



# Band Handbook

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## What you will need:

There are a few items we insist that all band students have for our program. These items are common across all great band programs across the world.

### A Music Folder & Music

We will supply method books and music for the student. We ask that they store separate sheet music in their folder that we provide and bring it to band class.

### Concert Attire

All band students will need the music concert outfits. Sizing and orders will be done at the beginning of the year. Students are responsible for the cost.

### Music Accessories - Cleaning Supplies

To prevent the instruments (either rented from a local music store or your own instrument) from breaking, we encourage buying cleaning supplies. Most of these are one time purchases and the others will only have to be replaced every 2 to 3 years.

### Metronome & Tuner

The Metronome is a device that keeps tempo which is very important when you need to practice on your own. The tuner helps set the instrument to play in tune. A tuner app that I use often is Bandmate Chromatic Tuner. Students can also practice with the Essential Elements Interactive site to help with timing and tuning.

## THE BANDS

### BEGINNING BAND

Students with little or no musical experience will start in this band.

Depending on how much they learn, how well they practice, and how well they play, they may be promoted to the Advanced Band.

Within 3 months students in this band will go from no knowledge about music to performing in a concert.

### CONCERT BAND

Students who have completed one year of beginner band and have learned enough technique, musicianship, and attitude to perform at a higher level of performance.

This is the top group in the music program where expectation levels are the highest. We strive for a level of excellence within this group.

## THE BAND PROGRAM STRIVES TO ACHIEVE THESE FOUR GOALS:

- To establish a means of developing creativity, self-confidence, self-expression, and self-fulfillment through the realization of a student's musical talent.
- To provide a strong foundation in music fundamentals by learning to play a musical instrument.
- To provide a background in the appreciation of music and develop the skills necessary to begin a life-long enjoyment of music either as a recreation or a profession.
- To promote self-discipline, organizational skills, responsibility, and good citizenship by working toward common goals of musical achievement and performance excellence.

**STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL EXTRA REHEARSAL AND ALL PERFORMANCES.**



## YOU WILL NEED AN INSTRUMENT TO PLAY IN OUR BANDS. WHICH ONE FITS YOU?

The instrument you may want to play is not the instrument you end up playing. Certain instruments everybody wants to play like Trumpet, Flute, and Sax. Being able to play these instruments depends on Instrument testing results and what is needed to keep a balance of instruments in the band. We do take the student's and parent's request into consideration.

## GRADING

This is a graded class here at Southland Christian Academy. Grading is based on attending and participating in class, practice times, and required rehearsals and performances. This program is a year long commitment.

**Below is the criteria that is used to determine grades:**

- Daily Work and Observations of Student's Progress 30%*
- Participation, Preparedness. and Performance Tests 30%*
- Concert/Performance Attendance 40%*

Band is a group effort class and each individual is vital and indispensable to the success of the class as a whole.

**Attendance at performances is mandatory with the following exceptions:**

- Excused illness from school the day of the performance.
- Or if the student brings a note from a parent at least one week in advance explaining why it is impossible to attend the performance.

Unexcused absence from performances will result in a lowered grade.

## EVENTS PARTICIPATION

As we continue to grow, we encourage band members that are eligible to participate/audition for honor band. We also require students in advanced band to participate in our ACEL festival held in January each year.

## Did You Know?

### The Stats of Band Members

**GPA of music students 3.59**

GPA/Non Music Students 2.91

Music students score 53pts higher in Math on the SATs

Music students score 39pts higher in English on the SATs

Of accepted medical students, those with music backgrounds were

**66%** of the students

## INSTRUMENT ACCESSORIES

**Flute:** Binder, Tuning Rod, Pad Saver, Silver Polish Cloth

**Clarinet:** Binder, Swab, Cork Grease, Pad Saver, FIVE #2.5 Reeds

**Sax:** Binder, Swab, Cork Grease, Pad Saver, FIVE #2.5 Reeds

**Trumpet:** Binder, Valve Oil, Polish Cloth, Mouthpiece Brush

**Horn:** Binder, Valve Oil, Polish Cloth, Mouthpiece Brush

**Trombone:** Binder, Slide-O-Mix, Polish Cloth, Mouthpiece Brush

**Baritone:** Binder, Valve Oil, Polish Cloth, Mouthpiece Brush

**Tuba:** Binder, Valve Oil, Polish Cloth, Mouthpiece Brush

**\*\*Reeds will be available for purchase in class if needed.\*\***



### About the Director:

**Mr. Osborne:** Mr. Osborne has been teaching music through private lessons, elementary and high school choir, and band (2017) at Southland Christian Academy since he had hair. He is a graduate of Trinity Baptist College.

### Block-out Dates:

**Dec. 16: Christmas Concert**

**January 30: ACEL Fine Arts Festival**

**May 7: Spring Concert**



# ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS Interactive

Each parent will be able to set up an account for the student with EEi (Essential Elements Interactive.) This site will allow them opportunity to see our calendar, assignments, and important video/information about their instrument. Once we have set up the student's information, we will send home a quick start guide to help you finish completing the process and view the site.

We will also use this site for students to occasionally record assignments for their progress. If this is not something your child has access to, they can schedule a time to complete the assignment with Mr. Osborne.

**Did You Know?**  
Students with band and orchestra experience attend college at a rate twice the national average.



## BAND RENTAL INFORMATION

**We encourage our parents to support Music & Arts or Music Man's Music Mart, our local music stores in Baton Rouge, for their instrument needs!**

### **The Benefits of Renting an Instrument**

- *New and like-new instruments. You can rent a name-brand and trusted instrument.*
- *No Risk. Month to month rental plans*
- *No Penalties. You may return the instrument at any time.*
- *No Hassle. The process is very simple.*
- *LDW Maintenance. Instruments can be serviced and replaced at no charge.*
- *Purchase Options. When purchasing, some initial money from your rental will be applied. Keep a quality instrument.*



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# PARENT & STUDENT CONTRACT

## *Parent Contract*

I have read and agree to the policies of the Southland Christian Academy Band Program. I understand that my child will need to attend:

- any extra rehearsals scheduled outside of the normal school day if possible.
- concerts outside of the normal school day.

Parent's/Guardian's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## *Student Contract*

I have read and agree to the policies of the Southland Christian Academy Band Program. I understand that I will need to attend any extra rehearsals and concerts outside of the normal school day. I also understand that I will need to be responsible and bring my instrument, music folder, and supplies everyday to class.

Student's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_