

Della Icenhower Intermediate School Band Handbook 2017-2018



Band Directors

Miss Alexandra Gutierrez ~ alexandragutierrez@misdmail.org
Flute. Oboe. Bassoon. Clarinet. Saxophone

Mr. James Crixell ~ jamescrixell@misdmail.org
Trumpet. Horn. Trombone. Euphonium. Tuba

Mr. Daniel Neimeyer ~ danielneimeyer@misdmail.org
Percussion

icenhowerband.weebly.com

Welcome to the Della Icenhower Intermediate School Husky Band!

We are excited that you have chosen to be a part of this excellent organization, and we present the program to your family with great pride! As a member of the Icenhower Intermediate School Band, you represent an outstanding school, and an outstanding band program with high standards of excellence. We look forward to you being a part of the band as we start and carry on its great traditions!

OBJECTIVES FOR THE ICENHOWER BAND

- Instill an individual desire to succeed.
- Promote cooperation and teamwork.
- Express the aesthetic value of music through performance skills and theory comprehension.
- Fulfill the academic state and district requirements for fine arts in the school curriculum.
- Develop social skills through large/small group interaction.
- Develop personal and social self discipline.
- Demonstrate correct posture while playing an instrument.
- Demonstrate correct embouchure while playing a wind instrument.
- Produce a characteristic tone on your instrument.
- Recognize and demonstrate various articulation markings.
- Identify rhythms including, but not limited to: whole, half, quarter, eighth, dotted-eighth, sixteenth, and triplet.
- Develop technical motor skills at different tempos.
- Develop listening skills
- Demonstrate knowledge of music terminology.
- Instill desire for advancement to the 7th grade level in the middle school band program.

GRADING POLICY

A student's academic grade will be determined using the following guidelines:

Daily/Continuous Interaction:

Daily and continuous interaction grades will consist of 20 points earned each day, or 100 points earned each week.

Each student begins each band class with 20 points. Points will be deducted for the following:

- No instrument/sticks or mallets: -20 points (Excused only by email from parent)
- No necessary supplies (reeds, mouthpiece, neck strap, etc.): -20 points
- No band binder or music book: -20 points
- No pencil: -20 points
- Unwilling to participate: -20 points

Performances/Rehearsals/Playing Evaluations

Performances will be entered as two test grades. One grade reflects the student's performance participation, and the second grade reflects the student's listening to other students' performances.

Rehearsals will be entered as one test grade reflecting the student's attendance/participation.

Playing evaluations (chair assignments) will be entered as one test grade. These evaluations will occur during class throughout the six week grading period. Each grade will reflect various testing assignments from the student's objective sheet and may be graded on differentiated scales based on the assignment's intent.

PRACTICE OUTSIDE OF CLASS

Practice outside of class is expected. Students should have their instrument at home for practice on a daily basis, including the weekends. As we progress through the year, students will gain understanding of how to practice and build their endurance to practice for extended periods of time. They will gain comfort and an understanding of their individual practice needs and desires.

Students should reserve time each day to practice. It is always better to practice multiple days during the week than to practice for only one big chunk of time on one day. Practicing outside of the student's band class is expected in order for the student to be accountable for their musical challenges and responsibilities.

*******DAILY BAND HALL HOURS*******

Students are welcome and encouraged to use the band hall during these times to pick up/drop off his or her instrument. If any student needs help with something or has a question, Miss Gutierrez will be there to assist or work with the students.

Later in the year, these times may be used for individuals to play off objectives, assignments, or practice after school.

8:00 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PERFORMANCE & REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is required.

Students receive two test grades for every performance: one for performing and one for listening to others perform through the end of the concert; Students receive one test grade for every rehearsal.

Absences will only be excused for the following reasons *with written notice given prior to the performance*:

1. Student Illness (excused absence from school on the day of the event - or a doctor's note upon return)
2. Death in the immediate family (note accepted upon return to school)

The following events are NOT excused absences from any performance or full band rehearsal:

1. No transportation available
2. Vacations
3. Church Functions
4. Sports Practices or Games
5. Non-School Activities
6. Medical Appointments (Dentist, Orthodontist, Doctor)

Communication of attendance issues must be made in writing (letter, email, or text message) and given to a band director in advance of the rehearsal or performance.

In the event that a student belongs to a non-Icenhower organization which may be appearing or rehearsing at the same time, the Icenhower Full Band rehearsal or performance will take priority.

Conflicts with other Icenhower organizations are very rare, but if they occur, they will be resolved through the directors if given advance note.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PRIVILEGES

A student's privilege to participate in extra-curricular events (i.e. field trips, social events, special opportunities) is directly linked to the student's adherence to class expectations.

An unexcused absence from a required performance or full-band rehearsal may result in the student's extra-curricular privilege being lost.

Concerns regarding student's behavior will also be considered and may result in the student's extra-curricular privilege being lost.

UNIFORM

For performances, students will wear the following:

- Band T-Shirts
- Blue Jeans (No Holes)
- Tennis Shoes

There may be special performances or events that occur during the year in which the students will dress up or wear something other than band t-shirts. That will be communicated when necessary.

BAND T-SHIRTS

Band T-Shirts must be ordered by September 1, 2017. Every student must purchase a short-sleeve band t-shirt to wear during the year for multiple performances. Option to purchase multiple shirts will be available for students and parents.

INSTRUMENT REPAIR

Instruments - Your instrument is extremely valuable, and proper care should be taken to maintain its value. Should your instrument be in need of repair, *you must always check with the director before taking it to the music/repair shop*. Please do not repair the instrument yourself, as you do not have the proper tools or training required.

BUS POLICY FOR INSTRUMENTS

Flute - Oboe - Bassoon - Clarinet - Saxophone - Trumpet - Horn - Trombone - Euphonium - Percussion students:
These instruments are allowed to be transported daily on the school bus.

Tuba students:

These instruments are NOT allowed to be transported daily on the school bus. Because of this, the directors will work with you to provide an instrument both at home and at school if inventory is available to do so.

INSTRUMENT STORAGE

Each student will be assigned an instrument storage locker to keep their instrument during the day. Do not leave or store your instrument in hallways or classrooms. **Each lock costs \$10 and students are responsible for replacing them if they break or lose them.**

The instrument storage lockers are for storage of your instrument and band binder only.

Please be mindful to not leave an instrument unprotected in a vehicle. Not only could they be stolen, but for woodwind instruments especially, it can be damaging to be exposed to extreme heat or cold.

SUPPLIES

There is a supply list including specific needs of each instrument included with this handbook. Please refer to supply list on band website for specific instrument supplies.

All Students are expected to have the following with them, in class, every day:

- Instrument with name tag attached to case
- Any supplies necessary for playing (reeds, neck strap, mouthpiece, etc.)
- Black Band Binder with Book (If lost, student is responsible for replacing it.)
- Highlighters
- Pencils with pencil bag
- Tuner/Metronome Combo with mic clip attachment
- Band T-Shirt
 - Required for Band Performances Only and/or Spirit Days
 - \$12 - \$15 (Pending Shirt Design)
 - Must be ordered by September 1, 2017

CLASSROOM GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Respect the rehearsal, our band program, each other, and directors by observing the following guidelines:

1. Come to class prepared.
2. Be respectful of time.
3. Quiet rehearsals = Productive rehearsals. Enter the band hall calmly and quietly.
4. Food, drinks, and gum are NOT allowed in the band hall.
5. Respect other people's equipment by keeping your hands off anything that is not yours.
6. Class begins together with the director. Do not play your instrument unless instructed.

BATHROOM POLICY

Students should use the restroom during transition time between classes.

If a student feels a very urgent need to use the restroom during class, the student should carefully set their instrument down safely, take the restroom pass, and go quickly to the restroom located in the hallway nearest to the band hall.

Students will not be allowed to use the restroom during playing tests.

Handbook Acknowledgement Form



*****Form due no later than Friday, September 1, 2017*****

As you sign this form, both the family and the student are making the commitment that includes:

- Being a member of the band for the entire school year.
- Giving your best effort to improve as a musician.
- Maintaining a progressive, positive attitude toward band and school throughout the year.

As a family, we commit to the criteria listed above and strive to follow through with this commitment to the Icenhower Band program.

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ *Date:* _____

Student Email Address (if available) _____

Student Phone Number (if available) _____

This material has been covered thoroughly in class with all students, and the information will continue to be enforced throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

Any changes will be communicated by Miss Gutierrez via email, letter home with students, and/or text messaging.

ICENHOWER BAND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM 2017-2018

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian #1 First and Last Name: _____

Mother's Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Parent/Guardian #2 First and Last Name: _____

Father's Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Please list below any medical condition(s) we should be aware of (including allergies):

List below any medication that your child is currently taking or will take:

List the name of your student's doctor: _____

If the student is covered by medical insurance, list the insurance carrier: _____

I do hereby give Alexandra Gutierrez and/or James Crixell, or their designees, the authority to seek medical attention for the above named student in the event of an emergency or in any situation that requires medical attention.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Emergency Contact (not parent): _____ Phone: _____

Icenhower Band Calendar 2017-2018

Date	Time	Location	Event
Aug. 22, 2017	6:00 p.m.	Icenhower Cafeteria	Band Parent Meeting
Sept. 27, 2017	TBA	Center for Performing Arts	Band Field Trip
TBA	TBA	Willie Pigg Auditorium	Winter Concert
Mar. 1, 2017	TBA	Timberview High School Auditorium	Percussion Concert (percussion students only required)
TBA	TBA	TBA	Intermediate Solo Contest
April	TBA	Sandy Lake Music Festival 1800 Sandy Lake Rd. Carrollton, TX 75006	Festival Performance
TBA	TBA	TBA	End of the Year Concert Awards Night
April	During class time	Icenhower Bandroom	Coble MS Band Auditions

***All events on this calendar are required for every Band student.

***Calendar is subject to change. Director will send home announce if needed.

***The Solo and Festival Performance are events that require students to be academically eligible in order to participate.

Remind Instructions

Join Now & Stay Informed!

- Download the free Remind 101 app on your phone and/or tablet
- Text 81010 and type in @icepack

Follow us to receive ALL announcements throughout the year!

Remind
@icepack

Twitter
@icehuskyband



Google Classroom Codes:

Flute: **m7rkec**

Oboe: **psdo2n**

Bassoon: **tnq8vmv**

Clarinet: **lbpciq9**

Saxophone: **93yt2t**

Percussion: **nsilix5**

Trumpet: **qhl33sn**

French Horn: **egwzdms**

Trombone: **4v52hc**

Euphonium: **xvwic3**

Tuba: **sutm4mq**

If you have questions about Band...

Please check website: icenhowerband.weebly.com

Or Contact:

Alexandra Gutierrez

Head Band Director, Della Icenhower Intermediate

alexandragutierrez@misdmail.org (preferred)

Remind 101 app (message [@icepack](#) before 7:00 pm)

(817) 299-2729 (band hall)

Music & Arts

Arlington Highlands Shopping Center
4000 Five Points Blvd., Suite 129
(817) 466-8696
www.musicarts.com
Hailey Webb, Icenhower Representative

Store Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.