

# **BAND HANDBOOK**

## **SUMMER BAND**

**Students not attending summer band may be denied entrance into the band program.**

### Uniforms

1. Students will be issued a uniform. Band hats and black shoes will be issued with band uniforms and is considered a part of the uniform. A replacement uniform or parts due to neglect or abuse are the responsibility of the student.
2. Students are required to purchase a band shirt.
3. Travel uniforms will be band shirts with pants or shorts (pants or shorts to be determined by the director), with tennis shoes (no high tops, sandals, or boots).
4. Band Shirts are to be worn under the uniform during performances.
5. All uniforms are to be kept on a hanger and in a garment bag when not being worn. **It is the student's responsibility after each performance to properly hang the uniform and put it in the assigned place before leaving.** Uniforms will be inspected after every event. Any student that does not meet this requirement will result in their overall grade being lowered.

Parts of the uniform include:

- 1 Coat
- 1 Pair of Pants
- 1 Overlay
- 1 Pair of Black Shoes
- 1 Pair of Black Socks
- 1 Hat

### **Discipline**

We expect all members of the Holland Band to follow procedures and rules of the band without question. Remember that our rules are basically common sense, and that each rule is set up to allow the band and its students to have a safe, enjoyable, and successful educational experience.

*Repeated office referrals will result in removal from the band program.*

Severe breaches of policies and procedures (those actions that disrupt a performance or that jeopardize the safety of other students or sponsors) will be referred to the office immediately and will not receive the benefit of a warning. Remember that all Holland ISD rules are in effect at all times when students travel with and/or perform with the band.

### **Performance Responsibility/Stadium Procedure/Conduct**

Performance responsibility extends beyond the realm of the marching field or concert stage.

1. Performances are defined as anytime the band is together as a group. This includes rehearsals, travel, social activities, and performances.
2. During performances the full band uniform will be worn at all times. If certain situations arise travel uniforms may be worn.
3. While in the stands during a game, **stay** in your section in full uniform unless instructed different by a director. You will not be allowed to leave the band set-up during the game unless discussed with Mrs. Kriczky. This includes going to the concession area, bathroom, or visiting with friends and relatives.
4. When entering the field at a home game, assume your entry position on the track. Show respectful attention to the visiting band. There is no talking during the visiting bands performance.
5. Do not remove any part of your uniform when coming off the field unless you are instructed to do so by a director.
6. Refreshments are not permitted in the bandstands. Chewing gum is not permitted due to the destructive effect it has on instruments/uniforms.

### **Music**

1. Sometimes memorization is a requirement.
2. Students must take responsibility in replacing lost music.

### **Instruments**

1. The school will supply low reed, concert/marching French horns, concert/marching baritones, concert/marching tubas, and marching/concert percussion. The student will pay for any damages that occur during the year due to abuse or neglect.
2. Wind players will be responsible for the purchase of reeds, cork grease, valve/slide oil, and any other maintenance needs.
3. Percussionists are required to purchase their own sticks. The directors will provide a list on what sticks will need to be purchased.

### **Instrument Care**

1. **Instruments will be kept in their cases, in a locked locker when not in use.** Any student that does not meet this requirement will result in their overall grade being lowered. Instruments too large to keep in a locker will be assigned a designated area to be kept.
2. Any damages caused to an instrument are the responsibility of the student who was issued or owns that instrument. If an instrument is not properly put away it is the responsibility of the owner of the horn to pay for damages.

### **Lockers**

1. Lockers will be issued to each student at the beginning of the year.
2. Lockers are to be used only for instruments and music storage. The instrument locker is not a gym or a school locker.
3. The school is not responsible for instruments left at the school over the weekends and holidays or lockers that are not properly secured.

## **Band Travel**

1. Traveling requires all members of the Holland Band to act responsibly and follow all codes outlined in the Holland student handbook.
2. There is a time and place for showing affection. School, band trips and bus rides are neither the time nor the place. Repeated violations of this rule will result in those students losing their travel privileges.
3. Each band member is to be in the travel uniform of band shirt and shorts, or pants (to be determined by the director), and tennis shoes.
4. Each band member as an individual is responsible for checking in, receiving meal allowance (if given any), and loading their own equipment on the bus or van.
5. If a band member wishes to ride with a parent **from** a performance they will have to bring a signed note or have the parent talk to a director before or after a performance. Also, they must take their instruments and belongings.
6. **Students must remain quiet while roll is being checked so that an accurate accounting of each student may be recorded.**
7. Students will be responsible for properly disposing of their trash upon arrival to Holland High School. Before leaving the bus, leaders will check for trash, and students will not be allowed to get off the bus until it is cleaned to the satisfaction of the bus driver. Great bands do not leave trash behind.
8. **Students will be given departure times and the projected time of arrival from out of town trips. It is only fair to your child and the directors to be here to pick them up at the arrival time. Please allow a ten minute window either side of the given arrival time. This will ensure that you should not have to wait anymore than about 20 minutes. Please do not instruct your child to call you when they get in, but ask them for the arrival time, and please have someone here to pick them up. We greatly appreciate your cooperation on this matter so we can all look forward to going home on time.**

## **Returning From/Arriving from a Trip**

1. Upon returning, each person is responsible for unloading and securing their equipment.
2. Leaders should check to see that all of your sections equipment is unloaded and placed in the assigned area.
3. Leaders and Drum Majors should not leave the area until all equipment is secure.

## **Preparation**

1. The individual preparation of music is crucial to the success of our performance. Always bring music, pencil, folders/flip folders, and coordinate charts every rehearsal.
2. You will be given ample opportunity to learn the marching routines for each show. It is the responsibility of each member to pay attention to the details of the marching assignment as presented by the directors and leaders.
3. You must have all necessary equipment at every rehearsal and performance. You will not be considered present at roll check without the proper equipment. Proper equipment is considered appropriate dress, tennis shoes (NO Sandals, hi-tops, or boots), playable horn, music, folder/flip folder, pencil, and coordinate chart.

### **Attitude**

1. As a member of the Holland Band, you represent Holland High School. This includes anytime we are in uniform or with the band away from campus. The policies regarding personal conduct and dress code in the Holland student handbook should be adhered to at all time.
2. Band members whose attitudes are detrimental to the success of the program can be removed from the performing unit.

### **Grading Policies**

1. Attendance for all performances is mandatory unless excused by either a doctor's note or a note from a parent. Excused absences include illness, family emergency, or school-related trip.
2. Band is an extra-curricular activity. After school/night rehearsals are a part of their grade. They can only be excused by a doctor's note or a note from a parent.
3. **Students need to be committed to attending all scheduled functions as each student plays a very important part in the band. If unable to attend an event, advanced notice is the only acceptable absence, unless an emergency arises. If you cannot make a rehearsal or performance, please call the band office at 657-0111 to report that you will not be in attendance. This phone has an answering machine that is answered 24 hours a day! Missing a rehearsal or performance for any reason unexcused by the director will result in the student being lowered.**
4. Each band member will receive a cumulative grade based on three categories. These categories will be one major(50%) and two minor grades(25%,25%). Playing and/or written tests will be assigned at the discretion of the director. All playing and written tests will be graded on a 100 point system. Students will be informed in adequate time to prepare for their tests. The directors will determine which grades are major and which grades are minor. Opportunities to receive extra credit will be given by the director. The point value and specific assignment will be at the discretion of the director.

### **Parent Chaperones**

1. We would like to have parent chaperones taken on every band trip.
2. Treat all chaperones with respect.
3. Chaperones are not the band director. Students will need the permission of a director when leaving the performing unit. Chaperones can remove a student without director's permission if a band member becomes ill or injured.

### **Football games**

1. The band is a vital part of school spirit. We will be present at all football games playing and supporting the team.
2. No band member may leave the stands at any time during the game to go to the concession stand. If a band member is seen or found buying food or drink at the concession stand during the game they can be removed from the performing unit.

3. We will try to provide water for you during the games. **Be sure to eat before you come to the game.** Third Quarter is time to socialize with friends and family.
4. If a student is not back in the stands by the beginning of the fourth quarter the student will have a lower grade.

### **Student Leaders**

1. Drum Majors and Leaders are selected in May before the school year ends.
2. Freshmen & sophomores may try-out for the upcoming school year only if there are no juniors or seniors in the section.

### **Letter Jackets**

1. Letter Jackets are earned by accumulating experience years. After the third year in band a band member will receive their letter jacket at the beginning of their junior year upon enrollment in band.
2. Students may earn their band jacket earlier by qualifying for All-Region Band or the State Solo & Ensemble Contest. They may also earn their letter jacket if they participate in the Centex Honor Band try-outs and UIL Solo & Ensemble two years.
3. Students that move into the district could qualify at the director's discretion.

### **Band Director:**

**Elizabeth Kriczky**  
**(254) 657-0111 School**  
**(512) 846-2838 Home**  
**(512) 417-8151 Cell**

*To be returned to the band director.*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parents E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Instrument**

Brand \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Ser# \_\_\_\_\_

Mouth Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Strap \_\_\_\_\_ Mallets \_\_\_\_\_

**School Instruments-Will be the same as this year.**

Brand \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Ser# \_\_\_\_\_

Mouth Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Strap \_\_\_\_\_ Mallets \_\_\_\_\_

Brand \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Ser# \_\_\_\_\_

Mouth Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Strap \_\_\_\_\_ Mallets \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Date Returned \_\_\_\_\_

Student Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Director Initials \_\_\_\_\_

**Uniform-To Be Determined at the beginning of the year.**

Coat# \_\_\_\_\_ Pant# \_\_\_\_\_ Overlay# \_\_\_\_\_ Shoes# \_\_\_\_\_ Hat# \_\_\_\_\_

Socks \_\_\_\_\_ Locker # \_\_\_\_\_

*Holland Band Handbook  
Agreement Statement*

*Permission Slip*

*I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to pay for and replace any instrument/uniform/equipment that is not returned, lost, or destroyed by my child \_\_\_\_\_ at the same expense. I also have filled out all personal information correctly on the Personal Form in the handbook. This also certifies that both my child and I read the Holland band handbook and we both understand and agree to all items mentioned in the Holland band handbook. This will also serve as a permission slip for the band's yearly travels.*

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*Parent Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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*Student Signature*

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*Date*