

# Benbrook Middle-High School

2021-22 High School Band (Marching, Concert, Jazz Band and Colorguard)

## Welcome to the Benbrook High School Band!

**Hello!** My name is Mr. Bryant and I would like to welcome you to high school band! By accepting membership in the Benbrook High School Band, you are agreeing to perform to the best of your abilities and work together with the band staff in making this year's band the finest musical organization that our combined efforts can produce. In order for this to occur, students will need to be responsible, attentive, and respectful, have a positive attitude, and follow the FWISD Student Code of Conduct. The directors will do their best to make sure that every student will be provided the opportunity to be successful, regardless of their ability as an incoming student or of their career ambitions following graduation.

\*Please read the **2021-2022 Benbrook High School Band Handbook** for additional information located on the Benbrook Bobcat Band Website. ([www.benbrookbobcatband.com](http://www.benbrookbobcatband.com))

### Contact Information:

Email - [marcus.bryant@fwisd.org](mailto:marcus.bryant@fwisd.org) - High School Band Director (best contact)

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### The Benbrook Bobcat Band Website -

[www.benbrookbobcatband.com](http://www.benbrookbobcatband.com)

JOIN - Benbrook High School Band REMIND -  
81010 / text @2021band

JOIN - HS BAND APP - This is a NEW HS Band App account. It will have information regarding performances, practices, rehearsals, competitions, pictures, and more.

PLEASE JOIN!!! - <https://band.us/n/a4ae5cidz3wfw>

### Sign-up OR Update your information in CHARMS:

Step 1 - Go to: [WWW.CHARMSOFFICE.COM](http://WWW.CHARMSOFFICE.COM)

Step 2 - Find the **BLUE LOGIN BUTTON** (upper right corner) and **CLICK**

Step 3 - **ENTER CHARMS PARENT/STUDENT LOGIN CODE IS - BENBROOKMHSBAND**  
**STUDENT AREA CODE IS - YOUR SCHOOL ID#**

### Checking your STUDENT FWISD email:

Please check your school email once daily for any important information from your teachers or administrators.

1. Go to: <http://www.fwisd.org/myfwisd>
2. Login if not already
3. Click on Office 365
4. Click on the Outlook icon

## Grading Policies:

The Benbrook High School Band grading guidelines broken down by percentages are:

50% - Summative (Playing Test/MusicFirst Assignments or Recordings & Performances (concerts, parades, pep-rallies, football games, etc)

50% - Formative (Daily Classwork, MusicFirst Assignments or Recordings, Weekly Objectives, and Rehearsals/Sectionals (Before and/or After-school)

## Tutorials/Extra Help:

Please contact Mr. Bryant ([marcus.bryant@fwisd.org](mailto:marcus.bryant@fwisd.org)) to schedule a before or after-school time.

## Missed Work/Performance Because of Absence:

A student who is absent has missed work assignments or has missed a performance, the director will follow the FWISD but turns work in by the teacher-designated due date, will have an opportunity to redo or retest, if applicable. The Redo/Retake policy does not apply if a student does not submit work timely.

## Redo/Retake Policy:

Redo Assignment or Retake Test Board Policy allows a student who receives a failing grade on a test or assignment, except for semester exams, the opportunity to redo the assignment or retake the test. The student or parent must initiate the request according to the following parameters:

- The student and/or parent must request to redo an assignment or retake a test within five days from earlier of the date the assignment or test was returned to the student or entered into the student grading system.
- The student will be provided an opportunity for tutoring or re-teaching prior to retesting. This may occur during class time, before or after school, or at another time agreed upon by the teacher and student.
- A teacher may require the student to complete missed homework, test corrections, or other items as part of the re-teaching process.
- A student must redo the assignment or retake the test within five school days from the earlier of the date the assignment or test was returned to the student or the date the grade was entered into the student grading system.
- A teacher may provide longer than five school days if necessary.
- Assignments offered for redo or retaken tests may be different from the original assignment or test so long as the concepts/content assigned or tested are the same.
- Re-testing or redo assignment guidelines do not apply to grades received due to failure to adhere to the established late work guidelines approved by the principal and disseminated to students.
- Any retests will be administered on the campus.
- The grade the student receives on the redone assignment or retaken test will be no higher than a 70.
- A failed semester exam cannot be retaken.
- If more than 50% of the students in a class fail to demonstrate mastery on a summative assessment, except a benchmark, a teacher is encouraged to reteach and retest the class. The higher of the two grades will be recorded. A student who passed the original test can elect to retake the test. Reassessments should occur within five school days from the date the test is returned with feedback to the student.

## Classroom Expectations/Rules:

- Enter the band hall quietly
- Always participate in class

- Be prepared with your music and assignments
- Have your instrument, music, band binder and band supplies everyday
- Take care of your instrument, especially school-owned instruments. Report damage to a director **IMMEDIATELY!!!**
- Be respectful to teachers and fellow classmates

### Student Email Expectations:

- All students must check their FWISD email at least once daily. (FWISD Requirement!)
- Always use complete sentences with proper grammar
- Have an introduction/greeting
- Be respectful with whom you're communicating with
- Check your Blackboard email everyday

### Consequences:

Listed below are discipline management techniques that should be utilized to address major & minor classroom disruptions.

- Verbal correction
- Student Conference
- Parent phone call home
- Detention
- Parent-Student-Teacher conference
- Multiple Detentions
- Office Referral
- Removal from class/drill/program

### Parent FOCUS Log-In:

In order to check your student's progress in class as far as grades and attendance are concerned, please login to Focus for updated information.

#### First Time Users:

1. Using Chrome/Mozilla Firefox, go to [www.fwisd.org](http://www.fwisd.org)
2. Click on **FAMILIES**
3. On the left side of the page, click on **LOG IN TO PARENT PORTAL**
4. From there, you must **REQUEST ACCESS TO THE PARENT PORTAL** and follow the \ steps

#### Repeat Users:

1. Using Chrome/Mozilla Firefox, go to <http://fwisd.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus>
2. **Fill out the Username and Password fields**
3. **Click Login**

### UIL Marching Band and Concert & Sightreading Assessment Policy:

\*\*\*\*Due to recent changed in the State of Texas UIL policy, students may perform in the assessment at the discretion of the director, regardless of their academic status. Students must show individual preparation and work ethic to participate in the UIL assessment. Only those whom the director decides are musically ready will represent the band program in this assessment.

\*Please see the **Benbrook High School Band Handbook** for additional information on the following topics:

Technology & Social Media Expectations

Prerequisites for the Class

How AVID Binder will be Utilized in Class – Band will use its own black band binder.

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# Other important things to know about High School Band...

## **BAND MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

Cash and Checks are accepted. Checks can be made payable to **BENBROOK BAND BOOSTERS**. You may also use PayPal to pay fees on the band website.

The cost of membership fee is \$150 for new and veteran students. Because of the **INCREDIBLE** work of our band boosters, we are able to keep this cost lower than most bands in the area. Finances will never prohibit a student from participation in music. If this fee is a financial hardship for your family, please let us know and we can discuss options.

Membership fees include some or all of the following: travel, group competition fees, pre-game meals, marching show t- shirt, marching gloves, uniform cleaning, props, clinicians and other materials.

## **INSTRUMENT RENTALS:**

**VERY IMPORTANT!!!!** - Checks should be made payable to **BENBROOK MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL**.

**\*\*\*DO NOT PAY THIS FEE UNTIL SCHOOL BEGINS IN AUGUST!\*\*\***

Students who use a school-owned instrument (including percussion) are charged the following fees to help cover "wear and tear" and routine maintenance and cleaning:

Use of a school-owned instruments for the full year: \$80

Percussion students are expected to purchase and provide their own mallets and sticks. Specific information about what kinds of sticks and mallets we use will be distributed to percussionists in August.

Once paid, these membership dues are non-refundable and it is expected that your child will remain enrolled in band throughout the entire year.

## **ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS:**

We have families of our own and we understand how busy life is for many people, especially during the summer. We understand that weddings, family vacations, and other conflicts will occur occasionally throughout the year. We ask that these conflicts are communicated with the directors early and often. If it doesn't catch us by surprise, we can be very accommodating.

## **EXCUSED VERSUS UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:**

An **excused absence** is one we know about in advance. A family vacation could be an example of an excused absence, provided you let us know way, way, way in advance. Sudden illness of a student may be considered an excused absence.

An **unexcused absence** is one that we don't know about in advance, or one that we don't consider to be valid. Missing rehearsal because you forgot to ask off of work is an unexcused absence.

Unexcused absences may affect your grade and the ensemble and will be considered on a case by case basis. School/athletic-related absences will not affect your grade.

## **FALL SPORTS:**

Students participating in fall sports can easily participate in all activities. However, they need to divide their practice and our rehearsal time evenly. Performances/games always take precedence over rehearsals/practices. We have a great relationship with all of our coaches. We've been doing this together for a long time and we understand how to make it work the best for the team, the student, and the ensemble. By making sure that you are communicating frequently with your coach and the directors, we can avoid a lot of problems!

## **REHEARSALS:**

Students should come prepared for rehearsal with water jugs, sunscreen, comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. Students should write their name on all items brought to rehearsal. Sharing water bottles is not recommended.

Students are expected to practice and memorize their show to the best of their ability at home and during scheduled rehearsal times. During longer practices, a lunch hour will be given and students may either bring a lunch, have lunch brought to them, or travel to lunch. It is not recommended that students ride with other students during lunch time.

## **BENBROOK HIGH SCHOOL BAND 2021 MARCHING SHOW - "EVIL GENIUS"**

We are very excited about this year's marching show - Evil Genius. Music The show will feature music from the group Evanescence, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Imogen Heap and original music written by Daniel Montoya Jr and Mr. Cody Haddock.

Again, students are expected to practice and memorize their show music and drill to the best of their ability at home and during scheduled rehearsal times.

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