

Band Handbook

2019 – 2020

Welcome

I am pleased that you have elected to become a member of the Valley Stream Central High School Band. I hope that you will enjoy your participation while sharing your talents. Since the Central High School Band is an elective and is geared towards performances, please honor your responsibilities to the program and to the public display of your talents.

Each musical organization emphasizes different techniques and styles to help you be a well-rounded musician and person. I hope that what you learn here will enable you to carry on with music after you leave the program.

Concert Band
Marching Band

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Dates for the 2019-2020 School Year

Marching Band Season: (in bold print)

Sept. 14	Saturday	1:30 PM	Memorial JHS
Sept. 21	Saturday	1:30 PM	Memorial JHS
Oct. 11	Friday	6:30 PM	Pep Rally / GYM
Oct. 12	Saturday	1:30 PM	Memorial JHS
Oct. 19	Saturday	1:30 PM	Memorial JHS
Oct. 21	Monday	4:45 PM	District Marching Band Festival
<i>Oct 28</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>4:45 PM</i>	<i>Rain Date</i>
May 25	Monday	9:30 AM	Memorial Day Parade

Concerts:

Dec. 11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Winter Concert
June 10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Spring Concert

Extras:

March 20	Friday	7:30 PM	District Music Festival
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Valley Stream Central High School District Performance Grading System

Grading Practices for Musical Performing Organizations

There are four main areas that make up the criteria for every student's evaluation during each marking period. The emphasis may vary within each area from one marking period to the next depending on specific needs for each ensemble.

The four main areas for each student are:

1. Daily class work
2. Lessons
3. Overall Musical Performance and Improvement
4. Public Performances

Specifics within each area:

1. Daily class work - Includes, but not limited to, care of instrument; putting away equipment and music; effort; following directions; attitude; written and playing tests, and contribution to daily activities.
2. Lessons - Includes, but not limited to, work on individual skills, improvement in musical knowledge, solos and small ensemble work, working knowledge of music theory, and specific lesson material.
3. Overall Musical Performance - Includes, but not limited to, lesson materials, individual playing tests, auditions, and overall improvement in performance.
4. Public Performances - Includes any performances in or out of school and any out of school rehearsals.

“Public Performances are a Required Part of the Program and Students Must Be Prepared to Participate as Scheduled.”

Band Requirements

In order to be a member of the Central High School **Marching Band**, you will need the following:

Black Shoes, or All Black Sneakers
Black Socks

Please do not wait until the last minute to obtain these items!

Uniform

You will be issued a uniform. You will take it home for the school year and return it **CLEANED** after the Memorial Day Parade. You are responsible for this uniform and will replace any lost or damaged items. Uniforms are machine washable! Wash cold and hang dry. When you wear your uniform, wear it correctly! You represent Central High School in a very public way! Be proud to be a member of the Band!

Music Folder

Each person will be assigned a music folder to protect the music being rehearsed and performed. It will be returned to the proper place after each use. The folder shall be kept neat and clean at all times. The function of the folder is to protect the expensive music that it holds. Do your best to return the music to the folder so that it does not get ripped or creased.

Concert Dress

All Black, Dress pants, dress shirt, black shoes

No Jeans, No Tee Shirts, Tank Tops, Muscle Shirts, No Sweats, No Sneakers

Expectations

Rehearsal

1. You are expected to attend all rehearsals, lessons, and performances. Please be certain that you are in the correct organization on each “Priority Day.” This is imperative for attendance procedures.
 - a. Be on time.
 - b. Stay the entire class.
 - c. Have a pencil in your folder
 - d. Be prepared (please have your instrument, music & folder)
 - e. Gum or any food **will not** be allowed in the music classroom.
2. You are expected to practice your music.
3. It is expected that any disagreement that you may have with the person in charge will be taken up after rehearsal. Time is a valuable commodity and must not be wasted.
4. It is expected that the room and its contents will remain free from “graffiti.”

Instruments

1. Every student will be issued a school instrument. You are responsible for its upkeep. If it needs repair, see me immediately. Do not try to play on a broken instrument. If it is damaged through misuse while in your care, you will pay for the damages. You are also responsible for all items in the case: mouthpiece, cap, lyre, neck strap, & etc. You lose it.... you buy a new one.
2. If you forgot your instrument or your instrument is out for repair, please do not borrow another student’s instrument, for security and sanitary reasons.
3. **Students must bring in their own combination lock to secure their instruments in their respected instrument storage compartments, if they wish to lock up their instruments.**

Performances

1. You are required to attend all concerts. Consider a performance as a final exam displaying all the work you've studied up to that date.
2. You are expected to be punctual and properly attired.
3. Concerts are the culmination of many weeks of hard work in rehearsal and preparation. When you are on stage, concentrate and perform
4. **All unexcused absences will receive no credit!**
5. Each student is expected to participate in all performances of the organization(s) of which s/he is a member. The district practice of using a "contract" sheet will provide each person with the date(s) for which s/he will be responsible and will provide the teacher with the information of any existing conflicts.
All students must sign and have a parent/legal guardian sign this form and return it to Mr. Coleman by the first performance.
6. Excuses in regards to an illness must be accompanied by a physician's note
7. Work Excuse: Since the dates and times have been given to the student/parent in September, I would like the student to work out employment schedules around these performances. Work excuses will not be accepted on any terms. Please remember that the student does receive a grade for these events, and that the student elected to take this performance oriented class.
8. In case of an excused absence, you must demonstrate your ability to perform the concert music for performance credit. This make-up performance must take place within one week of the scheduled performance. If you do not, no credit will be received.
9. All absences not explained on the "contract" sheet require a written note from home immediately following the performance. An unexcused absence will receive no credit.
10. The following policy is stated in the Student Handbook in regards to an absence to a school function, such as any of the music concerts. The policy is adhered to for all musical activities. "A student may not take part in a public performance, practice session, grade or council meeting, rehearsal, or any other after school activity (including the Senior Prom) done under the auspices of the school unless s/he has attended school that day or has been granted special permission by the principal. Students must be in school prior to the end of their first class in order to participate."

Music Lessons

Students participating in music are expected to attend lessons during the marking period. Lesson Schedules will be posted on the music classroom door. Please check this schedule on your own time. Do not ask a teacher to let you out of class to check the lesson schedule. With the rotation lesson plan, you will have a lesson during a different period each week. You will miss the same class period only once a in a given month. It will be necessary for you to plan in advance to know your schedule and be prepared with your instrument and lesson materials. Your attendance at music lessons is a very important part of your marking period grade. Don't jeopardize your report card mark because of missed lessons.

Music Lesson Absence

1. If you miss a music lesson because of a test or a major demonstration, then you must make up that lesson within 6 days during that same period that your original lesson was scheduled for.
2. If you missed your lesson because you forgot, then refer to the example above.

Instruments

Valley Stream Central High School District is not responsible or liable for any personal articles stolen or damaged in the school buildings. An insurance company has indicated that 75% of all Homeowner policies cover for Off Premise Theft. For your protection, please contact your insurance agent for more information.

Valley Stream Central High School
Band Contract
2019- 2020

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. Listed below are all the band performances that you are responsible for participating in for the 2019-2020 school year. After you and your parents have read the Band Handbook and looked over the dates below, please sign on the appropriate lines and return the bottom portion to Mr. Coleman by **September 13th.**

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Students Name (print) _____

I have read through the handbook and these performance dates, and find there to be no conflicts. Any conflicts that I am aware of are placed on the back of this contract.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Any questions you may have, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Coleman at 561-4475 or email: Colemand@vschsd.org