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# Frontier Local Schools

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# Band

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# Handbook

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## Frontier Bands Mission

Frontier bands mission is to educate students in the art of music. We do this through a student-centered and positive learning environment, a seamless developmental curriculum, teamwork, and a strong work ethic. Frontier band students will treat staff, visitors, and each other with respect at all times. Our band first serves the students who make up this program giving them a skill that can be used for a life time. Second, we serve the school who gives us the opportunity to learn. Finally we use our gifts to serve our community so that we can give back for all that has been given to us.

## Academic Class

### Concert Band & Marching Band

At Frontier, Concert Band and Marching Band are the same course. When a student signs up for “band” they are signing up for both bands. Both bands are required with the only exception being high school football players are exempt from game performances with the expectation they will perform other marching functions such as festivals, competitions, and parades. This is a co-curricular class with an outside of school-time commitment. When a student signs up for band, they are agreeing to be at these required events. If a student can not make these required performances, they should not sign up for band class.

# Expectations

## *Respect*

All students in the Frontier Band program will treat each other with respect. It is not expected that everyone will like everyone else all of the time. However, it is expected that everyone will treat everyone with respect at all times. This includes how we talk to each other, how we interact with each other, and being respectful of others belongings and space.

In addition to being respectful of each other, we are to be especially respectful of administrators, teachers, parents, and other visitors or adults in which we come in contact. **Regardless of the situation, unless it is a safety issue, you are to be respectful.** Failure to comply with this basic rule can result in dismissal from the band program.

## *Facilities*

Students will be required to help clean the band room and to maintain their spaces within it. Different sections may have different responsibilities, however it is up to all of us to keep our area clean. If you see trash on the floor, even if it's not yours, please pick it up. It benefits all of us when you do.

## *Rehearsals*

It is imperative that band students be organized and prepared for every rehearsal. When an individual is not able to play his/her musical instrument during a rehearsal, it hurts the GROUP as well as the individual. It is important that:

- student's musical instrument is in good working condition

- student has their music
- student has a pencil to mark their music
- student has important accessories such as mutes, reeds, and valve oil for EVERY rehearsal.
- student's music is learned FOR rehearsal not during rehearsal

It should be obvious that the creative process in which we are involved cannot take place unless there is a quiet, attentive atmosphere in the classroom. Students who do not live up to the rehearsal expectations of the Frontier Band will be counseled, and, if necessary removed from the band program completely.

## *Attendance*

A yearly band calendar is enclosed for your use in planning your family schedule for the school year. Each band student is important to the success of our group. There is no second string. We must be able to count on 100% attendance at these rehearsals and performances. Student job commitments and “select sports” are NOT reasons for an excused absence from band performances or rehearsals unless worked out with Ms. Barnett in advance. We suggest that these students take a copy of the “Yearly Band Calendar” to his/her parents, employer and/or coach and clear all band performances and plan to split time between rehearsals and practices. Most employers and coaches are very understanding and are flexible if they know of band commitments well in advance, and they understand that band performances are a required and vital part of the course work. If a band student has an unexcused absence from a performance/rehearsal, they are subject to immediate removal from the band program.

## School-Owned Instruments and Equipment

School-owned instruments are to be treated with respect and kept maintained and in orderly condition. Anyone who fails to keep their instrument in this manner or loses their instrument may be asked to pay an additional fee to help with cleaning and repairs or may lose the opportunity to use equipment in the future.

# Grading

Grading in band is based upon participation and playing evaluation. Band students receive a grade for each performance attended.... i.e., football games, concerts, competitions, etc. Students will receive additional grades based on daily participation, sectionals, playing & written tests, etc. Students must have equipment in good working order and be present at all required rehearsals and performances to earn their participation grade. If these expectations are not met, the participation grade may be affected.

# Academic Eligibility

All Ohio music organizations adhere to the eligibility rules and regulations as stated by OMEA. A one week grace period follows each grading and progress period. Then Ms. Barnett will enforce all eligibility rules and regulations. Students who are ineligible will continue to rehearse during his/her band class, before and after school, and participate in curricular performances to earn his/her band grade. Ineligible students may not travel with the band or participate in extra, non-curricular performances or trips. An example of a curricular performance would be a spring concert and an extracurricular trip would be a trip to go see Ohio State's band. Be advised that excessive absences from school may also result in a student being declared ineligible. Both Marching Band and Concert Band are group activities, each individual band student plays an important part in the success of the group. The band director consults both with teachers and students for strategies for improving individual student performance. Obviously, we cannot be successful as a band unless our students are successfully passing ALL classes. Students who are ineligible for 2 consecutive 9 week grading periods will be put on academic probation. If they do not become eligible the following 9 week grading period, they will be removed from the band program. This will allow the student to focus on passing academic classes during the next semester. Students wishing to be considered for reinstatement in band following this probation must bring documentation (report card) to a band director proving academic success during each grading period of the succeeding semester for all classes. Academic success is defined as passing all subjects during every grading period. Students must also maintain a clean discipline record with the school. This process is set up to help the academic success of the individual student.

# Performances and Uniforms

Whenever we travel we are representing our program, our school, and our community. We should always be on our best behavior and anything less will not be tolerated. Students will be expected to be responsible for sticking to the itinerary and following all instructions. Failure to do so will result in calling parents to come pick up the student and/or dismissal from the band program.

When in uniform, students will be required to wear the uniform properly. You will be given directions on what is acceptable for the time being, please do not do anything different (i.e. no backwards hats/ no pants falling down / etc.). Uniforms mean something. They are the visual representation of our band program, be respectful of that.

# Social Media Use

It is fine and also encouraged for Frontier Band students to post fun and positive events on social media. However, no band student shall post anything negative regarding the school, band, or band members. The consequence for this act will be immediate and permanent removal from the program. When you become part of a team, you are representing something bigger than yourself and with that comes responsibility. It is our responsibility to represent the school and community in the best light possible. If you have any issues, please come address them with me directly.

## 25-26 Frontier Band Calendar

### Band Camp

Mon. - Fri.	August	4-8	Band Camp	FHS	9:00 - 4:00
Mon. - Fri.	August	11-15	Band Camp	FHS	9:00 - 4:00

### Football Games- Marching Season

*\*call time for home games is 5:30, call time for away games varies*

Thursday	August	21	Bridgeport	Home	7:00
Friday	August	29	Miller	Home	7:00
Friday	September	5	Clay Batelle	Away	7:00
Friday	September	12	Shadyside	Away	7:00
Friday	September	19	Valley	Away	7:00
Friday	September	26	St. Marys	Home	7:00
Friday	October	3	Conotton Valley	Away	7:00
Friday	October	10	Magnolia	Home	7:00
Friday	October	17	Shenandoah	Home	7:00
Friday	October	24	River	Home	7:00
Tuesday	November	11	Veterans Day Parade		TBA
Saturday	December	6	Christmas Parade	New Mat	TBA

### Concert Season

District 9 Honor Band Auditions			TBA		
Thursday	December	11	Christmas Concert	FHS	6:30
Saturday	February	21	Marching Pre-Camp I	FHS	9:00-12:00
Saturday	March	21	Marching Pre-Camp II		9:00-12:00
TBA	March	TBA	OMEA Large Group Evals		TBA
Saturday	April	25	Marching Pre-Camp III		9:00-12:00
Thursday	May	7	Spring Concert		6:30
Friday	May	15	Band Banquet		6:30
Friday	May	22	Graduation		7:00



# Parent/Guardian Agreement

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I am confirming that I, the parent/guardian, have read the 2025-2026 Frontier Band Handbook **and calendar** and agree to the policies stated above, particularly the **behavior, grading, attendance, and equipment policies listed above.** I understand that failure to meet these expectations may result in disciplinary consequences or even removal from the band program for my child. I also understand that if I have any questions or concerns, I can contact Mrs. Barnett at any time for more information.

- ☐ check here if you have reviewed the calendar and agree to be at all rehearsals and performances unless an emergency or previously discussed situation.
- ☐ check here if you allow your child's image to be used on social media and the band website

Student's t-shirt size -      adult              S          M          L          XL          XXL          XXXL          XXXXL

Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian phone: \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_