

# Springtown Intermediate School



## Band Handbook 2020-2021

## **Entrance Requirements**

Membership is based on an audition and short interview with the band directors. Classes are grouped by instrument. Membership in each instrument group is determined by audition, interview, grade eligibility, and behavior throughout the school year. All or some of the aforementioned requirements may be used for new or returning students to the school district. The instrument groups are:

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone – Ms. Rodriguez

Trumpet – Mr. McPhetridge

French Horn, Trombone, Flute – Mr. Dolkos

Euphonium and Tuba – Mrs. Wells

Oboe and Bassoon- Mr. McLellan

Percussion – Ms. Garza

## **Band Staff**

The band staff is committed to developing the highest level of excellence in all bands at all levels. The Staff consists of High School Director Chris McLellan, High School Assistant Director Scot McPhetridge, Middle School Director Alexis Wells, Middle School Assistant Director David Dolkos, Intermediate School Director Cheyenne Rodriguez, and Percussion Director Rachel Garza

## **Expectations of Band Members**

All members of the Springtown Intermediate School Band are expected to:

Show a positive attitude

Respect all adult and student leaders

Follow all band policies and rules

Take care of all band facilities and equipment

Learn assigned music to the best of their ability

Accept consequences for actions

## **Grading Procedure**

Grades for band will come from daily participation, practice records/objective passoffs, after school rehearsals, playing and written tests, and concerts.

### Daily Grade – 60%

- Active participation in class with all required materials
- Attendance at all required rehearsals (including after school rehearsals)

### Test Grade – 40%

- Written test, playing tests, or both
- Concerts and performances
- Practice Records/Objective Passoffs

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) state that all performances, both formal and informal, are an essential part of the class.

A student with an excused absence (such as, but not limited to, an illness, death in the family, or other *school* activity) from a rehearsal or concert will be given an alternative assignment for that grade. An unexcused absence (such as, but not limited to, a non-school event such as scouts or little league) will result in a zero.

A good rule of thumb is to send a note or email when a rehearsal or performance is missed prior to the activity whenever possible.

## Rehearsals

Extra rehearsals may be scheduled as needed in preparation for performances and competitions. These are considered part of the student's daily grade. It is the student's responsibility to work out possible conflicts or to make up a missed rehearsal with the director.

The SIS band will have the following after school rehearsals this year. Rehearsals will begin immediately after school and will be complete by 4:30pm

- In preparation for our Christmas Concert:
    - Tuesday, December 1st\*
    - Wednesday, December 2nd \*
  - In preparation for our Spring Concert/NRH2O Contest:
    - Thursday, April 29th\*
    - Monday, May 3rd\*
- \* dates subject to change

## Performances

All required performances will count as a test grade. If an absence is excused, the procedure for making up a missed performance is as follows:

1. Students must bring a note from a parent explaining the absence.
2. If the absence is excused, the make up test may be either written, performance, or a combination of both at the discretion of the director.
3. The make up test must be done in five school days.
4. If after five days the student has failed to make up a test grade, the grade will be recorded as a zero.

The SIS band will attend the following performances this school year:

**Christmas Concert – Thursday, December 10th, 6:30pm at SHS Auditorium**

**Spring Concert –Tuesday, May 4th, 6:30pm at SHS Auditorium**  
**Spring Contest at NRH2O (for eligible students only) – TBD**

## **Classroom Rules and Consequences**

Band's Golden Rule: RESPECT YOUR BAND HALL AND EACH OTHER!

1. Be in your seat with your instrument, pencil, music, and other materials before the bell rings. Do not play on your instrument until the full band warms up together.
2. No food, drinks, or gum in the band hall.
3. No talking or playing your instrument out of turn.
4. Stay involved with the music! This means to follow along and know where you're at in the music even when the director is working with another section.
5. Show respect to the directors, fellow students, and yourself.
6. Keep your hands to yourself.
7. Students are responsible for putting away all of their materials (instrument, music, etc.) properly and safely.

## **Consequences**

1. Verbal Warning/Alternate Assignment
2. Contact with parent by phone or email
3. Detention
4. Parent conference with directors and student
5. Parent/Student conference with principal and directors.

\*Severe behavior problems will result in immediate dismissal to the office.

## **Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use**

All band students will comply with the school policy on use of illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco (see page in student handbook). Violation of the school policy will include suspension or expulsion from the band program, at the discretion of the directors.

## Facilities and Equipment

1. It is the responsibility of the students, parents, and directors to maintain the equipment and facilities provided by the school district.
2. To maintain the carpet and the instruments food, gum, and drinks of any kind are not allowed in the Band Hall unless specified by the directors.
3. Stealing will not be tolerated. Depending on the severity of the offence, stealing may result in being sent to the office, a parent conference, or dismissal from the band program.
4. The band department has music stands that are available for student use.
5. The students may not use the following unless specified by the directors: stereo, DVD player, tuner, metronome, tape recorders and computer.
6. All woodwinds and trumpets will be issued a locker to store their instruments. French Horns, Low brass, and Percussion will be assigned other storage areas in the band hall for their instruments. We do not have locks to issue for the lockers. If you would like to purchase a lock, turn in a copy of the combination/key to the director in case the student forgets their combination.

## School Instruments

- The Springtown Band Department has a limited number of school owned instruments that are available for student use
- The decision to allow a student to use a school owned instrument is left to the discretion of the directors regarding availability, financial need, and other factors.
- **There will be a rental fee of \$50 per year when using a school instrument.**
- The student will be responsible for repairs due to misuse or neglect.
- Each school instrument issued will be given in good working order. Many have cosmetic blemishes from years of use. These will be duly noted when they are issued to students.
- The student is responsible for the **purchase of his or her own mouthpiece and instrument care kit.**

## Care and Maintenance of School Instruments

- Do not chew gum, drink sugary drinks, or eat before or during practice (this corrodes the inside of the horn).
- Keep instruments in the case when not in use.
- Do not allow anyone besides you to play the instrument (*this includes siblings and other family members*).
- Any student using a school instrument will be required to purchase the necessary cleaning and maintenance materials (oil, grease, swabs, polish cloth, etc.) to properly take care of the instrument.
- **Any damage due to inadequate maintenance, abuse or neglect will be paid for by the student. All school instruments have signs of external cosmetic damage but will be issued in good working order. Signs of external wear will be recorded before issuing the instrument to the student. Any repairs that occur thereafter will be paid for by the student.**

## Instrument Repair

1. The Bandwagon and Brook Mays will have a representative come to the school each week and can perform minor repairs at that time. If the instrument cannot be repaired at school, you will be contacted by the director or music store. Some repairs are covered by your rental agreement with the store you are purchasing/renting your instrument through. Please contact the store to let them know you are sending your child's instrument in for repair so they will not charge you for the repair when it returns to the school.
2. In the event of a major repair, the repairman will contact the parent with an estimate.
3. **Payment of repair is due upon completion.**
4. Your child will be given an alternative assignment until payment is received.

The Bandwagon Music Store & Repair  
278 Stone Mountain Rd.  
Cresson, TX 76035  
Phone: 817-583-0001  
[www.thebandwagonmusicstore.com](http://www.thebandwagonmusicstore.com)

IMAGE AND TECHNOLOGY CONSENT FORM  
(Supplemental Form)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print) Last Name First Name  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Please check "Yes" or "No" for each of the following items and sign at the end of the document.

My child \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to:  
(Print Name)

1. Be in any form of media that would be published to a website for Springtown Intermediate School Band.

(This includes, but is not limited to, photographs of accomplishments, video and audio recordings of concerts or rehearsals, and contest or competition photographs.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

1. Have his/her name published to a school district website.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, first and last name

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, first and last initial only

\_\_\_\_\_ No\*\*

\*\*By checking "No," your child will not have their accomplishments or awards published to the website.

Parent Guardian Name: (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_ Last Name First Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Guardian Signature: Date:

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: Date:

If you have any questions, please contact me at:  
crodriguez@springtownisd.net  
Thank you!



Cheyenne Rodriguez  
Band Director, Springtown Intermediate School Band  
Parent Permission Form

I hereby certify that my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to participate in the Springtown Intermediate School Band program for the 2018-2019 school year. To the best of my knowledge, he/she is physically fit to engage in all activities regarding band. I give permission for my child to be transported by school bus to all band competitions/activities. I do agree and hereby waive and release all claims against the Springtown ISD and any teacher, employee, or other person engaged in the activity in question.

I agree to hold them harmless from any and all liability relating to my child for any personal illness that may be suffered or any loss of property that may occur to my child.

I give the teacher authority to seek immediate treatment and care as a result of any injury or illness. I agree to hold harmless the school and any school representative on account of such care and treatment needed.

It is understood by my child and me that all Springtown ISD regulations, policies and standards are in effect and must be followed.

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Phone # (where parent can be reached at all times)

# 2020-2021 Handbook Agreement Form

Student Full Name:

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(please print)

I have read and understood the policies and guidelines in this manual. I understand that violation of these guidelines will result in the consequences as outlined in this handbook.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Please include your email address so that you can receive important band information throughout the school year.

Parent email:

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Please circle your student's t-shirt size for this year's band t-shirt:

Youth L    Adult S    Adult M    Adult L    Adult XL    Adult 2XL