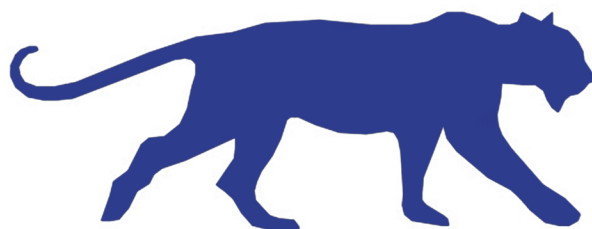


**Southeastern High School
Band Handbook
2024-2025**



**SOUTHEASTERN
MARCHING PANTHERS**



SOUTHEASTERN HIGH SCHOOL
Symphonic Band

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High School Band Information

- HS Band is a co-curricular class that meets during 9th period and is a year-long course.
- Students receive a Fine Arts credit for taking HS Band and may earn a Graduation Seal.
- HS Band members participate in Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, and Solo & Ensemble events which include school day, after school, and summer activities.
- Optional enrichment activities are Jazz Band and Honor Bands.
- Students who have previously participated in band are eligible for HS Band.
- Students who have not previously participated in band are welcome, but need director approval to be in High School Band.

Participation in Multiple High School Activities

Band is for EVERYONE! Students participating in athletics, co-curricular, and community activities such as 4-H are encouraged to continue their participation with HS Band. Every student's situation is different and schedules can be worked out on a case by case basis. For example, recently we have students in High School Band who participate actively in the Ross County Fair, Volleyball, Golf, Cheerleading, Football, Cross Country, Soccer, and Quiz Bowl. Many HS Band students also participate in 4-H, National Honor Society, Play, Musical, Choir, etc. We work with students to participate in multiple activities because we value how well-rounded the different activities helps students to become! There is no reason why you can't be in multiple activities in High School!

Two-Sport Participation Agreement

To participate in a sport and band in the fall please fill out the Two-Sport Participation Agreement in the Athletic Handbook. Even though band is considered co-curricular and not athletics, this form is helpful for coaches and directors to determine the primary and secondary activity. For example, a student may put football as the primary sport and band as the secondary activity or vice versa you may put band as the primary and the sport as the secondary. In cases where there is a schedule conflict, that form helps guide the decision making process for the student, coaches, and band director. Students are encouraged to remain in high school band even if they want to focus on a sport for their primary activity since the sport only lasts for a season and band is a year-long course with a variety of activities each season.

Awards

The following High School Band awards are given to students based on their achievements and participation in band at the ***High School Spring Concert/Awards Ceremony***:

- **First Year Member:** Blue Block 'S' Chenille Letter with 'Band' insert
- **Second Year Member:** Blue Chenille Graduating Year with 'Band' insert
- **Third Year Member:** Band Pin
- **Senior Band Members:** Senior Award Plaque
- **Jazz Awards:** Woody Herman Jazz Award, Louis Armstrong Jazz Award
- **Overall Band Awards:** Director's Award, Patrick Gilmore Award, John Phillip Sousa Award
- **Musicianship Certificate:** Students who participate in an honor band or OMEA Solo & Ensemble

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Yearly Fundraisers

Century Resources Sale - September

Wreath Sale - Fall

Anthony Thomas Candy Bar Sale - Winter

Crowne Fundraiser - Spring

Kroger Community Rewards Program - Yearly

Tecumseh - June

Attendance

- **Expectations:** Attendance will be fairly administered & taken at each practice and performance. Students are expected to arrive on time for all practices and performances. "To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, to be late is to be left behind!"
- **Legitimate Excuses:** Legitimate excuses absences are illness, family vacation, accident, serious illness/death in the family and doctor's appointments. Please email Mr. Donahue at jeff.donahue@sepanthers.org or communicate with a written note from a parent/guardian regarding any absences.
- **Unexcused Absence:** Unexcused absences from practices or performances are unacceptable and consequences includes lowering a students grade, limiting future performances, conference with parents, and/or dismissal from band.
- **Ask:** If you are not sure or have a request, problem, or question, ask the band director!

Conduct

- **Student Handbook:** Southeastern school rules as printed in the student handbook are in effect during the after school practice hours and our performances in the summer and during the school year.
- **Electronic Devices:** After school, electronic devices are permitted as long as they do not distract from the educational process during practices. The director reserves the right to confiscate electronic devices if it becomes a distraction.
- **Behavior:** Respect for guest instructors, parents, visitors, alumni, fellow band members, advisors, and directors is expected at all times.

Behavior Plan

- Verbal warning, detention/phone call to parents, meet with principal.
- Severe misbehavior (such as damage/theft property, possession use of tobacco/drugs/alcohol, possession of obscene materials, etc.) will result in immediate disciplinary action. Removal from the band will be at the director's and principal's discretion for these types of discipline problems.

Chain of Command

Director, Assistant Director, Auxiliary Advisor, Drum Major, Assistant Drum Majors,

Band Manager, Section Leaders, Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshman

When students have a general question or need, start with where you are on the chain of command and then go across to someone who is at the same level as you and then up until your question is answered.

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Rules for Field Trips

- Directors, chaperones, and bus drivers are in charge and are to be treated with courtesy and respect. Follow *all* their instructions and if you do not understand—ask. If you have any concerns including medical concerns, please let the directors know immediately.
- All prescription and non-prescription medications must be handled by the nurse per the school's medical policy as stated on the Emergency Medical Form and each member needs up to date Emergency Medical Form on file with the school prior to participation in any field trips.
- All school policies are in effect during all band trips. Do not bring unnecessary/expensive valuables on trips as the band is not responsible for lost /stolen items (*including expensive electronic devices and sentimental items*). Bus rules apply including no profanity, loud singing, chanting, horseplay or screaming. Any music devices *must* be used with headphones on. Keep your bus area clean and help keep the entire bus clean at all times. Parents who wish to drive their child to an event must receive prior written approval from the High School Principal. Students are not allowed to be signed out to anyone else besides the person designated on their Emergency Medical Form without prior approval.

Marching Panther Uniforms

- Take pride in your uniform. Hang up your uniform in the garment bag when you are not wearing it. Clean your gloves and shoes for performances. You are responsible for costs associated with *intentional* uniform loss or damage. Horseplay while in uniform (running, jumping on other people, etc.) is the most common reason for a uniform getting damaged. Another common reason is getting food/drink spilled on your uniform. So be extra careful when in uniform to be professional and aware of your surroundings. Uniforms are DRY CLEAN ONLY and may be dry cleaned mid-season if needed depending on the weather and usage. Uniforms will be dry cleaned at the end of the season after the last performance. If a uniform needs dry cleaned before the end of the season, students should inform the band director so arrangements may be made. The SE Band Parent's Organization covers the cost of all dry-cleaning of band uniforms.

Marching Band Expectations

- Required items at practices: Instrument, music, drill charts, pencil, athletic shoes and socks (no sandals or shoes without support), personal water container (the band will always provide water, but each member is encouraged to have their own container). Proper outside clothing (shorts, t-shirts, light colored clothing in the summer) including sun block, hats, sunglasses, etc.
- The Marching Panthers utilize student leaders to further the goals of the band and to distribute responsibilities so that things run smoothly. Because of this, it is required that students show respect and follow the instructions given to them by their Drum Majors, Section Leaders, etc. Student leaders are expected to complete the responsibilities of their position in a kind, caring manner in order to continue in a leadership role.

School Equipment Expectations

- School instruments/equipment will be checked out to the student by the director and are expected to be returned in working condition similar to when they were checked out. Students are responsible for the cost of repairs that are not normal wear and tear. Summer check out of a school instrument should be approved by the director. If a student is found in possession of a school instrument they did not check out, or if a student is found to be neglectful of school instruments/equipment, disciplinary action can result.

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Symphonic Band

The Southeastern Symphonic Band begins rehearsing immediately after marching band season and performs for following events: November Veteran's Assembly, December Holiday Concert, January-February Solo & Ensemble, Winter Music Concert, OMEA Large Group Contest, Spring Concert, and High School Graduation. The dress for Symphonic Band performances is formal black & white (or all black) dress clothes/shoes.

Jazz Ensemble

The Southeastern Jazz Ensemble is an enrichment ensemble and not a requirement of band students to participate. Students learn the basics of improvisation and play music in a variety of jazz styles in the group. The Jazz Ensemble meets after school beginning in late March through the first week of May. The group performs on the *High School Band Spring Concert and area Jazz Festivals*.

Conclusion

Thank you for taking time to read the Southeastern Band Handbook! Band is for everyone and I hope everyone joining or continuing in the band program will have a great time making music and forming friendships and memories that last a lifetime! Students making a commitment to the band program are growing in their musicianship and have tremendous support from the school for their success. We hope that if this is your first year in High School Band or your Senior year, that each year will be enjoyable, educational, and rewarding!

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High School Band Staff

Mr. Jeff Donahue - Band Director
Mrs. Carolyn Adelsperger - Assistant Band Director
Mrs. Tonda Hamilton - Color Guard Advisor
Mr. Caleb Morris - Drum Line Advisor

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Permission Form - Please turn in by Friday, May 10th to Mr. Donahue

I have read, acknowledge, and agree to the rules, schedule (attached), and commitments for the 2024-2025 HS Band outlined in this handbook. This includes permission to participate in all school approved field trips, attend practices and performances, participate in school approved fundraisers, and to pay for the required uniform items.

Media Consent:

I **give** my student permission to be included in media publications promoting the Band.

I **do not give** my student permission to be included in media publications promoting the Band.

Enrollment:

Enroll my student in High School Band (Grades 9-12) class for next year.

HS Band Fee: \$125.00

Due Date for HS Band Fee: Friday, May 10th

This fee covers Marching Panthers T-Shirts & Shorts used for their summer uniform, Marching Panthers Section/Show Shirts, Pep Band T-Shirt, Music & Equipment. Please see Mr. Donahue if you need additional time to make the payment or to split the payment into smaller amounts. Let Mr. Donahue know if you need financial assistance and it will be provided so every student may participate.

Additional items not included in the fee above (select which items you need):

Marching Panthers Uniform Shoes (if needed) \$35.00

**Required for all new members (1 pair) - may be used multiple years.*

Marching Panthers Gloves (if needed) \$4.00 per pair

**Required for all new members who play woodwind/brass/color guard (1 pair)*

Marching Panthers Drawstring Bag (optional) \$12.00

Marching Panthers Hoodie (optional) \$40.00

\$_____ **Total Money Due - Cash/Check payable to 'Southeastern Band'**

Mandatory High School Band Parent Night - Monday, May 13 from 5:30-6:00 PM to go over the schedule, sign up to help during the upcoming season, and to answer any questions.

Signatures:

Student Name (PRINTED): _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____