

District V Middle School Honor Band

Congratulations on being selected to the District V Honor Bands. Included in this letter are specific times, locations, and responsibilities that are expected of you as a member of the Honor Bands.

As a member of the honor band, you are excused from school to participate; therefore, all school rules involving discipline/behavior (excluding tardiness, listed below) will apply to all rehearsals and performances. In addition, any student in violation of the following rules; (1) fighting, (2) possession or under the influence of drugs or alcohol or tobacco (3) direct disrespect to a clinician or authority, (4) disruptive actions on stage; will be dismissed from the honor band immediately & will have their school placed on probation for a one year period. The student in violation will not be allowed to participate in any District V activities for the following year. If probation is broken, the student's school will lose its right to participate in any District V Band Directors' Association functions for a one-year period.

You and your parents are required to sign the Honor Band Pledge at the bottom of this letter. Again, congratulations on you selection, and we look forward to having you as a member of the District V Honor Bands.

January 25 th	6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.	<u>Middle School Reading Rehearsals</u> Northern Schools at DeRidder High School Southern Schools at LaGrange High School
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January 26 th	9:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m.	<u>Middle School Rehearsals</u> Contraband at LaGrange High School Buccaneer at LaGrange High School
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January 27 th	9:00a.m.-11:30 a.m.	<u>Middle School Rehearsals</u> (Same location as Friday rehearsals!!!)
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2:00 p.m.	Middle School Concert –MSU
3:30 p.m.	High School Concert –MSU

NOTE: Students will not be allowed to leave the campus for lunch on Friday, Jan. 26th. Lunch will be provided.

Please be early for all rehearsals and have all proper equipment. Any additional information needed will be provided at the rehearsal.

Unexcused tardiness will result in the student being moved to the end of their section. Two unexcused tardies will result in expulsion from the honor band. Absences, which have been excused prior to the absence, will result in removal from the Honor Bands with a refund of fees, and it will be cleared for the student to try out the following year. Unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the Honor Bands with a loss of fees and the expulsion from the following year's Honor Band auditions.

Rehearsal site phone numbers (Emergency only):

LaGrange High School Band Room: (337) 217-4960 ext. 7128

McNeese State University Band Office: (337) 475-5004

The Student

- 1. Attendance
 - a. any missed rehearsal is an absence
 - b. Absences may only be excused prior to the absence and must be approved by the District President, or in his absence, 1st V.P. or the 2nd V.P.
 - c. **Excused Absences** will result in removal from the honor band with a refund of fees. The student will be cleared to audition the following year.
 - d. **Unexcused Absences** will result in removal from the honor band with no refund, and exclusion from the following year’s honor band auditions.
 - e. **Tardies** are tardies; however, the District V Band Association’s President will make all decisions regarding **Excused** and **Unexcused** tardies.
 - Unexcused Tardy #1:** move to the end of your part (ex. 1st chair clarinet moves to last chair first part);
 - Unexcused Tardy #2:** removed from band. There will be NO differentiation between rehearsals and a performance.

- 2. **Behavior:**
 - a. Students are expected to behave properly:
 - i. No talking in rehearsal
 - ii. No Drinks, Candy, Gum, etc. in Rehearsal
 - iii. No Unnecessary Disruptions or Distractions (i.e., playing posture, noises, unnecessary movement, hats, sunglasses, etc.)
 - b. The band chairman will appropriately discipline students choosing to misbehave. Continued misbehaving will result in stronger discipline, including possible removal from Honor Band.

- 3. **Dress Code:**
 - a. Boys will wear a long-sleeved button down dress shirt with a tie, appropriate slacks or other dress pants with a belt or suspenders, proper dress shoes and crew length socks (no ankle or no-show socks). A nice suit is appropriate, but a suit jacket/blazer is not required.
 - b. Girls will wear a dress (no low-cut necks or low-cut “backless” dresses), a long skirt and blouse, or a nice pant suit and proper dress shoes. Dresses and shirts must cover the knees while seated. Shoulders must be covered (no “spaghetti straps” or halter tops).

Prohibited items: T-shirts, polo shirts, jeans of any color, flip=flops, sneakers, athletic shoes, slippers.

If an emergency occurs, you must contact the following persons:

High School: Aaron Theall, school phone: 337-463-2522 ext. 28
 Middle School/Jr. High: Eva Brown, school phone: (337) 217-6363
 District V President: Mr. Neil Quinn, school phone: (337) 734-2361 x0218

These are the only people who can excuse you!

- Each Honor Band will have a Chairman responsible for:
- 1. Attendance at every rehearsal and at the performance.
 - 2. Enforce discipline according to the rules governing Honor Band
 - 3. Establish official Honor Band time

-----Detach And Return to Band Director-----

(Circle one) **Contra Band** **Buccaneer Band**

District Middle School Honor Band Pledge

I have read the above information sheet and agree to abide by all rules of the honor bands. I also understand that I am representing my family and school.

Student's Name (Printed)

Students Signature

Parents Signature

School _____ Instrument _____ Parents daytime phone no. _____

District V Band Directors Association – Middle School Honor Band

District V Area Principals,

The list of attached students has been recognized for their outstanding musical achievements by their selection to the District V All-District Honor Band. The All-District Honor Band is a collection of the best student musicians in Southwest Louisiana comprising a very small percentage of the total number of band students in our six-parish area. Their selection to this elite group represents a level of achievement of which you and your faculty may be justifiably proud.

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As these students are excused from school to attend the honor band activities, it is the practice of the District V Band Directors Association to enforce school policies. All school rules involving discipline/behavior will apply to all rehearsals and performances. In addition, any student in violation of the following rules...(1) fighting, (2) possession or under the influence of drugs or alcohol, (3) direct disrespect to a clinician or authority, (4) disruptive actions on stage, will have their school placed on probation for a one year period. The student in violation will not be allowed to participate in any District V activities for the following year. If probation is broken, said school will lose its right to participate in any District V Band Directors Association functions for a one-year period.

Students in violation of major rules will be referred to you for disciplinary action at your discretion. Through our cooperation, we can ensure that our students represent us properly both on and off campus.

Congratulations again on your school's achievement.

Neil Quinn
District V Band Directors Association
Phone: (337) 734-2361 x0218

I hereby grant permission for these students (attached) to participate in the 2017-2018 Honor Band Activities. I have read and understand the District V Band Directors Association policies regarding student conduct.

Copy of LMEA Membership Card: YES NO (circle one)

School

Principal's Signature