

Band Members and Parents,

Welcome to another year in the Anthony Wayne Band program. Participation in a musical ensemble benefits a student in many ways. Not only do students learn to perform music, but also they learn how to function as a team and work together to create something that is impossible as an individual.

As we begin to develop into the band of 2010-2011, we will realize that we have a new group of friends to support and take care of. This family atmosphere makes band one of the most rewarding experiences in high school. We must all strive to help each other achieve at the highest level of which we are capable. Success cannot exist individually in an ensemble setting. Let's work together to be the best musicians and people that we can be.

In this handbook, please find a list of guidelines and expectations for all band members. If everyone is familiar with these expectations, we will accomplish more during rehearsals and performances and achieve at our highest levels.

Sincerely,

Roy Young  
Band Director

## **Instrumental Ensembles**

### **Symphonic Band**

The Symphonic Band is chosen by audition and comprised of the most advanced musicians in the high school band program. Rehearsals for Symphonic Band will occur during the school day, and there will be extra rehearsals outside of regular school hours. The Symphonic Band will perform at concerts and OMEA District I Adjudicated Events throughout the school year.

### **Concert Bands**

The Concert Bands are chosen by audition and rehearse during the school day. The Concert Bands will perform at concerts and OMEA District I Adjudicated Events throughout the year.

### **Pep Band**

Pep Band is open to all students who are in the high school band program. The Pep Band will play at home basketball games as well as other performances.

### **Pit Orchestra**

The Pit Orchestra will perform in the spring musical and will be chosen by audition based on the instrumentation of the music.

### **Jazz Band**

The Jazz Band will be selected by audition after the end of marching season. Practices will be held after school on selected days. The Jazz Band will perform a variety of music including swing, jazz, rock, and pop.

## **Marching Band**

The Anthony Wayne Marching Generals are a combination of the Symphonic and Concert Bands. The marching band provides entertainment for the Anthony Wayne High School football games and pep rallies. We will also perform at various festivals, parades, and other performances.

## **Honors Bands, Orchestras, and Festivals**

There are a number of honors ensembles within the Ohio Music Education Association and other organizations that are available for students to become involved. Students are chosen for these ensembles through taped auditions and/or director recommendations. The director will distribute information for these ensembles as it becomes available.

## **Rehearsal Procedures**

- Be in place with your instrument, music, and a pencil, ready to begin when rehearsal is scheduled to start.
- Students may warm up before rehearsals begin, but loud blasting or beating of percussion instruments will not be allowed.
- Students should only play their own instrument. Only percussionists should play the percussion instruments.
- All instruments should be stored in the assigned locker or other designated space. Music should not be left on the music stand or chair after rehearsal.
- Talking and playing should stop when the director steps on the podium.
- Good posture is demonstrated by sitting on the front part of the chair with feet flat on the floor.
- Students should not chew gum during rehearsals.

## **Grades**

Grades in the Anthony Wayne Band program will be based on playing proficiency, attendance, and effort. Any written quizzes and tests will also be calculated into the student's grade.

## **School Owned Instruments**

The Anthony Wayne Instrumental Music Department supplies necessary school owned instruments for a rental fee of \$50.00 per school year. Normal maintenance and repair will be free of charge; however, the student will be responsible for unusual damage. The student and his/her parents will sign a rental agreement form.

## **Concerts**

The Anthony Wayne Bands perform several concerts during the school year. Performance attendance is required with students dressed in the appropriate uniform or concert attire. Absences will have an effect on the students' grades.

## **Attendance Policy**

Attendance is required at all band rehearsals, functions, and performances. Excused absences include the following: sickness or injury, death, family weddings, and other reasons excused by the director. Students should fill out an absence excuse form signed by a parent and submit it to the director at least one week in advance. Unexcused absences can result in a lower band grade or loss of position.

## **Jobs**

Band students working part-time jobs have the responsibility to work out their schedule so they are free to attend rehearsals and performances. Employers need to be aware of the school schedule far enough in advance to plan work schedules. Work is an unexcused absence and may result in losing a position or lowering a grade.

## **Other Extra-Curricular Activities**

Students may choose to participate in other extra-curricular activities. When conflicts occur with another school activity, it is the student's responsibility to communicate the conflict to the director as soon as possible so that a solution can be worked out.

Time sharing with other extra-curricular activities has been a solution in the past. When band and another school extra-curricular activity conflicts, a schedule on splitting the time between the two will be agreed upon by the advisors.

Students who miss a rehearsal for an activity or sport not affiliated with the Anthony Wayne Schools will be unexcused.

## **Fund Raising**

All band members are expected to help with fund raising. Fundraisers enable the purchase of uniforms, instruments, equipment, and facilitate band travel.

## **Band Boosters**

The Band Boosters organization provides financial assistance and meets other needs of the band. Membership includes the parents of band students in grades 5-12 and anyone interested in supporting the Anthony Wayne Bands. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in the Band Boosters. Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of every month, except for December, January, and July, at 7:00pm in the band room.

## **Awards**

Although it is our belief that the true reward for a successful season is the feeling of accomplishment and the intrinsic satisfaction of a fine performance, the Anthony Wayne Band does present each member of the band with a token for their participation. The follow guidelines will govern that distribution of awards.

Every student will receive a bar for each year of service. Any student who participates in a special performance, parade, festival or other trip will receive a pin, patch, or other token from that "big event".

## **Annual Class Awards**

### **Marching Season**

Freshmen	Numeral Patch
Sophomores	Letter
Juniors	Music Note Patch
Seniors	Instrument Medal

## **Concert Season**

Symphonic and Concert Bands	Pin
Jazz Band	Pin – Letter after the second year of participation
Pep Band	Pin – Letter after the second year of participation
Pit Band	Pin – Letter after the second year of participation

## **Outstanding Marching Awards**

One student from each class will be chosen by the entire band to receive the outstanding marching band award of his or her class. These awards will be presented at the annual marching band awards concert.

## **Marching Band Positions**

A drill block will be constructed using several alternate positions. Students must demonstrate that they have learned the drill and the music to be included as a performing member for the week. If a student has not demonstrated that he/she knows his/her drill and music, he/she will not march for the upcoming performance. Students may not be allowed to perform based upon poor attendance or attitude.

Guidelines for maintaining eligibility for a marching band performance.

- All music should be memorized and passed by the required time.
- Band members should demonstrate their ability to perform the drill from memory.
- All musicians should play and march at the same time.
- The student must be in attendance for at least half of the school day on the day of the performance.
- A student who has an unexcused absence from a rehearsal will not march at the next performance.

## **Pre-Season Practice**

Band Camp will begin three weeks before school starts and occur on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6:00pm-9:00pm. During August rehearsals, attendance is very important and required. Attendance will be considered when assigning positions. Students who do not attend, may be assigned to an alternate position. Students who are participating in a Fall sport should attend practice when it does not conflict with other practices so that they may be prepared to march as the opportunity arises.

## **After-School Rehearsals**

Rehearsals will be held Monday through Thursday from 3:15pm-5pm. There may be exceptions to this schedule. Please refer to the band calendar for any changes. If a student is absent from school for an excused reason, he/she will also be excused from after-school practice.

## **Challenges**

The challenge policy gives students the opportunity to obtain a different position in the drill block or to gain a position from an alternate status. If a student wishes to challenge for another position, the following guidelines should be followed.

1. The director will announce when opportunities for challenges will occur.
2. The student who wishes to challenge will inform the director of his/her intention to challenge for another spot.
3. The director will inform the student who is being challenged, and a time and day will be set for the challenge.
4. The challenge procedure will include fundamental marching and playing while executing marching maneuvers. Attitude and attendance will also be considered when deciding the outcome.
5. A student may challenge within his/her section, but not outside of his/her section so as not to alter the basic instrumentation. Example: An alto saxophone cannot challenge a trumpet player.
6. Challenges may be temporarily suspended by the director.
7. The director will determine the criteria for all challenges.

## **Marching Band Performance Procedures**

Students will be informed of report times for performances in advance. It is the student's responsibility to arrive in time to get dressed, get his/her instrument ready and loaded if needed, and be ready to warm up. The band will march to and from the field in formation and full dress uniform. Uniform jackets may be removed in excessively warm weather after permission is given by the band director. Students should sit with their section in the bleachers with their instruments ready to play throughout the game. During third quarter, students are free to go to the concession stand, but must return before the end of the third quarter so that the band can play between quarters. Third quarter privileges may be revoked by the director.

## **New Student Orientation**

The freshman class and any new students to band will have marching band orientation for at least one practice. Senior band members will help all new students with the marching maneuvers and fundamentals. The orientation days will be included on the band schedule.

## **Section/Squad Leaders and Big Brothers/Sisters**

Section and Squad Leaders will be chosen by the director and will be selected based on leadership ability, maturity, and performance ability. Seniors will be assigned at least one freshman to assist, advise, and encourage during his/her first season in band.

## **Chaperones**

Adult chaperones will travel with the band and assist with uniforms, equipment, and other needs. Students are expected to follow instructions given by the chaperones. All chaperones will be approved by the Anthony Wayne Board of Education.

## **Bus Guidelines**

- Anthony Wayne Local Schools' bus rules and etiquette must be followed.
- Students will be given a report and return time. *Students must have rides ready to go within 30 minutes of the end of the band activity.*
- All band members are required to ride the bus to and from band functions. Permission for possible exceptions should be requested by filling out a Transportation Request Form available

in the Band Room or the Main Office.

- Only band members, directors, and chaperones are permitted to ride the band buses.
- Do not leave anything on the bus. Pick up after yourself.
- Everyone is responsible for loading and unloading his/her own instrument and equipment.
- All audio equipment must have headphones.

### **Bleacher Guidelines**

- Each section will have an assigned seating area.
- Do not leave the bleacher area without permission.
- Hold your instrument.
- Do not leave your instrument unattended. Do not play other people's instruments.
- Be back to the bleachers BEFORE the end of the third quarter.
- Throw trash in proper containers. Do not leave trash in the bleachers.
- Double check the bleachers before leaving for post game.

### **Physical/Emergency Medical Form**

Each student must have emergency medical authorization and physical forms turned in to the director before the first day of pre-season practice. These forms are always carried with the band in case of an emergency.

### **Candlelight**

The candlelight ceremony concludes the regular marching season in the fall. It is held in the band room after the last home football game. At this time, there is sharing of special memories of the season and the passing of leadership from the current seniors to next year's seniors. Immediately following the ceremony, the annual marching band party will occur on the school premises.

## UNIFORMS

### MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS:

- The full dress (marching) uniform is supplied to each student for the cleaning and maintenance fee of \$25.00 per school year. The fee will be paid at band registration.
- Fees for uniform parts to be purchased by students are included in this band packet.
- Students not participating in the fall marching season, due to fall sports, will pay a \$10.00 fee.

Marching uniforms include the following parts:

Jacket	Gloves
Ascot	Trousers
Hat	Spats
Raincoat	Garment Bag
Black Tennis Shoes	

- The total value of this uniform is over \$500.00; therefore, it should be treated very carefully. It should never be placed on the floor or crumpled.
- After performances, it should be hung properly. Uniforms will always be stored in the uniform room.
- Each student will need to pass uniform inspection before and after performances. If at any time the uniform is in need of repair or is not fitting properly, report it immediately to the uniform committee.
- Remember, each student is responsible for his/her assigned uniform. Uniform abuse and/or damage is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.

### SUMMER UNIFORMS

- The summer marching band uniform consists of the band T-shirt and shorts with completely white ankle socks and completely white tennis shoes. All items, except the shoes and socks, are purchased through the Band Boosters at band registration.

### CONCERT ATTIRE

- Ladies will purchase a black dress through the Band Boosters.
- Gentlemen will purchase black tux pants and a white tux shirt through the Band Boosters.
- Gentlemen will be assigned tux jackets (to be stored in uniform room).
- All bow ties and cummerbunds will be purchased and assigned by the Band Boosters.
- To complete the attire: black shoes for all, black socks for the gentlemen and skin tone hosiery for ladies.

### CONCERT INSPECTION

- Shirts ironed and tucked into trousers
- Solid white undershirt
- Shoes and socks/hose as required
- Proper situation of cummerbund and bow tie
- Clear nail polish/toe polish only
- All facial hair should be neatly trimmed
- Jewelry will be limited to a watch, one ring on each hand, one small stud in each lower ear lobe
- No visible necklaces, facial piercings, large, flashy jewelry
- No hoop earrings or gauges

**THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION DURING ANY BAND EVENT  
(handholding only)**

## UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION AND CARE

- Students will be fitted for their uniform during band registration on a scheduled day before band rehearsal. The Band Boosters provide each member with a uniform.
  - While wearing this uniform, the student represents the band, school, and community.
  - The following guidelines are to ensure that the uniform is well cared for and worn with responsibility and most of all, PRIDE!
  - Uniforms will be kept at school, with NO EXCEPTIONS. Each student will be assigned a storage cabinet. Damp uniforms will be hung on racks to prevent mildew. Soiled uniforms will be reported to a uniform staff member to be dry-cleaned. Students will be charged for dry cleaning if the soil is a result of carelessness. The trousers will be hung properly on the creases over the hangers; jackets should be hung over the trousers, with the top button fastened. Each student is provided a new hanger with his/her name and pin number on it.
  - The washing of the ascot, collar liner, and gloves will need to be done after each performance. Ascot: wash warm, no bleach, press with warm iron. Gloves are 100% cotton and will shrink, please keep this in mind as you purchase them.
  - **Students should have ready before each performance:** hat, ascot, gloves, t-shirt, shorts, black shoes, and spats. Fabric brushes will be available for touch-up of uniforms and hats.
  - Students may borrow items in case of emergency. Students will not be permitted to abuse this privilege. Students who do not return borrowed items within a week will be billed for said items.
- No uniform or uniform part shall be worn at any time other than a scheduled performance, unless directed by the Band Director. No band member shall exchange any part of his/her uniform with another band member or allow a non-band member to wear any uniform part. Each uniform shall be worn as a complete uniform at all times, unless otherwise directed by the Band Director.

## UNIFORM INSPECTION

- Jackets buttoned
- Clear nail polish
- Clean gloves
- Clean shoes, clean and snapped spats
- Clean ascots, properly worn
- Hat brim one inch above eyebrows
- Band t-shirt on
- Long hair pulled back behind ears with hair colored bands (this includes gentlemen)
- Jewelry will be limited to a watch, one ring on each hand, one small stud in each lower ear lobe