

Greenfield Junior High School

Band Handbook

2023 - 2024



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WELCOME to the Greenfield JHS Band Program!

Our goal is for you to have fun while developing your musical skills and for you to gain as much musical knowledge as possible. Our success depends on every individual putting forth his/her best effort and working together to make this a rewarding year. We hope you enjoy your musical studies at GrJHS. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Also, be sure to bookmark www.BandisFun.com for information about the Band Program.

Music Contract

Please make certain that you and your parents read the handbook and are aware of the responsibilities of participating in a music performance class. By signing the Music Contract you indicate that you have reviewed the Performance Dates and are certain that you are available on all the dates indicated.

Parents - After reading this Band Handbook, please sign this [Digital Contract](#).

Tax Credit Donations

Parents and community members are encouraged to take advantage of the AZ tax law that allows taxpayers a credit of up to \$200 per individual and \$400 for joint tax returns per each calendar year, when they contribute to extracurricular activities. A Tax Credit Donation Form may be found under the “Ways to Help” tab at www.BandisFun.com, as well as at the end of this Handbook.

Donations are used for countless needs, such as new music and equipment, festival fees, busing for field trips, instrument repairs, concert needs, recording equipment, sectional coaching, and general band program necessities.

Please consider reaching out to family members, neighbors and friends to see if they might be interested in making their Tax Credit Donation to our program. Every little bit helps.

Band Boosters

Band Boosters support the band through fundraising and volunteering time and energy in countless ways. Our program thrives because of our fabulously supportive community and *we NEED your support to continue the tradition*. Band Boosters is a perfect place for you to be involved in junior high. (You can choose to do a lot, or just a little, but either way we are grateful!)

Classroom Expectations

Rules

1. Be on time and prepared for class
2. Be respectful (people and equipment)
3. Give your personal best (attitude and effort)

Consequences

1. Verbal warning
2. Possible new seat - Parent Communication Form may be sent home
3. Parent phone call/email and/or referral to administration

Grading

Work Habits Points (40% of grade) are earned for all required materials each day and fully participating in each rehearsal.

Written Work Points (20% of grade) are given for worksheets, quizzes, and tests covering a variety of basic music theory concepts.

Performance Points (20% of grade) are earned for individual Playing Tests. Playing Tests may include scales, etudes, sight-reading, and concert music. Students are assessed on: notes, rhythm, articulation, dynamics, phrasing, and tone quality.

Percussionists are expected to perform on both snare drum and mallet percussion. Their test material may also include snare drum rudiments.

Concerts (20% of grade) are awarded for:

- being in full uniform
- arriving on time
- staying for the entire concert
- appropriate audience/on-stage etiquette
- having all materials

*Except for emergencies, absences from performances may only be excused by a note and/or phone call from home being received by Mrs. Moorhead no later than two weeks **prior** to the anticipated absence. In the case of an emergency, a phone call or note from home should be received as soon as possible. A make-up assignment will be provided if the absence is excused.*

Materials Needed - [or click here for a link to a Supply List for each instrument](#)

BINDER: Students need a black .5 or 1-inch binder and at least 15 sheet protectors for sheet music and additional test material that will be provided by the school.

BOOKS: Students may be issued a book from the school at the beginning of the school year. You do NOT need to buy any books this year.

FLUTISTS: Tuning rod and cloth.

REED PLAYERS: Clarinet and sax players need to have **four** working reeds AT ALL times. We recommend Van Doren (2 1/2 or 3). Broken or worn reeds must be replaced. You will also need a reed guard, cork grease and cleaning swab.

TRUMPET/EUPHONIUM/TUBA PLAYERS: Brass players need valve oil (Al Cass preferred), tuning slide grease (Selmer Tuning Slide and Cork Grease preferred), and a mouthpiece brush. Trumpets may also need to buy a straight mute if any of our concert selections require it.

TROMBONE PLAYERS: Trombone players need slide cream (Trombotine or Slide-o-Mix preferred) and a small spray bottle for water.

FRENCH HORN PLAYERS: French horn players need rotor oil (Hetman 11) and tuning slide grease (Hetman Slide Gel preferred).

PERCUSSIONISTS: Percussionists need a pair of snare drum sticks (SD1 or 5a), and medium or soft yarn mallets. Students will occasionally play timpani, and may choose to purchase his/her own staccato timpani mallets, though they are not required. Also, percussionists need access to some type of keyboard for at home practice (keyboard, piano, bell kit, etc). A stick bag and practice pad are recommended, too, but also not required.

School Loaned Instruments

The school is only able to loan out larger instruments: tuba, euphonium, French horn, bari sax, tenor sax, bassoon, and a few others. If you are requesting the use of a school instrument, please complete the appropriate form and Mrs. Moorhead will contact you if we are *unable* to meet your request. Please note that there is a recommended usage fee \$25 per semester (or \$50 per year).

[Brass Loan Form](#) (Tuba, Euphonium, Trombone, French Horn)

[Woodwind Loan Form](#) (Tenor Sax, Bari Sax, Bassoon)

Performance Attire

Boys: A collared, button up, long sleeve WHITE shirt.

Girls: A modest solid WHITE shirt/blouse that covers the shoulders and stomach.

ALL members need solid black pants (no capris, shorts or leggings), black socks (or nylons), and solid black close-toed shoes. Please, no rips or tears in the pants and no tennis shoes.

If you are unable to meet these expectations, please notify the director immediately so arrangements may be made.

Instrument Quality

Please be aware that the quality of instrument that your student plays on can dramatically affect their success and thereby their enjoyment of the experience. Most rental places in our area are good about this. However, if you are considering purchasing an instrument for your student, please use caution and I urge you NOT to buy the cheapest instrument available. Also, BEWARE of purchasing an instrument off of the internet as it is difficult to know its true quality. I would be happy to make suggestions should you need assistance.

A Note About Dental Work

Please note that most dental work, especially any orthodontic work, affects the musicians' ability to produce sound on their instruments! I kindly request that you consider this for your student when scheduling appointments. Please try to avoid concert days and the days leading up to a concert as it can be quite frustrating for a musician to make adjustments unless given ample time.

Greenfield JHS Band Performance Dates 2023 - 2024

September 25, Mon.	Band Concert, GHS Auditorium at 7 PM
October 20 Fri.	HHS Marching Band Night, (8th Graders attending HHS)
October 28, Fri.	GHS Marching Band Night, (8th Graders attending GHS)
December 11, Mon.	Band Concert, GHS Auditorium at 7 PM
December 13, Wed.	*Highland Pops Concert, daytime field trip at HHS
February 7, Wed.	6th Grade Festival, GRJHS Gym, 6:30 PM <i>Elementary, 8th Grade, and HS Bands</i>
February 23, Fri	*District Band Festival @ MJHS, daytime event Organ Stop Pizza for Lunch
February 26, Mon.	Band Concert, GHS Auditorium at 7 PM
March 23, Sat.	JH All State Band, by audition only
March 30/April 6	Possible dates for Celebration of Accomplished Teaching Gig Jazz Band only 3:30 - 9:30 PM
March 27 & 28	Highland Jazz Fest, performance date TBD (Jazz only) ALL are encouraged to attend the evening concerts! www.highlandjazz.com
April 4-6 OR 25-27	Possible Dates for 8th Grade Disney Trip
May 8, Wed.	Band Concert, GHS Auditorium at 7 PM



**Special events that students may earn the privilege to participate in. Students must be passing all classes in order to attend field trips.*

Please write these dates on your family calendar at home and refer to the section on Performance Points in the handbook for responsibilities regarding performance attendance.

Please note that while I have made every attempt to list all activities for the year, there will inevitably be extra added on. Any activity which students are given two weeks notice is a required activity.

Greenfield JHS Band T - Shirt Order Form

PLEASE PRINT THIS PAGE (or your student can pick up a hard copy in class).

All band students will need to own the band t-shirt. This a black shirt with a green and white paint splatter on it. Students will wear it for various events throughout the year(s). If your student is in 8th grade and already has theirs from last year, you do NOT need to purchase another one!

Shirts are \$15. Cash or checks made out to GRJHS Band Boosters are accepted. Orders are due by Wednesday, August 16th.

Please let me know if there is a financial concern.

Also, if parents want to purchase a shirt, that is absolutely great. We love your support!

Student Name _____ **Class Hour** _____

Shirts are ADULT sizes. Sample sizes are available in the classroom.

Please place the quantity next to the size needed.

X-Small _____ Large _____

Small _____ X-Large _____

Medium _____ XX-Large _____

Total Amount Paid: \$ _____ (checks made payable to GRJHS Band Boosters)

*******Please turn in all orders to Mrs. Moorhead by Wednesday, August 16th.*******
Hard copies of this form are available in the band room if preferred.

Arizona State Tax Credit Contribution For Tax Year*

_____ Gilbert Public School District No. 41

I am enclosing a (_____ Check, _____ Money Order) payable to Gilbert Public School District No. 41 for \$ _____ as a total contribution to the public school system for extracurricular activity fees. Total amount cannot exceed \$400 for joint tax returns. Individual returns are \$200 maximum credit. **Corporate and/or business checks are not eligible.** (A.R.S. 43-1089(E) defines extracurricular activities as school sponsored activities that require enrolled students to pay a fee in order to participate. The activities must supplement the school's education program. Recreational, amusement or tourist events and/or student trips are not eligible for tax credit.)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please Note: The above complete information is required in order for this contribution to be used as a TAX CREDIT on your AZ State income tax report. If the information is incomplete, your contribution and form will be returned to you.

NO REFUNDS. The law provides for a credit on your state income tax return. You will receive your money back after you file your state taxes.

Please apply my contribution

\$ _____ to the GREENFIELD JR. HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Your contribution can be mailed to 140 S. Gilbert Rd. Gilbert, AZ 85296, c/o Tax Credits for Gilbert Public Schools.

* Between Jan 1st and April 15th, Tax Credit may apply to either the prior tax year or the current tax year.