

Crispus Attucks Middle School

Proud Patriot Band

Handbook



Policies and Procedures for Band

Philosophy of Music

Every aspect of music is important and will be emphasized at various stages in a student's development. The Attucks Proud Patriot Band stresses the advancement of the student's abilities to function in both the large and small ensemble settings.

Ensembles

Attucks Proud Patriot Band can include but are not limited to the following ensembles:

Pep Band

Brass Ensemble

Concert Band

Woodwind Ensemble

Jazz Band

Percussion Ensemble

Rehearsal Schedule

Rehearsal times are from 4:00pm – 5:30pm. Check the monthly calendar for the ensemble designation.

General Materials for Class

- 2-inch RED binder
- Sheet Protectors
- Pencils
- Instrument w/mouthpiece
- Reeds / Oils
- Sticks / Mallets / Sling – Straps / Practice Pads

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Fee Sheet

Band Dues - \$100

- Two (2) Band Shirts
- Wind Suit
- Transportation
- Band Banquet

Rental Fee For School Owned Instruments - \$100 (instruments are limited)

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Baritone
- Tuba

All Percussion players will need a Bell Kit that includes:

- Bells with a Stand
- Practice Pad
- Sticks and Mallets
- Case

See Fort Bend Music Center for price and availability

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Band Parent Meeting

Date:

Time: 5pm – 6pm

Location: Attucks Band Room

Vendors will be here to offer Instrument Rental Specials

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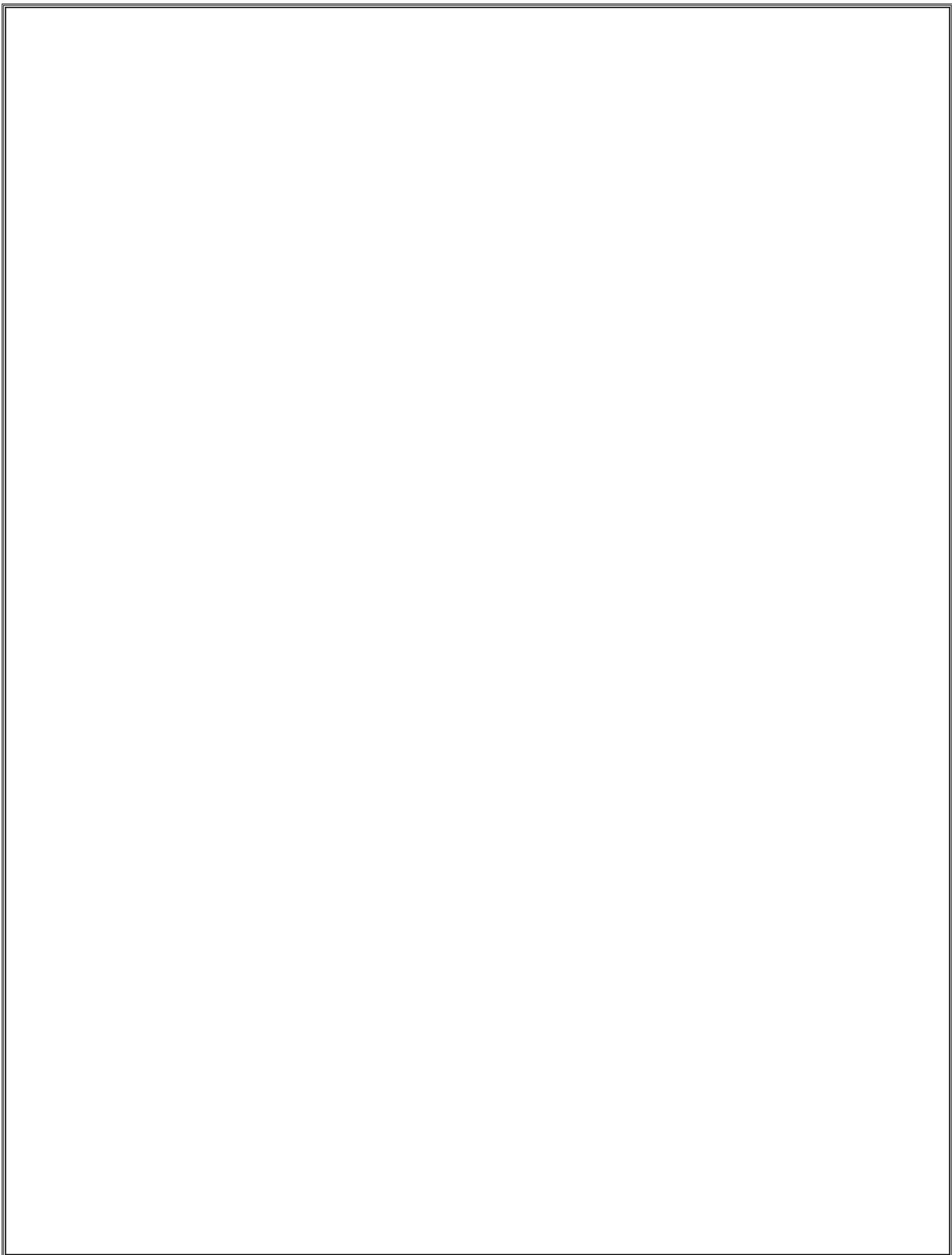
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GENERAL POLICIES

Conduct

Any organization is judged, in the eyes of others, by the actions of its individual members. Whenever you dress in a band uniform or wear other band uniform identification (shirt, letter jacket, etc...), your actions reflect on the entire band.

ALWAYS conduct yourself in such ways that bring only CREDIT to yourself and your band. ALWAYS conduct yourself with pride.

Behavioral Expectations

1. Students will follow all rules set forth by Attucks Middle School.
2. Sit quietly and attentively while the director is on the podium, or working with another section. Finger your music.
3. Be Courteous to the instructor, visitors and peers.
4. Take care of restroom visits, oil, reeds, instrument issues and other business ***BEFORE*** class/rehearsal.

Bus Rules

The bus ride to and from performances is part of the excitement of being a part of the band. By following a few common-sense rules, you can help make the trip a pleasurable one for all concerned. Remember that most rules are made in the interest of efficiency and safety. **NO BAND MEMBERS WILL DRIVE THEIR OWN CARS TO ANY PERFORMANCE. WE ARRIVE TOGETHER AND WE DEPART TOGETHER.**

THESE RULES WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR ALL BUS TRIPS:

1. All students will be assigned to a bus and **NO ONE** may switch
2. The bus captain will take attendance before departure. The buses will not move until this is done. Please cooperate by sitting quietly until attendance has been completed.
3. Food, drink, and candy are not allowed. Period.

4. You will take off any trash brought with you on the bus. Buses will be cleaned before exiting by students.
5. Do not put your hands, arms, head, or any other body part outside the window. In addition, do not throw anything out the window for any reason.
6. All other uniform parts will remain ON during travel.
7. MP3s WITH HEADPHONES are allowed on the bus. Absolutely NO radios, or tape/CD players without headphones. This is a safety issue. Do be aware, however, that although the buses are locked, thefts can occur. The driver, chaperones, and directors are NOT responsible.
8. Do not bring valuables on the bus.
9. Do not bring anything more than you need.
10. There is a time and place for everything. Students will refrain from PDA at all times. Students who do not comply will receive appropriate consequences.
11. Listen to your chaperones and bus captain. They are there for your safety and are following the guidelines set up by the school and band director.
12. Different bus drivers have different rules. If a driver makes a request, you will follow it. They are responsible for your safety.
13. ALL SCHOOL RULES ARE IN EFFECT

Consequences for Any and All Infractions

1. First Offense-warning/student conference/parent contact
2. Second Offense-detention and parent contact
3. Third Offense-parent conference and discipline contract.

Director will assign additional/other consequences when necessary depending on the severity of the students' actions.

Attendance

Band members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. *As a co-curricular course, rehearsals and performances are part of the grading process.* Students must be on time for all band functions. Remember, “Early is on time and on time is late”. Any student who is habitually tardy or has any unexcused absences from any performance could be removed from the performance or program, and may receive a failing grade.

EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM REHEARSALS:

Except in cases of extreme emergency or illness, band members will not be excused from rehearsal or performances. In the case of illness, students are asked to communicate as early as possible. A written excuse from the parent or guardian is due within two days of the absence, and if you know ahead of time about an absence, you must notify the directors BEFORE the day of the conflict.

Appointments or personal business will be reviewed by the director. You should try to make appointments on days when there are no rehearsals. Check the calendar. All absences affect the entire band.

Excused absences from a rehearsal or performance:

1. Extreme personal illness
2. A death in the family
3. Religious holidays
4. Pre-excused with the directors for extenuating circumstances

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM REHEARSALS:

Any student receiving an unexcused absence from rehearsal will receive a zero for that rehearsal grade. An unexcused absence may result in the student being placed on alternate status, or being temporary or permanently removed from the program. Please understand that full attendance is needed to make rehearsals work

Grading Procedures For All Bands

Grading percentages will be based on Attucks Middle School policies established for the school year. Grades will be posted in Power Schools Pro. The percentages are as follow:

- Test and Performances 40%
- Classwork and Rehearsals 30%
- Quizzes and Materials Check 20%
- Homework and Practice 10%

Band Program Fee

There is a band fee for all members in the band program of \$100 for new members and \$40 for recurring members. Payment schedules and deadlines will be posted.

1st Year in Band

2 Band Shirts	20
Wind Suit	60
Transportation	10
Band Banquet	10
Total	<u>100</u>

2nd & 3rd Year in Band

2 Band Shirts	20
Transportation	10
Band Banquet	10
Total	<u>40</u>

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Proper care and maintenance of school and personal equipment is vital to the success of any band program. All equipment must be kept in good condition so that proper individual as well as group progress is achieved.

Any damage to a school instrument will be assessed by a professional repairman and paid for by the student. **NEVER ALLOW ANOTHER PERSON TO PLAY ON YOUR INSTRUMENT, AS YOU WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE.**

Instrument Usage Fee. There is a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 **per school year** for school owned instruments (**including wind instruments and percussion instruments**). This fee covers routine maintenance for all instruments. For **Percussion Players** this fee will include the purchase of the following items: sticks, mallets, straps/slings, drum heads, cymbal equipment, leg rest, leveling bars, and competition fees.

Eligibility Rules

No student may participate in an extra-curricular activity that has not maintained at least a 70 in each class on their previous report card or progress report. This rule excludes AP and Pre-AP courses.

If you do not maintain your grades you will not be eligible to perform in extra-curricular activities. It is the student's responsibility to keep up with all course work and be aware of their grade averages in all classes.

Being INELIGIBLE is in effect for these **EXTRA-CURRICULAR** activities:

- Football games
- Pep Rallies and parades
- Band Contests
- Region, Area, and State auditions and performances
- Solo & Ensemble Contests
- Some trips

Being INELIGIBLE is NOT in effect for these **CO-CURRICULAR** activities:

- School band concerts
- Programs during the school day
- After school rehearsals and sectionals

**ATTUCKS PROUD PATRIOT BAND
IDENTIFICATION FORM**

DATE: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____
City State Zip

Parent / Guardian Names: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Grade: _____ **Age:** _____ **ID Number:** _____

Instrument(s): _____ **Years Played:** _____

Do you own your instrument? _____ **T-Shirt Size:** _____

Office Use:

Date Processed _____

Class / Section _____

Code: _____

Attucks Proud Patriot Band Handbook Acknowledgment Form

I have read the Band Handbook and understand the responsibilities and privileges of being a member of the Attucks Proud Patriot Band

I will abide by these rules and regulations to the best of my ability.

I will cooperate fully with the Band Directors and all persons and organizations concerned with the band.

At all times, on campus or off campus, I will conduct myself in a manner that best represents the students and faculty of Attucks Middle School.

I will uphold the rules and act as a leader in representing the school at all times.

I understand that failure to follow these rules will mean suspension or dismissal from the band.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the 2020-2021 Proud Patriot Band Handbook

Student Name (please print): _____ ID: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Band Director Signature: _____ Date: _____