



SAM HOUSTON



Pride & Spirit

BAND

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Welcome to the 2026-2027 Pride and Spirit Band!
We are looking forward to another great year!
Please refer to this handbook for information
regarding this award-winning program.

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HANDBOOK OVERVIEW

No handbook can cover every single situation or question concerning a band program. If parents have questions and/or problems, which are not covered or answered in this information sheet, please call the directors at 217-4480 ext 5122, during regular school hours. If necessary, you may schedule an appointment to discuss your questions and/or problem. Most problems are a matter of miscommunication and are easily solved.

The entire goal of the band program is to provide the best learning experience possible for our students. There are sacrifices which have to be made by all concerned. The directors themselves are human, and many may not always agree with the decisions they have to make. However, ALL decisions are based upon the following criteria in this order:

1. The welfare of the entire band program
2. The welfare of the majority of the band
3. The welfare of the individual student.

Nothing will ever be perfect. A good program has taken years to develop and can be destroyed almost overnight by unfounded criticism. At best, it is sometimes difficult working with a large number of students, parents, administrators, and community people, as well as meeting the rigorous performance schedule demanded by the Sam Houston Band program.

Stay informed: In this program, it is the band student's responsibility to know what they are doing, when they are doing it and what they need to get it done. However, we know things get hectic sometimes and we can "remind" the student of what is happening. **Students and parents are encouraged to sign-up for "Remind" texts, more info will be distributed during band camp.**

Parents only are encouraged to join the **Pride and Spirit Band Boosters Facebook Page** (no students!) Please answer the membership questions to speed up the approval process.

BAND BOOSTERS

All parents are urged to participate in the Band Booster organization. This group provides additional support of our band program, not provided by the school district. The boosters help to pay for travel costs and other financial concerns of the band, as needed though the year, as deemed by the directors. We will need your help again this year, please try to help in any of the following areas:

- Friday night Football Concessions
- McNeese Football concessions
- Chaperoning trips and parties
- Pulling equipment trailers
- Helping load equipment and moving equipment at performances.
- Cooking and serving the annual Band BBQ
- Bus drivers to drive for Performances.
- Sewing and Hemming
- Electrical and Plumbing work in Concession stand

To be an actual Chaperone for functions, the booster must attend Chaperone Academy for the year. This will be held on Aug. 17, 2026, at 6 p.m. If you are unable to attend, you can attend Labor Day (Sept. 7th) at 6 p.m. The Academy is a chance for parents to go over rules and regulations and expectations for the new school year.

We have ONE booster meeting per year, please make every effort to be there. The meeting is on August 20, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

MEDICAL FORMS

Medical Forms/Proof of Medical Insurance: Due by Friday 7/31/26 (end of band camp)

All students in the “Pride & Spirit” Band MUST have a current CPSB medical form packet on file in the band office. Students may not participate with the band until the forms are on file. This is to protect the student and the parent in case of medical emergencies. A photocopy of the student’s Insurance card must also be on file. Forms must be turned in by Friday, July 31, 2026. Forms are given out to each student during band camp. If they lose it, another form can be downloaded from Sam Houston website or the Booster Facebook page. Everyone Must have a form to participate. This is a parish rule.

STUDENT BAND LEADERS

Drum Majors

Drum Majors are selected by audition every year. Drum Majors must have at least 3.2 GPA overall to audition. The Drum Majors are required to go to drum major camp during the summer before summer band camp begins. Drum Majors are the exemplary leaders to the band program at Sam Houston; therefore, they must not cause any unnecessary disgrace to the band program and/or the school or community. If this expectation is broken at any time, the Drum Major will automatically be dismissed from their position as Drum Major for the remainder of the school year and will not be allowed to audition again.

Band Officers:

All officers are appointed by the SHHS Directors. They are appointed based on how they have functioned in the organization up to the present time of appointment.

We use a “3 strikes, you’re out rule. An officer receives a strike for NOT doing their assigned responsibility. When they have accumulated 3 strikes, they are removed from office and replaced. Being an officer is a **privilege** not a **right**.

INSTRUMENTS

Instrument Repairs

When horns go into the shop, the directors need a statement, in writing, from the music store, stating the horn is being repaired and the date that it was brought into the shop. (This can be a store repair ticket.) School owned instruments are checked out to students in good playing condition and are EXPECTED to be RETURNED at the end of the school year/season in the same condition.

Failure to have a horn and/or your equipment at a rehearsal result in 20 points taken off your weekly score per day.

Lost/Broken Equipment

Students that are using Sam Houston Band Equipment (horns, mutes, mouthpieces, uniforms, etc.) are financially responsible for equipment that is checked out to the student. Damages to equipment shall be paid for by the individual. Lost uniform parts, undue mistreatment of school uniforms/equipment is the responsibility of each individual student in the program.

LETTERMEN JACKETS (Senior Jackets)

This year’s Only Order date: Wednesday, 7/29/2026 @ 4:00 (after band camp) Payments will be made directly to Jostens.

Students may elect to get a Band letterman’s jacket during their senior year of participation in band. The band (band boosters) will pay for the letters and bars of service for currently enrolled students, while the student will cover the cost of the jacket and patches. Jackets are

ordered once a year, customarily on the Wednesday of band camp. Band students that achieve the level of pacesetter by their junior year are eligible to order their band jacket their Junior Year (not sophomore year). This is a privilege of being a Sam Houston “Pride & Spirit” Pacesetter. Students already receiving their athletic jackets for participating in sports, are eligible for band patches, inserts, and bars for their band awards. (These will be paid for by the individual band student).

BUS TRAVEL FOR PERFORMANCES

All students are to travel on the school bus to the function.

Please note: Any major infraction of school rules (alcohol, tobacco, tobacco products, & drugs) that lead to out-of-school suspension of a student deemed by the principal and/or school board **will not be allowed to travel out of (parish)** with the band for any band trip/function for the duration of that school, year, unless under parental transportation and supervision. Not attending the band function will result in a **Grade of “0”** for each function not attended. All School rules apply on all trips.

After the function, parents may check their child out to ride home with them. This is done by face-to-face view with the parent to the director after the game. Notes are not sufficient. Face to Face only. You may not check out any other person’s child unless the Directors have seen, face to face, the other student’s parents.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE JOBS Students who have jobs should work with their employer to be able to attend all rehearsals and performances. Band is a school related event that is part of a student’s educational experience and should have priority. Calendars are given out in advance so members can plan their schedule.

UNIFORMS

Summer Uniform for September Games and Travel destinations

Members of all sections of the band will wear:

- Regulation “Pride & Spirit” Band Travel Shirt (ordered during camp)
Regulation uniform pants (Black Capri pants for Guard)
- Solid black crew socks (NO ankle socks) (1/4 way up ankle)
- Regulation, black band shoes (guard jazz shoes)

Shoes

All members of the horn line and drumline will need black regulation band shoes for their summer and dress uniforms. Shoes can be ordered from Lafayette Music on Prien Lake Rd. or on these websites: <https://a.co/d/8urpmhl> ... <https://a.co/d/g5xk5ix> ... www.bandshoppe.com/shop/shoes/band-shoes/dinkles-glide-marching-band-shoe-104055/black/default.html www.bandshoppe.com/shop/shoes/band-shoes/dsi-mtx-marching-band-shoe-107000/black/default.html www.jwpepper.com/dsi-mxt-marching-shoe-black/11386539.item DON’T WAIT TILL TH LAST MINUTE TO GET YOUR SHOES!

Shirt

The “Pride & Spirit” Travel Shirt is a moisture wicking style shirt. Shirt will be ordered during band camp. This cost is NOT covered in your band fee and will need to be paid for at the time of order (during band camp)

FEES, FUNDRAISERS, and TURNING IN MONEY

Fees

This is a list of fees assessed by Band Program

Band fee: \$100 per student enrolled.

Fundraiser fee: \$100 per family (can be worked off by selling items)

Percussion fee: \$40 per percussionist

Color guard fee: \$40 per guard member

Clothing essentials: Varies year to year (Shoes, shirts, Uniform parts)

Make a cake or pay \$15 to the annual Barbeque and Cake sale.

Band fee

All members of the band (all sections) pay a one-time Band fee of **\$100.00**, which is to be paid by the Friday of the first football game. Band fee covers cleaning of uniforms, entry fees, yearbook pictures, travel, instructors, Spring awards, band camp, music copy supplies, music, socials, gloves, special meals for the band, etc. (generally everything that we need to pay for). Please take care of this as soon as possible.

Percussionist fee

In addition to the Band Fee, all percussionists pay a one-time Drum Fee of \$40.00 for additional supplies and instructors.

Color Guard/Winter Guard Fee

Additional Costs for Color Guard/Winter Guard may occur, and a letter will be sent with the information regarding these costs. During band camp we will order the guard bags at an additional cost.

Fundraisers

Each household in the band program is required to raise **\$100.00** worth of profit to help secure necessary items for the program for the year. (This figure was derived from selling 10 bronco cards, 16 BBQ tickets, 1 box of chocolate, etc.). Please see the chart below. Band Profit is what the band makes on each item sold after expenses.

We have 3 basic fundraisers for the band each year: Bronco Buster Value Cards, chocolate sale, and the annual Barbeque and Bake Sale. In addition, if a student desires to go on the annual spring trip (which is not required), the student will receive a certain amount of credit for each item sold on his name (student credit).

	Band Profit applied to \$100 Fundraiser fee.	Student Credit applied to the cost of Spring Trip	
Bronco Cards	\$5.00	\$3.00	
BBQ tickets	\$1.50	\$2.00	
World's Finest Chocolate	\$15.00	\$15.00	

If you do not wish to participate in any fundraiser, you may elect to pay the **\$100.00** up front. If you want to sell some items, but not everything, you may calculate your band profit earnings on what you sold and pay the difference of the \$100.00 that is owed. (Any combination would work). We want to encourage families to sell items, if possible, for it generates more money for the program and your students.

Bronco Buster Cards

We start selling these on the 1st day of band camp and sell them until the end of September--specific date TBD. Cards sell for \$12 and are a great value.

World's Finest Chocolate

We start selling these during August immediately after school starts. One box contains 40 chocolate bars that sell for \$2 each. Each box is worth \$80.

BBQ Tickets & Bake Sale

Set in late January or early February, BBQ tickets are \$14.00. Every household is required to donate one homemade cake for the Bake Sale. If baked goods are not provided, **a \$15.00 assessment will be applied in addition to the fundraiser fee.**

McNeese Concessions/Hawking

Students planning on going on the spring trip will be eligible to work at McNeese State University football concessions. We use concession stand workers and hawkers for all home McNeese games. Student Concession workers earn \$25 credit per game, which is deposited into the spring trip account. Hawkers receive credit for the percentage of the products that they sell. Sign up for McNeese Concessions will be done by Mrs. Becky/Mrs. Tina during the first week of school. **(Working at McNeese WILL NOT reduce your fundraiser fee)**

Turning in Money/Paying Fees

All the money turned into the band office must be in an **envelope** clearly marked with Student's name, what the money is for, and the amount of money inside the envelope and their ID #, band hour.

For example:

Little Johnny, Jr., Student ID number, band hour

Amount enclosed (example \$60 (check #1234)

What are you paying for... (example Band Fee)

SPRING TRIPS

All members in good standing of the “Pride & Spirit” Band are eligible to attend a spring trip at the end of each year. These trips are not mandatory, however, in certain cases when there are performances involved, a trip might have to be changed, due to lack of participation from the performing group’s membership. The Calcasieu Parish School Board mandates that to miss days of school, a band must perform. Calcasieu Parish School Board also mandates that a student must be passing a class the previous grading period, in order to miss that class and/or have the teacher’s permission to miss that class. Please note: Any major infraction (alcohol, tobacco, tobacco products & drugs) of school rules that lead to out-of-school suspension of a student deemed by the principal and/or school board will not be allowed to travel out of parish with the band for any band trip/function for the duration of that school year, unless under parental transportation and supervision. All School rules apply on all trips.

Trip payments are non-refundable due to reservations that have to be made on buses, hotels, etc. in advance. Students that have discipline problems may be ineligible to participate in spring trips (as deemed by the directors and/or principal).

Information will be given as to destination, prices, etc. at our regular yearly Booster meeting.

GUESTS AND EX-BAND STUDENTS AT FUNCTIONS

Band social functions are for current band members and their guests only. If a student is dismissed from the SHHS band program/and or elected not to participate in the band program (i.e. dropped band), they will no longer be permitted to attend any SHHS band social functions. These individuals decided not to be part of the organization and the administration feels that they choose not to be a part; therefore, they shouldn’t be a part of the social functions of this band. This does not include students that have graduated, moved, or have never been in high school band. Band Students are responsible, including financially, for any of their guest’s actions.

PERFORMANCES & REHEARSALS

Attendance

Performances: It is the responsibility of every member of the “Pride & Spirit” Band to attend all public performances, unless excused by the directors. These excuses should be given to the directors, in writing, prior to the absence. Calcasieu Parish mandates that an unexcused absence from a performance result in a 2-letter grade deduction for the grading period (70). The 2nd unexcused absence from a performance, the student is dismissed from the organization.

Varsity Winds

Membership into this class is done by **auditioning** into the group.

All Students in Varsity Winds are required to audition for District Honor Band for chair seating. If you audition, you receive 100 points. If you don't, you receive a "0". Honor Band tryouts will be at Barbe High School (Dates to be determined). Chair movement in class will be by individual challenge per chair. Challenger challenges Challengee with a week's notice. One-week later challenge happens, Higher scored wins the chair.

Junior Varsity Concert Band

Students will be placed in Junior Varsity without audition and/or not scoring high enough on their Varsity audition. Seatings in Junior Varsity will be done by a series of evaluations during the course of Concert Season

New: Concert Attire for Jv & Varsity concert bands.

This year, both concert bands, Jv & Varsity will wear the following attire for district band assessments and all concert performances. Boys: Long sleeve black shirt, black pants, black socks, black shoes. Girls: Long sleeve black blouse/shirt/dress, black pants/skirt, black shoes. You may wear your black band shoes for the shoes.

Graduation Performance Grade

All band students are required and expected to play at Graduation. The band presents a 30-minute concert prior to the event and plays through all the introduction ceremonies. This is a performance grade. If you play, you receive a 100, if you're not there; you receive a "0".

Seniors

Your spring concert is your final performance Grade. If you play, you receive 100. If you don't, you receive a "0".

Rain for Bad Weather Policy

Students are to report for performances as requested by the directors. If weather is unsuitable for performance, the directors will dismiss the students from that performance at the band hall. As you know, in Louisiana, it can be sunny in your front yard and raining in your backyard. Directors will make the call based on Internet weather radar. Morning rehearsals will be held inside if raining. If severe weather happens at the time of rehearsal no penalties will be given.

Morning Rehearsals/ Evening Rehearsals

Morning rehearsals begin AT 6:45 am and/or 5:30 p.m. Students are to fall in to opening set at 6:45/ 5:30. Roll will be checked by staff members. Make sure you check in for roll. You must be in your set not to be considered tardy. If you will be late, please call the band hall at 337-217-4480 ext. 5122.

Our rehearsals are considered an extension of the school day, therefore, tardies will be turned into the office. On Tardy Number 4, the tardy is turned into the office. (Everyone gets 3 free tardies with no consequences)

Here are the penalties for tardies.

4 tardies	-8 pts (comes off weekly grades)
5 tardies	-8 pts (comes off weekly grades)
6 tardies	-8 pts (comes off weekly grades)
7 tardies	-8 pts (comes off weekly grades)
8 tardies	-10 pts (comes off weekly grades)
9 tardies	-10 pts (comes off weekly grades)
10 tardies	-10 pts (comes off weekly grades)
11 tardies	-10 pts (comes off weekly grades)
12 tardies	-12 pts (comes off weekly grades)
13 tardies	-12 pts (comes off weekly grades)
14 tardies	-12 pts (comes off weekly grades)
15 tardies	-12 pts (comes off weekly grades)

Skipping Rehearsals

Skipping rehearsal counts as skipping a class; skips will be turned into the office as they occur.

If you are absent from school, there are no consequences. If you are at school and miss rehearsal without being excused by the director/s, you will be considered skipping. Please call the band office (217-4480 ext. 5122) to let us know if you are late or any problems that arise. We have an answering machine that times and dates call to the band hall. We will work with you as long as it is not a habit. Only the band directors decide if the miss is a skip or not.

Penalties are as follows:

1 st skip	-35 pts off weekly grade plus 1 lap.
2 nd skip	-50 pts off weekly grade plus 2 laps.
3 rd skip	-65 pts off weekly grade plus 3 laps.
4 th skip	-80 pts off weekly grade plus 4 laps.
5 th skip	-100 pts off weekly grade.
6 th skip	<u>One Day in School Isolation</u>
7 th skip	<u>One day In School Isolation</u>

Discipline Procedures for Marching Band Rehearsals

The SHHS “Pride & Spirit” Band rehearses approximately 4.0 hours per week for Marching band. It is essential that the band use this time wisely, therefore, discipline is a MUST. Disturbances at rehearsals will be dealt with according to the SHHS Student Handbook. Rehearsal discipline outside the classroom is the same as within the classroom.

IN SIMPLE TERMS: BEHAVE AT REHEARSALS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 A GREAT REHEARSAL MAKES FOR A GREAT PERFORMANCE!!
 DISRESPECT TO DIRECTORS, STAFF MEMBERS, AND BAND CHAPERONES
 WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Students will be disciplined in accordance with the
 SHHS student Handbook.
 ANY DISTRIBUTION AND/OR USE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS PRIOR TO, OR
 DURING A REHEARSAL OR PERFORMANCE, WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE
TERMINATION FROM THE ORGANIZATION. NO DISCUSSION!!

Marching rehearsal discipline (Outside)

Focus during a rehearsal is imperative. There is no room for distractions.

Some disruptions, and the penalties, are as follows:

Talking, gum in rehearsal, no drill book, cutting up, playing out of turn, eating/drinking in rehearsal, no horn or equipment, and not wearing proper shoes for rehearsals (tennis shoes required): results in running one lap (1) per offense. Laps are to be done at conclusion of rehearsal. Laps can be ran or walked within a specified time frame. Laps acquired at morning rehearsals will be run at 3 pm directly after school, regardless of prior commitments. (In case of bad weather, laps will be run the following day at 3 pm) Failure to run laps on day assigned will result in one day ISI. (No Question).

Morning rehearsals run from 6:45 to 7:25. Evening rehearsals run from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. This has been the customary time for rehearsals for many years here at Sam Houston. To have a good band, we have to have everyone here on time. Band hall opens between 6:00 and 6:05 every rehearsal day and 5:00 on Monday evenings.

GRADES

Grading Procedures

Marching Season: Student's grades will be determined by attendance at weekly performance, attendance at required rehearsals, and assigned musical tests during each grading period.

Concert Season: Students grades will be determined by weekly participation grades, attendance at required performances, and assigned musical tests during each grading period.

Grading Policy for Sam Houston "Pride & Spirit" Band

Per 9 weeks

Weekly Participation Grade	100 points
Weekly Performance Grade	100 points
Any playing assignments per 9 weeks	100 points

Minus Points

Minus 8 points will be given to students for breaking rules or disturbances in the classroom setting.

These 8 points will be taken off the students' weekly grades. (On performances, these minus points increase to 25 and are taken off their performance grades)

Electronic Devices

All electronic devices must be turned **OFF** (not silent) during all rehearsals and public performances (games, parades, competitions, etc.). Students violating this rule, will have their devices taken away from them. (Parents, student officers, and/or directors may take cellphones from students breaking this rule.) Cameras with flash are prohibited from flashing on school buses as not to distract the bus driver. Cell phones/tablets are to be kept lower on the seats so bright screens will not distract the bus drivers. Cellphones may be used on bus trips. **WE WILL FOLLOW ALL SCHOOL/STATE CELL PHONE POLICY!**

COLORGUARD RULES

Colorguard members are selected by audition at the end of school. A 2.5 GPA is required of all students auditioning. GPA for being eligible to be a guard officer is 2.7 Overall. All members of the colorguard are required to attend colorguard camp at Sam Houston during the 1st week of summer vacation or at a date deemed by the director. If student cannot attend the Sam Houston camp, the student may go to an accredited colorguard camp, as deemed appropriate by the director. (There are fees involved.) Members of the guard will receive 2 years of PE credit and/or an elective credit for the year. Membership in colorguard *does* require extra monetary expenses yearly. Officers are required to participate in winter guard activities (nd2 Semester) to finish their yearly duties. Winter guard will either be selected or auditioned for, at the end of official marching season. All members of the guard must audition yearly.

YEARLY AWARDS

Awards will be given at the annual Spring Concert/Awards Presentation in May of each year.

Awards are as follows:

- John Phillip Sousa Award...Outstanding Senior Award (Given by directors, a collective/cumulative Award for the full 4 years of high school.
- Best Graduating Senior Award...Outstanding Senior Award given by vote of the "Pride & Spirit" Band members collectively.
- Outstanding Boy and Girl Bandsman in Varsity Winds and the Junior Varsity Concert Band given by the directors.
- Pacesetter Award....Awarded to the 10 top band students in the "Pride & Spirit" Band. This is based on participation in various band functions, ensembles, awards earned, and achievements made by each individual band student during the course of every school year.

- Pacesetter Hall of Fame Award Name added to list of students that
- have achieved the level of Pacesetter all 4 years of high school (Freshman - Senior Year)
- Various Specialty Awards in Percussion and/or Colorguard.
- All State Band Award....Given to students who achieved the level of Louisiana All State Band member for that school year.
- Outstanding Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Band Award....This is not a collective award...It is given to the most outstanding student in each grade classification for their individual achievement for that school year. This is given by the directors/staff and based on accomplishments.

PRIVATE LESSONS

For ambitious students, private lessons are suggested. There are many private teachers in the area. McNeese State University is a good source of private instruction either with McNeese faculty, Alums, or Music Majors looking for some extra cash. If you want to excel this is the way to go. (Honor Band, Allstate)

Communication

The band app will be used for all communication. Each student and parent need to sign up for the app.



POLICY STATEMENT FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PERFORMING GROUPS

There must be individual achievement if there is to be achievement in our music ensembles. The progress of each student will reflect in the performance of the groups in which he plays; they in turn will act as his benefactors in providing him with an outlet for his expressive talent and basis for the furtherance of his appreciation.

The greatest single factor that will determine the success of any individual is attitude.

Students should use these two words – “I WILL.” It takes intense dedication to reach goals. Students should learn to discipline themselves to daily practice foundation in achieving this success.

Because of the nature of the organization, band/choir discipline must, of necessity, be strict. Band/Choir students and parents must be willing to accept the ideals, principles, and discipline; but let us agree on the definition is order. There are also many other things but primarily, discipline is order. There is order in all things physical or material, as well as in all things spiritual or intellectual. With orderliness comes attainment of all things worthwhile. To implant these ideals of order and discipline in the minds of band/choir members is to lay the foundation both for good musicianship and good citizenship.

Consider order from this standpoint. Our band is playing a simple march. We have 80 players, each of whom must correctly perform approximately 500 notes, which makes a total of 40,000 notes, to play. Any one of those notes could be played too long or too short, too early or too late, too loud or too soft. In addition, the notes must all be played in tune, in relationship with the other notes of an individual instrument as well as in relationship with all other instruments.

It is impossible to play well seated or stand next to a person who is playing badly. In a geometry test a person gets all the answers wrong and will not affect the person in the next chair. This is not so in the performance organization. No good notes will cover one bad one.

This is why attendance at rehearsal and performances are of prime importance to all band members. What one person does or does not do affects what other students do.

Because of the uniqueness of a school performing group, attendance at all performances is a requirement for admission to organization. The attendance policy will apply with equal force to all group members.

Absence due to illness or accident will of course, be honored.

However, the director must be notified before a performance.

An unexcused absence from any performance may result in the lowering of a member's grade of no more than two letter grades for that marking period.

The director reserves the right to withhold a student participation in performance organization due to attendance, attitude, or performance infractions.

On the second unexcused, absence, the member is automatically dropped from the performing group and will receive a grade of “U” for that marking period. At the end of the semester the student will be dropped from the program.

In addition to attendance requirements, the following criteria will be used to determine the final grade at the end of a marking period.

“D/F”

Not recognized as a passing grade in a performance organization: used only to point up a definite need which must be corrected during a probationary period.

“C”

Minimum required attendance at performances.

No apparent individual effort to improve through practice.

Minimum contribution to performing group activities: reluctant to assume responsibility.

Rehearsal conducts erratic and uncertain; lacking in self-discipline.

Poor scores on quizzes.

“B”

Prompt, attentive and alert at all rehearsals and performances.

Assumes musical responsibility in performing group; consistent practice to ensure satisfactory performance.

A positive contribution to group activities; definite self-improvement through private lessons and/or individual practice.

Exercises a good self-control, self-discipline, and good, cooperative spirit in group activities.

Fair score on quizzes.

“A”

Shows positive leadership and interest in his particular section; shows independence and resourcefulness in assisting rehearsal procedures.

Outstanding progress in self-improvement through consistent individual practice and solo and ensemble participation.

Strong, positive contributions to the performance group and music department as a whole.

Personal integrity and character best exemplify the principles of the musical organization's code of conduct and ethics.

Good scores on monthly quizzes.

In all performance organizations the will and wishes of the group must take precedence over the will and wishes of the individual.