



CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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CHS Bands Handbook 2017-2018

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Dear Band Students and Parents:

Welcome to the Clayton High School Band Program! Whether you are new to Clayton High School or a returning band student, we have an exciting year planned!

Included in this handbook, please find information you will need for the upcoming 2017 - 2018 school year:

- ◆ Grading Policy
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The following forms will be distributed to the students on the first day of classes:

- Band Supplies Form (Return with payment for appropriate band program supplies)
- Private Transportation Form (ALL students return this form – must have signatures)
- Information/Signature Form (ALL students return this form – must have signatures)
- Band Calendar Conflict Form (ALL students return this form – must have signatures)

Please return these forms no later than Monday, August 21, 2017.

We are grateful for your continued support and encouragement. We have a wonderful program and are looking forward to another great year. If you have any questions or we can help in any way, please don't hesitate to call. We look forward to seeing you at Open House on August 31st.

Thank you.

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GRADING POLICY

QUARTER & SEMESTER GRADING

Quarter and Semester grades for band are determined from the following categories:

- 30% Performance Participation
- 25% Daily Class Participation
- 25% Individual Assessments
- 20% Sectional Participation
- *Note: The final exam/activity will count for 10% of the student's final semester grade.*

***Click the following link for a comprehensive description of grading categories and expectations:**

***GRADING CATEGORIES & EXPECTATIONS (Concert & Symphonic Band)**

***GRADING CATEGORIES & EXPECTATIONS (Pep Band)**

EXTRA CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

A variety of Extra-Credit opportunities will be available for students each semester. Extra credit may be applied the Daily Class Participation category to supplement the student's semester grade.

HONORS (A+) GRADE

An Honors (A+) Grade is available for students that maintain a minimum 95% grade percentage throughout each quarter (without extra credit points).

***Click the following link for the requirements needed to receive an Honors (A+) grade for band:**

***HONORS (A+) GRADE REQUIREMENTS**

Grading Categories & Expectations

Concert Band & Symphonic Band

Quarter and Semester grades for band are determined from the following categories:

- 30% Performance Participation
- 25% Daily Class Participation
- 25% Individual Assessments
- 20% Sectional Participation
- *Note: The semester final exam/activity will count for 10% of the student's final (semester) grade.*

PERFORMANCES (30%)

- **Home Concert Performances / State Large Ensemble Festival**
 - **300 Points Possible** (per performance)
 - 75 Points Correct Concert Attire
 - 75 Points On Time/Warm-Up
 - 100 Points Performance Participation
 - 50 Points Post-Performance Attendance / Stage Strike
- **Dress Rehearsals / Extra Rehearsals (Adds 100 points to respective performance)**
Example: Night of Bands, State Large Ensemble Festival
 - **100 Points Possible** (per rehearsal)
 - 25 Points All Materials Needed (Music/Reeds/Mutes/Pencil/etc.)
 - 25 Points On Time (Downbeat of Warm-Up)
 - 50 Points Participation/Rehearsal Etiquette
 - **NOTE:** Inappropriate cell phone use during rehearsal will result in a "0" rehearsal grade.

DAILY CLASS PARTICIPATION (25%)

- **Daily Class Rehearsals**
Full Band Rehearsals
 - 10 Points Possible (Per Daily Rehearsal)
 - 3 Points On-Time (Downbeat of Warm-Up)
 - 2 Points All Materials Needed (Music/Reeds/Mutes/Pencil/etc.)
 - 5 Points Participation/Rehearsal Etiquette
 - **NOTE:** Inappropriate cell phone use during rehearsal will result in a "0" daily grade.

INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS (25%)

- **Performance Evaluations**
Individual performance evaluations including, but not limited to: Seating evaluations, scale evaluations, musical excerpt evaluations
 - Point Values Vary
- **Written Assignments**
 - Point Values Vary

SECTIONAL COACHING (20%)

This grade component is determined by sectional coaches and is based upon participation (as described below) and personal improvement throughout the quarter/semester.

- 10 Points Possible (Per Daily Rehearsal)
 - 3 Points On-Time (Downbeat of Warm-Up)
 - 2 Points All Materials Needed (Music/Reeds/Mutes/Pencil/etc.)
 - 5 Points Participation/Rehearsal Etiquette

- **NOTE:** Inappropriate cell phone use during rehearsal will result in a “0” daily grade.

HONORS (A+) GRADE

An Honors (A+) Grade is available for students that possess “good standing” within the band program and meet the following criteria:

- Maintain a minimum **95% grade percentage** throughout each quarter (without extra credit points)
- Final grade calculation must **meet or exceed 120%** (with extra credit)
- No unexcused tardies
- No unexcused absences

CHS Pep Band

All students enrolled in CHS Band Classes participate in the CHS Football Pep Band. All rehearsals and performances (including Homecoming events) are required and are calculated in the quarter/semester grades. The Pep Band performs pre-game, throughout the entire game, and post-game.

Expectations

- Attendance
 - Attendance at each rehearsal and performance is required
 - If unable to attend any rehearsal or performance, it is the student's responsibility to inform Ms. Shelley at least one day in advance of the absence.
 - Parents may contact Ms. Shelley if necessary.
 - All excused absences must be approved by Ms. Shelley.
 - Ms. Shelley reserves the right to excuse or not excuse any absence.

- Grading
 - Football Pep Band is a component of CHS Band Curriculum and is included in quarter/semester grades.
 - All components of the grading system apply to pep band participation and performance.
 - Football Games and Homecoming Parade are considered performances and are graded as such.

- Extra Credit
 - Extra Credit will be available for participation at post-season playoff games.

2017 CHS Pep Band Schedule

→ Friday, August 25, 2017 (Home Football Game)

- 5:30pm Arrive at Gay Field – Band BBQ (Hot Dogs & Chips)
- 6:00pm Rehearse pre-game and post-game
- 6:30pm Pre-Game begins

→ Friday, September 15, 2017 (Home Football Game)

- 5:30pm Arrive at Gay Field - Band BBQ (Hot Dogs & Chips)
- 6:00pm Rehearse pre-game and post-game
- 6:30pm Pre-Game begins

→ Thursday, September 28, 2017 (Home Football Game)

- 5:30pm Arrive at Gay Field - Band BBQ (Hot Dogs & Chips)
- 6:00pm Rehearse pre-game and post-game
- 6:30pm Pre-Game begins

→ Monday, October 2, 2017 (Homecoming Rehearsal)

- 6:45pm Arrive at Gay Field
- 7:00pm Homecoming Rehearsal - Gay Field
- 8:00pm Rehearsal Ends

→ Thursday, October 5, 2017 (Homecoming Rehearsal Rain Date)

→ Friday, October 6, 2017 (Elementary School Tour)

- TBA Morning tour of Elementary Schools
- TBA HS Pep Assembly

→ Saturday, October 7, 2017 (Homecoming Day)

- 10:15am Arrive at High School
- 11:00am Homecoming Parade & Football Game
- 3:30pm Estimated End Time

- **Lunch will be provided during the football game

→ TBA – Home Football Playoff Games (Extra Credit)

- 6:00pm Arrive at Gay Field
- 6:15pm Warm-Up/Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Pre-Game begins

EXTRA CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Extra Credit is calculated at the end of each Academic Semester. Extra Credit earned will be added to the *Class Participation* component of the quarter/semester grade categories. *All Extra Credit Forms must be completed and returned by the indicated deadline in order to receive credit. **All Extra Credit Forms will be located online through Mr. Nichols & Ms. Shelley's CHS Website.*

All Year (Continuous)

- **Private Lessons**
 - Weekly lessons on primary instrument
 - 20 Points 1 hour lesson
 - 15 Points 45 minute lesson
 - 10 Points 1/2 Hour lesson
 - Weekly lessons on any secondary lesson/voice
 - 10 Points Any lesson regardless of length of lesson
- **Brass Choir/Woodwind Choir/Percussion Ensemble**
 - Rehearsals and Performance as scheduled
 - 10 Points Rehearsal
 - 50 Points Performance
- **Additional Ensembles**
 - Examples: St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra, Webster Community School ensembles, Clayton Symphony Orchestra, church ensembles that rehearse and perform weekly
 - 50 Points Per ensemble / Per quarter
- **Additional Concert Attendance**
 - Examples: St. Louis Symphony concert, Fox Theater concert, Wydown Middle School concert,
 - 10 Points per event
- **Mentoring (By teacher recommendation only)**
 - Clayton schools beginning music student
 - Must maintain a journal of the lesson scope and student improvement
 - Lessons are free (no money exchanged) for half-hour lessons
 - Fees may be negotiated for lessons over 30 minutes
 - 10 points per weekly lesson
- **Service**
 - Examples: Sorting/Filing music, assisting with inventory, moving equipment, room set-up, etc
 - 1 Point per minute of service

Extra Credit Opportunities, Continued

First Semester

- **Football Playoff Games**
 - 100 Points per Game

- **CHS Full Orchestra**
 - 20 Points per Rehearsal
 - 50 Points per Performance

- **St. Louis Suburban Band/Jazz Band Auditions**
 - 50 Points Audition
 - 150 Points Participation in all rehearsals and performance (If selected)

- **All-State Band Auditions**
 - 100 Points Audition
 - 300 Points Participation in all rehearsals and performance (If selected)

Second Semester

- **All-State Band Participation (If selected)**
 - 300 Points Participation in all rehearsals and performance (If selected)

- **Spring Musical**
 - 10 Points per Rehearsal
 - 50 Points per Performance

- **District Solo & Ensemble Festival**
 - 100 Points I Rating
 - 75 Points II Rating
 - 50 Points III Rating

- **State Solo & Ensemble Festival**
 - 150 Points I Rating
 - 100 Points II Rating
 - 75 Points III Rating

Communications

EMAIL

Email communication will encompass the majority of our mass communication efforts this year. If you are not receiving CHS Band emails, please contact Mr. Nichols (robertnichols@claytonschoools.net) to confirm the accuracy of your email address.

“CHS Bands Updates”

“CHS Bands Updates” will be included in a newsletter format and will be sent, via email, to students and parents. Again, if you are not receiving CHS Band emails, please contact Mr. Nichols to confirm the accuracy of your email address. (robertnichols@claytonschoools.net)

“Remind”

“Remind” is a one-way text/email message resource that will be used to remind students and parents of upcoming events and event details as well as to distribute any “last minute” updates regarding events. Subscribers to Remind will receive text/email messages, but cannot respond or reply, thus keeping communications safe and professional. In addition, all personal information is completely confidential with remind; Teachers will never see personal phone numbers, and those using Remind will not see teachers phone numbers.

Students, and parents alike, are invited and encouraged to subscribe to all of the classes in which the student is participating. Please see the enclosed information for instructions on how to subscribe to “Remind.”

***Please contact Rob Nichols (robertnichols@claytonschoools.net) with any questions about subscribing to “Remind.”*



Subscribe to "Remind"

"Remind"

Students and parents may subscribe to receive text (SMS) and/or email alerts. Please see the information and graphic below for instructions on subscribing to specific classes to receive Remind alerts.

Subscribing for text (SMS) alerts:

1. Send a text message to phone number **(636) 489-3882**
2. Use the following in the message to subscribe to specific classes:

CLASS	MESSAGE
• CHS Symphonic Band	@chs-sb
• CHS Concert Band	@chs-cb
• CHS Jazz Ensemble	@chs-je

Subscribing for email alerts:

1. Send an email to the following email address to subscribe to specific classes (You may leave the subject line blank):

Mr. Nichols Classes

CLASS	MESSAGE
• CHS Symphonic Band	chs-sb@mail.remind.com
• CHS Concert Band	chs-cb@mail.remind.com
• CHS Jazz Ensemble	chs-je@mail.remind.com

"Remind"



Subscribing for SMS alerts:

To: (636) 489-3882 Enter this number

Message: @chs-sb With this message

Subscribing for email alerts:

New message

Recipients: chs-sb@mail.remind.com Send an email to

Subject: (You can leave the subject blank)

Contact Information

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Clayton High School Bands Event List 2017-2018

***All Dates & Times Are Subject to Change**

AUGUST		
<p>O = Optional activity/event M = Mandatory activity/event R = Required for class N = Note</p>		
Tuesday	August 15	<p style="background-color: yellow;">First Day of Classes</p> <p>N CHS Band Handbook is located online (Mr. Nichols & Ms. Shelley's CHS Website)</p> <p>N Band forms distributed to students (hard copy)</p>
Wednesday	August 16	<p>O Dr. Tim Leadership Workshop 4:00pm-7:00pm</p> <p>N Contact Mr. Nichols for information</p>
Monday	August 21	<p>R Student forms/payments Due</p>
Tuesday	August 22	<p>O CHS Jazz Clinic 7:20am CHS Band Room</p> <p>N Open to all band students grades 9-12</p>
Thursday	August 24	<p>O CHS Jazz Clinic 7:20am CHS Band Room</p> <p>N Open to all band students grades 9-12</p>
Friday	August 25	<p>M Home Football Game 5:30pm - Band BBQ (Hot Dogs & Chips) 6:10pm - Warm-Up 7:00pm - Game begins Gay Field</p>
Monday - Wednesday	August 28-30	<p>O CHS Jazz Auditions 7:25am</p>
Tuesday	August 31	<i>CHS Open House</i>

SEPTEMBER

O = Optional activity/event

M = Mandatory activity/event

R = Required for class

N = Note

Friday	September 1	NO CLASSES
Monday	September 4	NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
Tuesday	September 5	Jazz Classes Begin
Friday	September 15	<p>M Home Football Game 5:30pm – Band BBQ (Hot Dogs & Chips) 6:10pm – Warm-Up 7:00pm – Game begins Gay Field</p>
Tuesday	September 19	<p>O Tri-M Auditions 3:15pm Music Wing</p>
Friday	October 22	EARLY RELEASE
Monday	September 25	<p>R Concert Band Chair Auditions begin</p> <p>O Tri-M Auditions 3:15pm Music Wing</p>
Thursday	September 28	<p>M Home Football Game 5:30pm – Band BBQ (Hot Dogs & Chips) 6:10pm – Warm-Up 7:00pm – Game begins Gay Field</p>

OCTOBER

O = Optional activity/event

M = Mandatory activity/event

R = Required for class

N = Note

Monday	October 2	<p>M Pep Band Homecoming Rehearsal 6:45pm - Students arrive 7:00pm - Rehearsal Begins 8:00pm - Rehearsal Ends Gay Field</p>
Thursday	October 5	RAIN DATE - Pep Band Homecoming Rehearsal
Friday	October 6	<p>M Pep Band Elementary School Tour (Morning) N Students are responsible for class work missed</p>
Saturday	October 7	<p>M Homecoming 11:00am - Parade 12:00pm - Game begins Gay Field</p>
Thursday	October 12	END 1st Quarter
Thursday	October 12	Tri-M Induction Ceremony
Friday	October 13	NO CLASSES
Thursday	October 19	EARLY RELEASE
Friday	October 21	<p>NO SCHOOL Football Playoffs Begin (TENTATIVE) N Pep Band will perform for HOME playoff games</p>
Monday	October 30	<p>SLSMEA Middle School Auditions <i>STUDENT WORKERS NEEDED</i></p>

NOVEMBER

O = Optional activity/event

M = Mandatory activity/event

R = Required for class

N = Note

Wednesday	November 1	M Concert: CHS Concert Bands 6:45pm - Students arrive 7:30pm CHS Auditorium
Sunday	November 5	Daylight Savings
Monday	November 6	O SLSMEA District Band Auditions
Friday	November 10	NO CLASSES
NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK November 22-24		
Monday	November 27	SLSMEA Rehearsal N Students selected to SLSMEA Honor Bands

DECEMBER

O = Optional activity/event

M = Mandatory activity/event

R = Required for class

N = Note

Friday	December 1	EARLY RELEASE
Saturday	December 2	<p>O All-State Band & Orchestra Auditions *All Day N Students qualifying through district auditions Hickman High School (Columbia)</p>
Monday	December 4	<p>CHS Percussion: Holiday Brass *Schedule TBA</p> <p>SLSMEA Rehearsal N Students selected to SLSMEA Honor Bands</p>
Tuesday	December 5	<p>CHS Percussion: Holiday Brass *Schedule TBA</p>
Thursday	December 7	<p>M CLAYTON NIGHT OF BANDS 6:15pm - Students Arrive 7:00pm - Performances Begin <i>Off Campus</i></p>
Wednesday	December 13	<p>CHS Jazz Concert 7:00pm CHS Auditorium N Wydown Jazz Band, CHS Jazz Band, CHS Jazz Ensemble</p>
Monday	December 18	<p>Finals Begin <i>Extra Credit Forms Due</i></p>
Wednesday	December 20	END 1st Semester
<p>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK December 21 - January 3</p>		

JANUARY

O = Optional activity/event

M = Mandatory activity/event

R = Required for class

N = Note

Thursday	January 4	Classes Resume
Friday	January 5	SLSMEA Rehearsal N Students selected to SLSMEA Honor Bands
Saturday	January 6	SLSMEA Rehearsal N Students selected to SLSMEA Honor Bands
Sunday	January 7	SLSMEA Performances N Students selected to SLSMEA Honor Bands
Friday	January 12	NO CLASSES
Monday	January 15	NO SCHOOL (M.L. King Day)
Friday	January 19	SIUE Bi -State Rehearsal N Students selected to SIUE Bi-State Honors Band
Saturday	January 20	SIUE Bi -State Rehearsal / Performance N Students selected to SIUE Bi-State Honors Band
Wednesday- Saturday	January 24-27	MMEA (All-State)
Saturday	January 27	All-State Performances Tan-Tar-A Resort

FEBRUARY

O = Optional activity/event

M = Mandatory activity/event

R = Required for class

N = Note

Thursday - Sunday	February 1-4	CHS Musical
Monday	February 12	<p>M Clayton Pre-Festival Concert 7:00pm CHS Auditorium N All Clayton large ensembles performing for large ensemble festival</p>
Wednesday	February 14	<p>CHS Band Day Various rehearsal times throughout the day CHS Auditorium</p>
Thursday	February 15	<p>CHS Jazz Band & Show Choir Concert 7:30pm CHS Auditorium</p>
Friday	February 16	EARLY RELEASE
Monday	February 19	NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
Sunday	February 25	<p>CHS Solo & Ensemble Recital N All students participating in solos and/or small ensembles for district festival</p>
Wednesday	February 28	<p>M State Large Ensemble Festival N Concert Band & Symphonic Band</p>

MARCH

O = Optional activity/event

M = Mandatory activity/event

R = Required for class

N = Note

Friday	March 2	O District Solo & Ensemble Festival
Sunday	March 11	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
Thursday	March 15	END 3 rd Quarter
Friday	March 16	NO CLASSES
Thursday	March 22	EARLY RELEASE
NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK March 23-30		

APRIL

O = Optional activity/event

M = Mandatory activity/event

R = Required for class

N = Note

Friday	April 6	EARLY RELEASE
Sunday	April 8	<p>Senior Swing 12:00pm-2:00pm CHS Commons N CHS Jazz Ensemble/Show Choir</p>
Thursday	April 12	<p>NO CLASSES <i>CHS Arts Fair</i> N CHS Jazz Ensemble performs during lunch</p>
Tuesday	April 17	<p>Clayton Jazz Night at the Sheldon 7:00pm N CHS Jazz Ensemble, CHS Jazz Band, WMS Jazz Band Sheldon Concert Hall</p>
Wednesday	April 18	Night of Percussion Dress Rehearsal
Thursday	April 19	<p>Clayton Night of Percussion 7:00pm CHS Auditorium</p>
Thursday	April 26	<p>NEW DAY THIS YEAR O State Music Festival N Solos & Ensembles qualifying at District Music Festival Location TBA</p>

MAY

O = Optional activity/event

M = Mandatory activity/event

R = Required for class

N = Note

Tuesday	May 15	<p>M Band Concert</p> <p>N CHS Symphonic Band, CHS Concert Band, WMS 8th Grade Band</p>
Monday	May 28	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
Tuesday	May 29	<p>Finals Begin</p> <p><i>Extra Credit Forms Due</i></p>
Thursday	May 31	<p>EARLY RELEASE</p> <p>END 4th Quarter</p> <p>M CHS GRADUATION</p> <p>N Required for 9th, 10th, 11th Grade Band Members (Serves as Band Class Final)</p>



Clayton HS Bands

SIGNATURE FORM

- I have read and understand the CHS Band Policies and information included in the 2017-2018 Clayton Bands Handbook.

Parent Signature / Date

Student Signature / Date

PRINT THIS FORM
RETURN THIS FORM BY MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017

FORMS TO BE RETURNED (MONDAY, 2017)

- HANDBOOK SIGNATURE FORM
- INFORMATION FORM
- BAND SUPPLIES FORM
- STUDENT PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION FORM
- PERFORMANCE CONFLICT FORM