



“The Pride of the State Line”

Ardmore High School Tiger Band

Parent/Student Handbook

2019-2020

Ardmore High School Band

30285 Ardmore Avenue

Ardmore, AL 35739

Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on your decision to become a member of the Ardmore High School Marching Tiger Band! The 2018-2019 school year will continue the tradition of excellent bands at Ardmore High School.

Please take some time to look over the Band Handbook. The handbook is designed to be a guide for both the student and parent about the responsibilities and expectations of our band. For further information, please call the school phone number, 256-423-2685, and they will transfer you to the band office. Also, please check the band page of the school website for updates and information.

As a part of the Ardmore Tiger Band, each member is challenged to become the best student and musician they can be. Being a part of the band gives students the opportunity to build a strong work ethic and self-discipline while also having fun.

If you follow the rules in this handbook, your experience will be wonderful and fulfilling. A sense of pride, ownership, and satisfaction will be accompanied with having the time of your life!

I can't wait for this year to begin and start having fun!

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OBJECTIVES

The purpose of band is to give students the opportunity to learn and apply musical concepts through performance in school and community activities. It is the band's duty to always represent the city and school in the best manner possible.

EXPECTATIONS

- 1) Be early – It is very important to start class/rehearsal on time. To maximize our time together, we need to start as soon as possible, and that requires the student to be prompt and ready to start at the beginning of rehearsals.
- 2) Have Materials – Not bringing these materials to band is like showing up to math class without your course book. It is extremely important to always have the required materials.

The required materials are:

- a) Instrument
 - b) Assigned music/band book/coordinates
 - c) Pencil
- 3) Perform to the best of your ability at all times

GRADING

Grading in band is based on performance and participation. Students are a part of this organization because they want to be, not because they have to, so grades will be adjusted by participation in rehearsals and performances.

(GRADING CONTINUED)

Every assignment will be classified as a Test or Daily grade. A Daily assignment is classified as:

- Daily participation
- Homework
- Any assignment not classified as a test

Test grades will consist of:

- Playing test/Chair Audition
- Performance

The test grades make 60% of the final grade; daily grades are 40%. Band is a “Performance-based” class, so attendance is **MANDATORY!** Any excused absences from performances will be determined by the director on a case-by-case basis. Students must be present at all required rehearsals and performances for their participation grade. If these expectations are not met, the participation grade will be affected

REHEARSALS

Students are required to attend all rehearsals. Rehearsals are on every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Monday and Tuesdays are from 3-5 pm, Thursdays are 6-8 pm. Missing rehearsals must be approved by the director before the absence. If the director is not notified, the student will be given a grade of “0” for the rehearsal. If a student misses a Thursday rehearsal they will not be allowed to march in the following performance. If a student becomes ill, a doctor’s excuse is required or a maximum of 2 parent notes. If more than two unexcused absences occur the

student will be benched from the next performance. If unexcused absences continue to occur, the director reserves the right to enforce necessary discipline, including dismissal from band program.

PERFORMANCES

All performances are **MANDATORY!!!**

The band will perform at all football games, including any playoff appearances, 2 exhibition events, 2 competitions, a winter and spring concert, Music Performance Assessment, and seasonal community events. Arrival times for performances will be stated by the directors and will be announced on the school website and the band twitter feed.

FOOTBALL GAME POLICY

Student's transportation to and from away football games will be provided by our school. Only band members, board approved county employees, and board approved volunteers are allowed to ride the bus. Parents are allowed to check their child off the bus at the conclusion of the football game by signing the bus list of their approved school employee.

Students are encouraged to stand up and be vocal in support of the team. Still, students must remain in their spot and continue being "class acts." **Only band members are allowed in the band section at football games.**

OVERNIGHT TRIP POLICY

The marching band takes an over-night trip every two years. All school policies are still enforced and we may also abide by any rules the travel company applies. All people traveling will need to register with travel company to travel on our bus.

UNIFORM POLICY

It is a privilege to wear the Ardmore High School Band uniform. Make sure all parts of the uniform are in your garment bag before every performance. If you are missing parts of your uniform or the uniform does not meet standards, you will be subject to not performing with the ensemble. The band t-shirt is required to be worn under the jacket so that we may still be uniform if there is a need to take off the jacket. Uniforms are only permitted to be worn during football games and performances. Eating and drinking soft drinks are **NEVER ALLOWED** in uniform. Immediate disciplinary actions will occur if you are caught eating/drinking in uniform. Only natural hair colors are allowed while in uniform. Absolutely no jewelry is allowed while in uniform, this includes rings, earrings, facial piercings, or watches.

Parts of the uniform include:

- Jacket/Side sash
- Bibbers
- Black socks/Black Band shoes
- Shako with plume
- Black Gloves

EXPENSES

Fee	Amount	Date Due
Marching Band Shoes (If applicable)	\$32.50	Upon Delivery
Fall Band Fee	\$50.00	08/30/2019
Fall Instrument Rental Fee (If applicable)	\$50.00	08/30/2019
Band T-Shirt	\$12.00	08/30/2019
Spring Band Fee	\$50.00	01/31/2020
Spring Instrument Rental Fee (If applicable)	\$50.00	01/31/2020

The Limestone County Board of Education implemented the Fall/Spring academic fee. This covers general expenses that accrue throughout the year. If the fee is not paid, the student will be subject to removal from the class. Before any payments are applied to a student's trip account, all fees must be paid in full. If there is financial hardship, please contact the directors to work out a payment plan. The band t-shirt is a mandatory purchase as it is a part of the uniform. The *Instrument Rental Fee* is required of students who play school-owned instruments. This fee will be used to pay for repairs/upkeep of school-owned instruments.

A \$25 fundraising goal is expected from all band members. This ensures that all students participate equally and continue to better the band financially.

All payments will be receipted by the band directors ONLY.

BAND FACILITIES

Due to the large amount of money that instruments cost, only band members are allowed in the band room. Students are asked to keep their instruments in band locker when instruments are not being used. All students are responsible for keeping the band room clean and organized. Section leaders are assigned to make sure their section cleans their assigned area.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phone use is not permitted during rehearsal or performances. Phones should be left in the student's locker, backpack, case, or bus. Using a cell phone during rehearsal or performances will result in the phone being obtained by the director and given back at the end of the event. The policy stated in the Limestone County student handbook is strictly enforced by the band.

CHAIR AUDITIONS

Chair placements will be determined by playing auditions throughout the year. All audition materials will be assigned two weeks before the audition date. Placement of chairs is based solely on blind audition, student classification does not factor. If a student would like to challenge the chair above them, chair challenges will take place on Mondays. Challenge repertoire will be assigned the Friday before the challenge takes place.

BAND BOOSTERS

The Band Boosters have been a vital part of the Tiger Band's success over the years. The Booster group performs many services like fundraising; uniform alterations, equipment transportation, and chaperoning are just a few. This group mainly consists of band parents. We ask that all parents be actively involved in the booster organization so that they are aware of band activities and assist in any way. The Boosters are led by an executive board which are:

President – Tony Johns

Vice President/President Elect – Heath George

Secretary – Kala Clark

Treasurer – Lindsay Colbert

Media Officer – Jennifer Howard

Fundraiser Coordinator – Tanya Nye

STUDENT LEADERS

Student leaders include Band Council, Section Leaders, and Drum Major. The Band Council members are voted upon by the band. The President’s position will always be held by a senior while the Vice-President’s position will be held by a junior. Section Leaders will be appointed by the Band Director and Drum Major is selected from an audition process. The Band Council consists of four positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Librarians. Multiple band members will hold the Librarian position.

Position	Student Leader
Drum Major	Caleb Wales
Field Conductor	Allison Broadway

Officers	Student Leader
President	Laura Magnusson
Vice-President	Mollie Walker
Secretary/s	Zoe Nye & Vivi Parker
Librarian/s	Ariana Garcia, Jon Ellis Holt, Abby Nye, & Harrison Perez
Equipment Manager/s	JJ Rodriguez & Matthew Sanders
Uniform Manager	Zoe Nye

Section	Student Leaders
Flute	Kaleigh Bohannon & Kylie Clark; Vivi Parker – Uniform Rep
Clarinet	Preslee Burke & Katelyn Nash; Dega Bryant, Hannah Moran, & Olivia King – Uniform Repts
Saxophone	JJ Rodriguez & Ariana Garcia; Mallory Beddingfield & Emma Lozada – Alto Captains
Trumpet	Allison Broadway & Mary Kalynn Howard; Madison Little & Emma Payne – Uniform Repts
Horn	Abby Best; Anna Payne – Uniform Rep
Trombone	Jacob Rolin & Owen George; Jon Ellis Holt – Uniform Rep
Baritone	Grace Wright; Abby Nye – Uniform Rep
Tuba	Matthew Sanders & Ethan Wright
Front Ensemble	Nicholas Baker, Olivia Coble, & Tyden Kortman
Battery Percussion	Cade Burt – S.L.; Sam Shelton – Tenor Captain; Brody Smith – Bass Captain

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

- 1) Enter the classroom in an orderly fashion.
- 2) Retrieve instruments and sit in assigned seat **WITHOUT** playing. (Books and personal items are to be left in students cubby, along with instrument cases)
- 3) Warm-up as a band, not individually.
- 4) Class has started when the director is standing at the podium.
- 5) Talking to a peer is not permitted during rehearsal.
- 6) To ask a question, the student must raise their hand.
- 7) Wait for the director to dismiss the class and then students may put their instruments up.
- 8) In the event of a drill, students will wait for Mr. Dailey's instruction.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY

In the event where disciplinary action is needed, the directors reserve the right to discipline in a fair and deserving manner.

DIRECTOR'S INFO

Please feel free to contact the director at any time to address any questions or concerns. I believe communication between the director, students, and parents are crucial to the success of our band program. Please check our page on the school website, like our Facebook page, and follow our Twitter account, @ArdmoreBand, for updates!

Director - Patrick Dailey

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FALL SCHEDULE

8/22	MEET THE TIGERS	FNB	5:00
8/30	Elkmont	Away	7:00
9/06	Scottsboro	HOME	7:00
9/13	Arab	Away	7:00
9/20	Madison Academy	HOME	7:00
9/24	March on Madison	Madison, AL	TBA
9/27	(OPEN)		
10/04	Brewer	Away	7:00
10/11	East Limestone	Away	7:00
10/17	Homecoming Parade	Ardmore	TBA
10/18	Guntersville (Homecoming)	HOME	7:00
10/19	Competition	TBA	TBA
10/25	Madison County	Away	7:00
10/26	Athens Invitational	Athens H.S.	TBA
11/01	West Limestone	HOME	7:00
11/02	State Marching Competition	Pelham, AL	TBA
TBA	Limestone Co. Night of Bands	East	TBA
12/05	Athens Christmas Parade	Athens, AL	TBA
12/10	Ardmore Christmas Parade	Ardmore, AL	TBA
12/16	Christmas Concert	Ardmore, AL	7:00

CONTRACT OF MUTUAL CONSENT

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY THE PROVIDED DATE (August 30, 2019)
FOR THE STUDENT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BAND!!!**

I, _____, accept membership in the Ardmore High School Band and understand and agree to all the policies and procedures in the band handbook. I fully agree to meet and carry out my responsibilities to the best of my abilities.

Student Signature

Date

I, _____, have read and understand the policies and procedures set forth in the band handbook. I grant full permission for my child to be an active member of the Ardmore High School Band. I also give full permission for my child to attend all band functions and I understand that I must meet all financial obligations.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____