

BAND HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS 2019-20

Please initial by each item below to indicate that you understand the policy as stated in the band handbook. Your signature below represents your acknowledgement of the Springtown Middle School Band Handbook.

- _____ 1. **BAND MEMBER EXPECTATIONS:** Safety is the most important rule in the Band hall. No horseplay or running at any time. Another rule of thumb: If it's not yours, don't touch it.
- _____ 2. **ABSENCES:** If you are going to be absent from a band event (anything scheduled on the official band calendar), you must provide a written note or email BEFORE the event. If an unforeseen emergency arises, the student should provide a note explaining the absence upon their return to school. Excused absence slips from the front office are to be shown to a director before a make-up opportunity can be scheduled.

_____ 3. **BAND FEES:**

Honors, Symphonic, Concert Band students	Returning 8 th graders that still have their binder from last year	SMS Beginning Band students
\$40	\$35	\$25

This fee will cover most activities plus their band t-shirt for the year. There is a \$50 usage fee for students using school-owned instruments, this includes percussion students. I understand it is my responsibility to contact the director if my child qualifies for reduced or free lunch and my fee will then be reduced.

- _____ 4. **SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT:** Students/families are responsible for providing all necessary supplies. Band directors can arrange for a music store purchase – the music store comes to our campus usually once a week. Advance notice must be given in order to arrange for supplies from a music store, (i.e. reeds, valve oil, grease, swabs, etc.)



- _____ 5. **UNIFORMS:** Anytime we travel as a band, we will be in a uniform. Depending on the trip, it may be band t-shirts/jeans or an issued SMS BAND polo with black pants and dark, closed-toed black shoes. Students not in uniform will not be allowed to perform.

Circle student T-shirt Size (Adult sizes only): S M L XL 2X 3X

- _____ 6. **GRADES:** The students will have daily supply checks, various chair tests, playing tests and objective sheet items in order to obtain the majority of their grade. Performances are a major part of our grading procedure.
- _____ 7. **BAND CALENDAR:** A printed calendar of the year's activities will be provided and is available electronically on the band website and through CHARMS. Please add these items to your calendar.

- _____ 8. **COMMUNICATION:** The band directors will communicate through email, notes sent home, and the Remind app. Please make sure all of your contact information is correct on CHARMS and Skyward and that you sign up for your child's correct band class Remind.
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I have read and gone over the SMS Band Handbook with my child and agree that my child will abide by the rules and expectations.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date