



Pebblebrook High School
Band Commitment Contract
2018 - 2019

PHS band parents, guardians, and students, please read the following document as it contains guidelines to ensure a successful band season.

Attendance: Band is an activity that thrives on the consistent attendance of its members. All band camps, rehearsals, and performances are mandatory and should not be missed unless a catastrophic event, emergency, or illness has occurred. If an emergency occurs notify the band staff immediately by phone call, text, or email. Band students should be on time for any scheduled event with all required items and equipment. **Please keep in mind that “To be on time is to be late and to be early is to be on time”.** This implies band students should be present and ready to perform 15 minutes prior to any call time. Students that are late to an after school band rehearsal should have a signed pass from a tutor. Students that participate in other activities that conflict with band after school rehearsals are to **communicate with a band staff member before being late or missing a rehearsal.** Band students that are excessively tardy or absent from band rehearsals may be sat down from weekly performances or removed from the performing ensemble.

Behavior: Band is an activity that requires positive social interaction amongst its members. Proper behavior includes a positive attitude and a willingness to work hard to achieve musical greatness everyday. Although it is understood that students may have a bad day, band rehearsals and performances are an opportunity for band students to practice maturity in persevering through personal issues to benefit the good of the whole group. If students are unable to perform as expected they should notify a band staff member immediately. Students that exhibit poor behavior and a negative attitude towards other students, parents, or staff will be immediately removed from the instructional environment. Upon further investigation of the offending behavior said student may be removed altogether from the band ensemble and/or program.

Cell Phone Usage: In order to perform at a high level as a band student full concentration of the musical task is necessary. Cell phones are to be used only before rehearsal to tune or practice passages with a metronome. There are to be no cell phone usage during music rehearsal inside or outside. Parents, if there is an emergency and you need to contact your child during rehearsal time please contact the Band Director(s). Students that abuse the cell phone policy will have their devices confiscated by the Band Director(s) until a parent comes to pick it up. Students that refuse to turn in their cell phone to the Band Director(s) will be removed from the instructional environment. Upon further investigation of the incident said student may be removed altogether from the band ensemble and/or program.

School/Personal Property: Students are to only use instruments they either own or have been assigned to through the school inventory. At no time should a student play another student's instrument. All students that use a school owned instrument should read and sign the Cobb County School District instrument loan document. Students will be responsible for taking proper care of instruments on loan from

Pebblebrook High School. If an instrument is not working properly a band staff member is to be notified immediately. **Under no circumstances should students attempt to repair instruments on loan from Pebblebrook High School or send these instruments to a shop to be repaired.** Students that mishandle or lose school issued instruments and accessories (i.e., mouthpiece, drum head, etc.) may incur repair or replacement costs.

Lockers: Students that play flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, baritone, and trombone will be assigned a locker with a combination lock to store their instrument. Students are to keep instruments and cases in lockers at all times. When students remove instruments for rehearsal the case should be locked inside of their lockers. Students may store personal items in their assigned lockers but will need to always leave the locker locked. No food or drink is allowed at any time in the instrument room or lockers. The band staff is not responsible for items that may be missing due to student lockers not properly being secured. Students that play a large instrument such as tuba or percussion should place instruments in the designated areas.

Band Fees: Each student and parent must comply with the scheduled band fee payments by the deadline issued. If there is a problem meeting deadlines of the fee payments, parents are encouraged to speak directly with one of the Band Directors to work out a more feasible plan for meeting their fee obligations. Any such communication between the Band Director(s) and Boosters will be strictly confidential. Please note that if an alternative payment agreement is made between the parent and Band Director(s), it is fully expected for the parent to honor such agreement.

Band Staff: The band staff for the 2018 - 2019 season will be as follows:

Eulas Kirtdoll, Band Director
Isaac Wimberly, Assistant Band Director
Michael Kirtdoll, Band Instructor
Demond Conner, Drum Major/Band Instructor
Kristen McCrary, Percussion Instructor
Tayler Davis, Dance Instructor
Destine' Harris, Dance Instructor
Elena Valarino, Flag Instructor

Each individual listed above is a professional in their field of expertise. Band students are to demonstrate the utmost respect for ALL staff members including clinicians that may be brought in to supplement music instruction throughout the year.

Band Booster: The Band Booster is a voluntary parent organization which is vital to the overall success of our band program. Band students are to be respectful at all times to band booster members and any other parent volunteers assisting the band program.

Academics: High academic achievement is expected for all band students. Students are encouraged to study and complete homework assignments daily after leaving band rehearsals. If a band student is having trouble in an academic class they should immediately sign-up for tutoring sessions from the instructor of that specific class. Band students failing academic courses may be sat down from weekly performances until their grades show improvement.

Band Hierarchy: As with any successful organization the band program follows a hierarchy of communication. The order is as follows:

Band Staff

Band Booster/Parent Volunteers

Drum Majors

Section Leaders

If a band student encounters a problem they should consult with their section leader first and continue upward if the problem is not resolved. If a band student feels they are dealing with a major problem please immediately notify a staff member.

Parent Commitment:

Parents, as the adults, you and our staff are expected to model the appropriate behavior we would expect our students to exhibit daily. Please encourage your student in this effort. Should you become aware of any conflicts between your student or yourself and another, please bring that to the attention of the Band Director(s) and/or Staff immediately. Parental attempts to resolve an issue themselves could easily be misconstrued and actually escalate the conflict. However, if it is determined by the Band Director that a parent has willfully instigated, and/or perpetuated conflict among their student and any other band member(s), that parent's student could face permanent removal from the Pebblebrook High School Band Program. Parent, your signature below shows your understanding of your important role in your student's success, and your commitment to helping your student have the most positive experience possible in the Pebblebrook Band.

Consequences:

It is our expectation that students comply with the guidelines stated in this document. Failure to comply will result in consequences given by the student leadership team, band staff, and Band Directors. These consequences may range from additional calisthenics, being sat down from a performance, to being expelled from the band program. Please see the guidelines below for more specific consequences:

Band Demerit System:

1st infraction - verbal warning from section leader and additional calisthenics (i.e., push-ups, squats, laps)

2nd infraction - verbal warning from drum major and additional calisthenics (i.e., push-ups, squats, laps)

3rd infraction - conference with band director(s) and performance consequences

Final infraction - dismissed from performance ensemble and/or band program

Example of offenses that warrant a demerit:

- *talking during rehearsal*

- *chewing gum, eating, or drinking during rehearsal*

- *using a cellphone during rehearsal*

- *playing an instrument in opposition with the Pebblebrook High School sound concept*

- *horse play/laughing during rehearsal*

- *using profanity at any time*

- *derogatory social media posts about members of the band or the band program*

The following offenses will result in immediate dismissal from the band program:

-*Theft of band student belongings or property of the band*

-*Use of profanity towards a staff member or parent volunteer*

-*Use of sexual language and/or inappropriate gestures/sexual harassment*

-*Fighting/Assault*

*******Student leaders will complete written documentation for each infraction to be signed off by the band directors*******

Band student commitment signature instructions:

Band students, please initial beside each statement and sign at the bottom.

In order to meet the expectations of the Pebblebrook High School Marching Band, I will:

Attitude

- _____ give my personal best at every rehearsal and performance.
- _____ respect all facilities associated with Pebblebrook Bands, including practice fields.
- _____ **respect all fellow band members, leadership, staff, directors, and parents.**
- _____ conduct myself with pride and integrity while a part of the Pebblebrook Band Program.
- _____ give my best effort at all times and not abuse 'sitting out' at rehearsals

(Students that sit out will each be on a yard line with their instrument and water bottle, maintaining engagement in the rehearsal process.)

- _____ will provide a physician's note if excessively sitting out from rehearsal.

Preparation

- _____ have all music at all rehearsals.
- _____ keep my music folder current with all music, pencil, and balloon.
- _____ have my water bottle at all rehearsals.
- _____ have my instrument/equipment clean and in proper conditions at all times.
- _____ I must have all forms (medical, permission, band contract) and payments up to date for participation in the marching band.

Uniforms (Rehearsal and Performance)

- _____ abide by the rehearsal attire (t-shirts/athletic shorts, and athletic type sneakers at every rehearsal)
- _____ understand that improper rehearsal attire will result in standing on the front sideline for rehearsal (slides, sandals, jeans)
- _____ Respect my uniform (I will not eat, drink, run, or use profane language in my marching band uniform.)
- _____ maintain a clean appearance and follow all rules for make-up (none), hair (under shako) and jewelry (none) in uniform
- _____ understand that I represent myself, Pebblebrook Band, Pebblebrook High School, and the Mableton community while I am wearing my uniform or in any band setting. I will conduct myself with great integrity and character, only displaying the most positive representation of myself, my band program, and my community.

Attendance

- _____ check with the PHS website calendar often for updates for all scheduled events.
- _____ be present at all scheduled events (sectionals, rehearsals, performances).
- _____ understand that if I am absent from a rehearsal prior to a performance, I am ineligible to perform the show due to safety concerns.
- _____ be aware of event (rehearsal, sectional, performance) start times and be on time to each event.
- _____ complete a report of absence form (two weeks in advance) if I am tardy or absent from any event.
- _____ I will schedule appointments, family functions, etc... around all marching band dates.
- _____ I will provide directors with a signed pass if coming late from tutoring after school.
- _____ I understand that all athletic practices, pre-season conditioning, workouts; or clubs; or other school organizations do not take precedence over any marching band functions (rehearsals, sectionals, performances).

Financial

- _____ be a member in good standing financially.
- _____ Communication with Pebblebrook Band directors and band boosters when I have an issue with financial commitments.
- _____ Commit to paying my dues on time.
- _____ take part in Pebblebrook band fundraisers that support the general fund throughout the band season.

Agreement

Please return a signed copy of this page only to the Band Directors by Friday, July 20th.

The signatures of all parties below demonstrate a full understanding of the information mentioned in this document and agreement to adhere to all guidelines set forth.

Parent Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name (Print): _____ Date: _____ Student

Signature: _____ Date: _____

