least the "Total Minimum Required to Perform" for their group to be eligible to perform.

The Director reserves the right to dismiss a student if the student displays a repeated pattern of not practicing at home.

PRACTICE LOGS

Practice Logs will be provided the first rehearsal of each semester. Students are required to record at home practice times on practice logs and have a parent/guardian sign confirming their recorded practice times.

Logs are to be turned in weekly to be recorded toward semester practice goals.

Please ask if you need help understanding how to fill out the log or calculate your practice times.

If lost, the Practice Log can be downloaded to print from the Documents and Links tab on the website.

SEMESTER PRACTICE REWARD

Each semester a reward event will be held for qualifying students. Examples of reward events held include campfires, hot dog roasts, ice cream socials, water day, movie night, game night, karaoke night.

At the end of each semester the Director will invite those students who qualified to attend the reward event.

ONLY students who record their at home practice times, have their parents/guardians sign, **AND** turn those logs in weekly will be allowed to attend. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

ATTIRE

As representatives of Christ, our clothing should be modest and reflective of our faith.

NO:

- Tank tops/halter tops/spaghetti straps
- Midriff revealing shirts
- Tight shirts
- "Muscle shirts"
- Clothing/jewelry/accessories with inappropriate messages or images

MUSTS:

- Modest necklines; fingertip length shorts/skirts/dresses

CONCERT BLACK ATTIRE

Performance attire should be uniform and professional to not draw attention to individuals. Adhere to normal attire guidelines and NO accessories that draw attention.

GENTLEMAN:

White Dress Shirt
Black Dress Pants
Black Socks & Dress Shoes
Tie Optional

LADIES:

White Top and Black Skirt or Black Dress Pants OR Black Dress
Black Dress Shoes

SKIRTS/DRESSES MUST FALL BELOW KNEES WHEN SEATED!

INSTRUMENTS

Students are expected to provide their own instruments. Whether you own your personal instrument, have a store rental, or have a borrowed instrument you must:

- Treat every instrument with respect
- Properly put away your instrument
- Properly maintain your instrument (cleaned/oiled/etc.)
- Provide your own mouthpiece/neck strap/oil/reeds/etc.

If you borrow an instrument owned by the Director/Group while your instrument is being repaired:

- You must sign an agreement making you responsible for the instrument
- Instruments must be returned in properly working order—you are responsible for paying for repairs beyond normal wear and tear
- Notify a band director immediately if there is a problem with the instrument
- **DO NOT TRY TO FIX THE INSTRUMENT YOURSELF:** if you make the problem worse, you will be responsible for paying for the repair

Abuse or mistreatment of any instrument will result in a financial reimbursement for any damage caused and in extreme cases the student may be dismissed from the program.

REHEARSAL FACILITIES

North Point Baptist Church supports this ministry by allowing us to use their facilities at no charge.

ALL FACILITIES MUST BE RESPECTED!
CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES!

BAND ROOM

The Band Room is upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. MUSIC STANDS AND EQUIPMENT ARE EXPENSIVE. Students are expected to treat the facility with respect and help set up the Band Room before and tear down following band.

3RD & 4TH GRADE CLASSROOM

The 3rd & 4th Grade Classroom (down the main hallway on the left) will usually be open for band families to use during band rehearsals. **This is a privilege and will only be continued if parents supervise their children and if the facility is respected and thoroughly cleaned following every use. Always leave it better than you find it!**

CHURCH SANCTUARY

NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE SANCTUARY.

Families entering the church building will be expected to be respectful, supervise their children, and **families MUST clean up after themselves or the doors will remain locked during future rehearsals. Advanced Students/Families are expected to participate in a cleaning rotation following rehearsals.**

Remember that our Pastor and Secretary both work during band hours. Please be quiet and try not to disturb them!

ENSEMBLES

H.I.S. Homeschool Band currently offers 3 levels of ensembles:

- BEGINNER BAND
- INTERMEDIATE BAND
- ADVANCED BAND

Students may only perform on different instruments with Director approval.
Students may only perform in more than one ensemble with Director approval and will be charged a reduced rate for the second ensemble.

Students are strongly encouraged to use their God-given talents outside of class.
(Performing both individually and with other small groups and ensembles, for family, at church/nursing homes, etc.)

FUNDRAISING

A Love Offering is taken up at each concert and various fundraising events will be held throughout the year. All funds raised go to benefit the Band as a whole.
Examples of purchases made using these funds include:

- Sheet Music
- Music Stands
- Instruments
- Clinicians
- Rewards & Awards

Donations are appreciated, tax-deductible, and can be made by check to North Point Baptist Church with "HOMESCHOOL BAND" on the memo line.

CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FIRST!!

MOST QUESTIONS CAN BE ANSWERED BY A QUICK VISIT TO THE WEBSITE.
PLEASE CHECK IT BEFORE CONTACTING CHRISTY OR JODIE

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The Directors reserve the right to amend this handbook and the policies within as needed.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to
share the gift of music with your family!
It is a blessing to be able to help students
grow their gifts and talents and instill in
them the importance of always doing their
best while using their
God-given talents to serve Him!



“The LORD bless you
and keep you;
²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.”
Numbers 6:24-26

SIGNATURE PAGE

I have read and understand the policies in the 2023-2024 H.I.S. Homeschool Band Member Handbook and agree to abide by them.

I agree to be solely responsible for my child and my family and understand that H.I.S. Homeschool Band, the Directors, and North Point Baptist Church will not be held responsible for any accidents or injuries involving myself or (any of) my child(ren) which may occur during Homeschool Band activities.

Band Student Printed Name(s):

Student Signature(s):

Parent/Adult Band Participant Printed Name:

Parent/Adult Band Participant Signature:

Date:

SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE TO THE DIRECTORS