

HAMLIN HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK 2026-2027

GUIDELINES FOR GROUP SUCCESS

Do

1. Be on time for class, rehearsals, and performances.
2. Listen carefully.
3. Put your instrument and music in its proper place before and after every rehearsal.
4. Take care of your instrument and all the school equipment you use.
5. Clean the bus after band trips.
6. Follow school policies pertaining to conduct and high school dress code during band activities and trips. HCISD dress code is included in the school district handbook.
7. Pass your classes so you can remain eligible for all of our activities and performances.

Don't

1. No food, drink, or chewing gum are allowed in the band hall carpeted areas (bottled water is the only exception).
2. No Cell Phones during rehearsal or performance times. HCISD cell phone policy is included in the school district handbook.
3. If something is not yours, do not touch it. Do not play or handle someone else's instrument or equipment.

REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE POLICIES

All members will be required to attend all rehearsals & performances including Tuesday Night Band and the summer band schedule.

Please know that performance absences will result in alternative assignments and the possibility of a lowered final grade. HCISD excused absences are included in the school district handbook.

A schedule including public performances and competitions will be made available on ParentSquare and in print at the band hall.

BEHAVIOR (so we can be successful as a group!)

Of course, we hope that everyone follows all band and school policies and never needs reminding or corrective action, however the following may occur if rules are violated:

cause	potential effect	example(s)
1st or minor violation	warning, conversation with teacher	off-task during class, poor work habits

2nd or flagrant violation	alternative assignment, teacher/parent conference	disrespect towards teachers, students or property; repeated off-task during class
major violation	referral to principal	fighting, preventing instruction, intentional damage to property
repeated violations without improvement, or extreme violation	removal from the class	repeated preventing instruction, showing disrespect towards others or property; consistently poor participation

BAND GRADES

Grades will be averaged in the following format:

50%	Daily Work and Active Participation (Rehearsals and Performances)
50%	Tests/Quizzes - Group & Individual Work

CARE OF BAND INSTRUMENTS, EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

All instruments and equipment should be in the proper playing condition at all times. Students and Parents take financial responsibility for any band equipment or uniforms damaged or lost by the student. **This is a financial obligation that all parents and students will find enforced by the HCISD Code of Conduct.**

ARTISTIC GUIDANCE/CURRICULUM

The Band Director will have sole discretion over music assignments, instrument assignments, soloists, student leaders, uniforms, and other artistic/competitive aspects of the band program.

When necessary, the Marching Green Drum Major will be selected via a process approved by the Band Director. The Drum Major will be chosen in the spring for service during the following school year and is expected to attend a leadership camp as designated by the Band Director.

LETTERING IN BAND

Band Letters will be awarded to any student (Grades 9-12) who earns a place in the All-Region Band or makes a Division 1 on a Solo at UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest.