

Bowie MS Bands

2009-2010 Handbook



WELCOME

We would like to welcome all students into the BMS Band Program! It is our belief that every student can be successful and we are dedicated to providing a positive learning environment for every student.

This handbook has been written for the Bowie Middle School Band members and their parents with the intent of providing information regarding the purpose, expectation, and scheduled activities of the 2009-2010 band program.

All students and parents are expected to read the entire handbook carefully to avoid conflicts with the procedures and rules stated within.

We are extremely fortunate to have school board members, administration, faculty, and especially parents who are committed and dedicated to creating and maintaining a band program of the highest quality! We look forward to working with you this year and having you as a member of the 2009-2010 Bowie Band Program!!

**ALL FORMS
ARE DUE
SEPTEMBER
4th**

10-2-SUCCESS

1. Always conduct yourself in a manner that brings credit to you, your family, your community, and your school. You should be a positive reflection of Bowie Middle School. *This step will make all other steps possible!*

2. Be loyal, honest and courteous in all dealings with your directors, band members, adult volunteers, and academic teachers.

3. Be prompt and ready to put forth committed effort to excellence in all rehearsals.

“To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late. To be late is unacceptable.”

4. Special care should be taken to see that all personal and school property is properly maintained. NEVER leave your instrument unattended. No one shall play, hold, or otherwise operate or handle another person’s instrument.

5. Practice sufficiently to be prepared to rehearse and perform at the highest level according to your capabilities.

6. The primary use of the band hall is for rehearsals. Never do anything that would interrupt a rehearsal. Practice rooms are for practicing only.

7. Only band students are allowed in the band hall. Please ask your friends to wait outside.

8. Students are responsible for keeping their individual lockers clean and neat. *Everyone will assist with keeping the band hall clean and neat as well.*

9. Students need to bring to their parents’ attention all correspondence which is sent home. Any correspondence which requires a parent signature is to be returned to the band directors promptly.

10. When in doubt – see #1

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Parents – You have a LARGE part in your child’s success!

1. Show an interest in your student’s study of music. Find a regular time and a quiet place for your student to practice.
2. Help your student keep an accurate practice record each week and then sign it. They are due every Monday.
3. Help your student understand the importance of being prepared and on time for class. **Great life skill!**
4. Give the gift and investment of private lessons to your student.
5. Keep a schedule of band activities in a prominent place to help avoid conflicts.
6. Volunteer for band activities – chaperones, uniforms, fundraisers, etc.





GRADING POLICY

Students in band receive a numerical grade for each six weeks. Students are expected to attend all performances, attend all rehearsals, have all their equipment on a daily basis, and work to the best of their abilities. The grading system will be based on three categories:

Rehearsal Grade: 60%

Every student will rehearse every class unless he/she brings a note from a doctor describing a medical condition which would prevent his/her participation. Points will be deducted for the following.

- Non-participation—No instrument, mouthpiece, or good reeds (*Zero and meet with teacher*).
- No music of your own (50 points)
- Not having proper daily supplies (5-10 points for each infraction - see supplies section)
- Disrupting the rehearsal (points at director's discretion).



TEST GRADE: 40%

Written assignments

Performances – count as 2 test

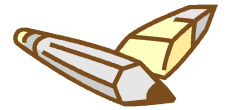
Playing tests – **Pass/Fail**

Section rehearsals

Practice Record – As assigned (can be used for extra credit)



SUPPLIES

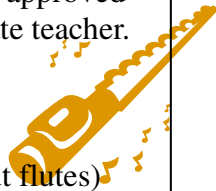


ALL MUSICIANS will be required to have the following everyday in rehearsal:

- Folder with music (we will provide you with ONE folder - \$1 replacement cost)
- Blank notebook paper. You may bring a spiral or just put about 10 sheets in your folder.
- Pencil – **PENS ARE NOT ALLOWED!** Highlighters recommended but not required
- 1 box of Kleenex and 1 bottle of Hand sanitizer (put your name on it please!)
- Name tag for case (We will provide you with one - \$1 replacement cost)

WOODWIND MUSICIANS

- 4 QUALITY reeds approved by your director or private teacher.
- Reed guard
- Mouthpiece cap
- Swab
- Cork grease (all but flutes)



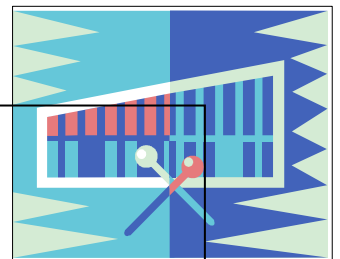
BRASS MUSICIANS

- Valve oil or slide grease

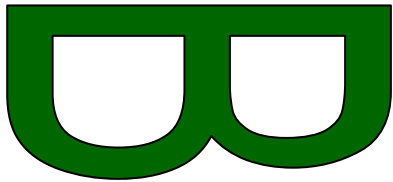
PERCUSSION MUSICIANS

- Stick bag with name tag
- Snare Sticks: Vic Firth SD1
- Keyboard Mallets – Medium
- Timpani Mallets: Vic Firth T1

ALL STICKS & MALLETS MUST HAVE YOUR NAME ON THEM



BOWIE BAND CODE



ON TIME
PREPARED
ATTENTIVE
RESPECTFUL
BOWIE



DAILY CONSEQUENCES



One mark - Self-correction (warning)

Two marks— Meet with director after rehearsal and discuss solutions to problem.

Three marks – Severe disruption

Any SEVERE disruption will be handled by immediate isolation and/ or an office referral. Parents will also be notified by email and/or phone call.

SIX-WEEKS CONSEQUENCES – Based on number of daily consequence

1. First time - meet with director - Self-correction (warning)
2. Second time - Parent contact. – Band detention
3. Third time - Referral to office, parent contact

RESPECT

yourself
your skills
your talents
your performance
your style

others
their talents
their space
their style
their instrument
their uniforms

Property of all
instruments
equipment
supplies
music
Band Hall

*You can have Results or Reasons –
Reasons don't count!*

INSTRUMENTS

WHAT DO I PLAY?



I love ice cream! However, if my grocery store only carries ice-cream, I'm not going to shop there. Luckily, they have a smart manager that carefully selects the number of each product they need in order to be successful to the most customers.



A band is no different. Whatever your favorite instrument is, you're not going to have much of an audience or opportunity to succeed if the band is full of that one instrument.

The directors have many years of experience and success, in helping to determine the type of instrument that each student will be the most successful. There are many factors and variables that help determine what is best for the student and for the Bowie Band as a whole.

HOW DO I GET AN INSTRUMENT?

If you have been selected to play FLUTE, CLARINET, ALTO SAX, TRUMPET or TROMBONE, it is highly encouraged to obtain you own instrument. The enjoyment and care will be highly enhanced with the feeling of your own personal instrument. They are surprisingly affordable, with costs ranging from \$20-\$35/month.

If you already own an instrument, or access to one from a friend or relative, **WE MUST** be allowed to inspect it first.

If you have been selected to play OBOE, BASSOON, BASS CLARINET, TENOR SAX, BARI SAX, FRENCH HORN, EUPHONIUM or TUBA, you will play a school instrument. The Bowie Band has a limited number of these available for an annual fee of \$40.00. Percussion pays \$20.00

NO BOWIE BAND STUDENT will be without an instrument due to finances. If money is a problem, we will work with you in every possible way to obtain a quality instrument for every student.

CONTACT INFO

The most efficient way to contact us is by e-mail. For the best information, always refer to our website. Any thing that is passed out to your child is posted on the website as well.

EMAIL

Mr. McKinzey – kmckinzey@irvingisd.net

Mr. Mendez – smendez@irvingisd.net



PHONE

Band hall phone 972-600-3043
Fax 972-600-3044

WEBSITE

www.irvingisd.net/bowieband



PRIVATE LESSONS

Irving ISD offers a private lesson program during school hours. Mr. Earnhart, Irving Fine Arts Director, will interview, audition and screen local musicians to teach in Irving schools.

These are professional teachers/musicians that specialize on one particular instrument. This is in contrast to a band director that specializes in general knowledge of all instruments. *Think of your family doctor and a heart specialist.*



Lessons are once a week for 30 minutes. The district rate for private teachers is \$16 for one lesson. There is assistance if you need help.

Other than parent involvement, there is no other program available that will greater assist your child's progress.

Band class is a time for ensemble skills, learning blend, balance, tuning and many other skills.

Private lessons allow the time for a professional musician to focus on their individual needs like embouchure, tone production, technique, musicianship and solo lit.



*Private Lesson &
Uniform/Shirt orders are
all on pg. 9*

BAND ATTIRE

The visual impression we make at a performance is very important. It is imperative for all students to look and act their best. We have two looks: formal performance attire and casual performance attire.



FORMAL: For formal performance attire: It is the same as last year. Guys will need to purchase BLACK DRESS pants, black dress shoes and socks. We will furnish the rest. Girls will purchase black dress shoes.



CASUAL: Our casual performance attire will be for all other performances and spirit days. We will wear our Bowie Band shirts (**tucked** in), with our regular school clothes and tennis shoes. The t-shirts come in adult sizes (S-3X) and are \$10.00 each. **You are free to wear last years shirt if you prefer.** No other shirts will be accepted.

Those students not dressed accordingly will be excluded from performing and receive the penalties for nonperformance.

PARENTS

We would also like your support. You may purchase shirts to wear to show your support for your child and for the BOWIE BAND!

T-shirt \$ due Sept. 5th

BOWIE BAND CALENDAR

August 15 th	Region meeting.....	Directors
August 31 st	Sectionals start - TBA.....	7 th / 8 th
September 16 th	Express Fundraiser starts	All
September 29th	Irving Band Festival.....	HB
October 30th	Fall Concert	SB/HB
November 7 th	All-City Tryouts - Lamar	7 th / 8 th
November 13 th / 14 th	All-Region Tryouts - Duncanville	7 th / 8 th
<i>November 23rd – 27th</i>	<i>THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</i>	<i>ALL!!!</i>
December 4 th / 5 th	All-City Band Clinic.....	
December 16 th	Elem Concerts - TBA.....	HB
December 17th	Winter Concert	HB / SB
December 18th	Winter Concert 6th	December 18th
<i>December 21st – Jan 1st</i>	<i>WINTER BREAK!</i>	<i>ALL!!!!</i>
January 11 th	Sectionals restart - TBA.....	HB/SB
January 15 th – 16 th	All-Region Clinic - Duncanville.....	7 th / 8 th

January 20 th	2 nd Semester starts	
January TBA	Fundraiser starts	All
February 19 th	6 th Grade concert (in class).....	Beginner
<i>March 15th – 19th</i>	<i>SPRING BREAK!</i>	<i>ALL!!!!</i>
March 26th	Pre-UIL Contest	HB/SB
March 29th	HB Clinic 4:15 – 6:00	HB
April 5th	HB Clinic 4:15 – 6:00	HB
April 8th – 9th	UIL Contest - TBA	HB/SB
May 11th	Bowie Solo Contest	ALL
May 24th	Spring Concert - 7/8	SB / HB
May 25th	Spring Concert - Beg	Beginner

Spring trips will be scheduled later. Further information will be sent home.

Other opportunities and activities may be added to this calendar.

TRAVEL PERMISSION FORM

Return No later than September 5th, 2009

Student's Name: _____ Grade _____

Students E-mail address: _____ Mobile # _____ Birthday: _____

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Mobile #: _____

Father's Work #: _____ Mother's Work #: _____

Father's E-mail: _____ Mother's E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Insurance: _____ Policy#: _____

Doctor: _____ Phone #: _____

I hereby certify that my son/daughter, _____ has permission to participate in field trips with the BOWIE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND during the 2009-2010 school year.

I agree and do hereby waive and release all claims against the Irving Independent School District and any teacher, employee or other person engaged in the activity in question and agree to hold them harmless from any and all liability relating to my son/daughter for any personal injury or illness that may be suffered or any loss of property that may occur.

I understand that reasonable measures will be taken to safeguard the health and safety of my son/daughter and that I will be notified in the case of an emergency. In the case of an accident or sickness, I authorize the calling of a doctor or the providing of other medical services. **Please provide medication to nurse.**

The medication must be in the original container with the student's name, correct dosage, and when and why it is to be given. A new request for administration of medication will be required for each field trip. Parents or Guardians are responsible for notifying the school of any changes.

It is understood that no participation will be allowed until this form is signed by his/her parent/guardian.

Is there any medical aspect or known allergies we need to know about your child _____ Yes _____ No

Explain: _____

Do you give your permission for the directors to obtain emergency treatment if needed? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you give your permission for your child to swim when participating in a band activity? _____ Yes _____ No

I give my permission for my child to travel with the Bowie Middle School Bands. I have "**READ**" and "**UNDERSTAND**" the "**Bowie BAND HANDBOOK and BLANKET PERMISSION FORM**" and agree to abide by the provisions therein.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents' Signature: _____ Date: _____

FORMA DEL PERMISO DEL RECORRIDO

Volver no más adelante que el 4 de septiembre de 2009

Nombre del estudiante: _____ Grado: _____

Dirección del E-mail de los estudiantes: _____ Cumpleaños: _____

Nombre del padre/del guarda: _____

Dirección: _____ Ciudad: _____ Código postal: _____

Teléfono casero #: _____ Teléfono de la célula #: _____

Trabajo del padre #: _____ Trabajo de la madre #: _____

E-mail del padre: _____ E-mail de la madre: _____

Contacto de la emergencia: _____ Teléfono #: _____

Seguro: _____ Póliza de seguro #: _____

Doctor: _____ Teléfono #: _____

Certifico por este medio que mi hijo/hija, _____ tiene mi permiso de participar en disparos al campo con la BOWIE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND durante el año escolar 2009-2010.

Convengo y por este medio renuncio y lanzo todas las demandas contra el distrito independiente de la escuela de Irving y el cualquier profesor, el empleado o la otra persona contratados a la actividad en la pregunta y acuerdo llevarlas a cabo inofensivas de cualesquiera y toda la responsabilidad referentes a mi hijo/hija para cualesquiera daños corporales o enfermedad que puedan ser sufridos o cualquier pérdida de característica que pueda ocurrir.

Entiendo que las medidas razonables serán tomadas de salvaguardar la salud y la seguridad de mi hijo/hija y que me notificarán en el caso de una emergencia. En el caso de un accidente o de una enfermedad, autorizo llamar de un doctor o el abastecimiento de otros servicios médicos. Proporcionar por favor la medicación a la enfermera. La medicación debe estar en el envase original con el nombre del estudiante, dosificación correcta, y cuando y porqué debe ser dada. Un nuevo pedido la administración de la medicación será requerido para cada disparo al campo. Los padres o los guardas son responsables de notificar la escuela de cualquier cambio.

Se entiende que no se permitirá ninguna participación hasta que esta forma es firmada por su padre/guarda.

¿Hay aspecto médico o alergias sabidas que necesitemos saber sobre tu niño? Si No

Explicar: _____

¿Das tu permiso para que los directores obtengan el tratamiento de la emergencia si está necesitado? Si No

¿Das tu permiso para tu niño a la nadada al participar en una actividad de la venda? Si No

Doy mi permiso para que niño al recorrido con las BOWIE MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS. He leído y entiendo la FORMA del PERMISO del MANUAL y del RECORRIDO de la BAND de BOWIE y accepto seguir las provisiones en esto.

Entiendo que es RESPONSABILIDAD de de mi NIÑO' DE PARTICIPAR EN TODAS LAS ACTIVIDADES DE LA BAND.

Firma del estudiante: _____ Fecha: _____

Firma de los padres: _____ Fecha: _____

PRIVATE LESSON FORM

I wish for my child to participate in the Irving ISD private lesson program. I understand that the cost of instruction is \$16.00 per lesson payable weekly in advance. You may also sign up for group lessons which makes the cost more affordable.

Student (print name) _____ Instrument _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Is there a need for financial aid? _____ Yes _____ No

Return this registration form to your student's band director as soon as possible.

BOWIE BAND UNIFORM ORDER

Casual Band Uniform (*For complete casual uniform information, see "Band Attire" on page 5*)

The Bowie Band T-shirts cost \$10.00 (2X \$11, 3X \$13). They are 100% cotton and come in **adult** sizes S-3X. Please do not allow your student to order a super-sized shirt for themselves. They must be able to tuck in their shirt. Turn this form in with the money to your band directors no later than Friday, September 5th.

REMEMBER, ALL BAND STUDENTS MUST HAVE A BOWIE BAND SHIRT. *We will be using the same shirt as last year; if you have one, you don't have to order a new one.* We also encourage families to purchase one to show their support for their students at band activities.

STUDENT NAME _____

SIZE	QUANTITY	COST
S - \$10.00		
M - \$10.00		
L - \$10.00		
XL - \$10.00		
XXL - \$11.00		
XXXL - \$12.00		
	TOTAL	\$

FORMA PRIVADA DE LA LECCIÓN

Deseo para mi niño participar en el programa privado de la lección de Irving ISD. Entiendo que el coste de instrucción es \$16.00 por la publicación mensual pagadera de la lección por adelantado.

Instrumento del estudiante (nombre de la impresión) _____

Firma del padre/del guarda _____

¿Hay una necesidad de la ayuda financiera? _____ No. _____ Sí

Volver esta forma de registro al director de la venda de tu estudiante cuanto antes.

BOWIE BAND UNIFORM ORDER

Las camisetas de la venda de Bowie costaron \$10.00 (2X \$11, 3X \$13). Son el algodón 100% y vienen de tamaños S-3X del adulto. No permitir por favor que tu estudiante pida una camisa estupendo-clasificada para sí mismos. Deben poder remeter su camisa. Dar vuelta a esta forma adentro con el dinero a tus directores de la venda no más adelante que el viernes 10 de septiembre. RECORDAR, TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES DE LA VENDA DEBE TENER UNA CAMISA DE LA VENDA DE BOWIE. También animamos a familias que compren uno para demostrar su ayuda para sus estudiantes en las actividades de la venda.

Estudiante _____

SIZE	QUANTITY	COST
S - \$10.00		
M - \$10.00		
L - \$10.00		
XL - \$10.00		
XXL - \$11.00		
XXXL - \$12.00		
	TOTAL	\$

Para el uniforme formal, los muchachos necesitarán comprar los pantalones negros del vestido y los zapatos negros en sus el propios. Las muchachas necesitarán comprar los zapatos negros del vestido.

IRVING ISD INSTRUMENT CHECKOUT

Student (print name) _____ Instrument _____

Model _____	Serial # _____
Accessories _____	Condition _____

Director will fill this information in-----

School owned instruments may be issued to students on an as-needed basis to balance instrumentation or for instruments that are not rented by music stores. Students who play these instruments must pay a yearly non-refundable usage fee of \$40.00. Percussion students must pay a \$20.00 yearly non-refundable usage fee. All instrument fees must be paid before a student will be allowed to play in class. Fees are standard throughout the Irving ISD. Students and their parents are responsible for paying for any damages or repair work (other than normal wear and tear or any condition listed above) done to school instruments or equipment during the course of the year. Please make your checks out to the "Bowie Band".

Enseñar los instrumentos poseídos puede ser publicado a los estudiantes sobre una base como-necesaria para balancear la instrumentación o para los instrumentos que no son alquilados por los almacenes de la música. Los estudiantes que tocan estos instrumentos deben pagar un honorario no-reembolsable anual del uso de \$40.00. Los estudiantes de la percusión deben pagar a \$20.00 el honorario no-reembolsable anual del uso. Todos los honorarios del instrumento deben ser pagados antes de que se permita a un estudiante jugar en clase. Los honorarios son estándares a través del Irving ISD. Los estudiantes y sus padres son responsables de pagar cualquier daño o reparan el trabajo (con excepción de desgaste normal y rasgarte o cualquier condición enumerada arriba) hecho para enseñar los instrumentos o el equipo durante el curso del año. Hacer por favor tus cheques hacia fuera a la "BOWIE BAND".

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____

Date Paid _____ Amount _____ Cash/Check # _____

GRADES

Los estudiantes en venta reciben un grado numérico por cada seis semanas. Estudiante ser esperar para atender todo funcionamiento, atender todo ensayo, tener todo su equipo en un diario base, y trabajar mejor su capacidad. El sistema que califica para la venta será basado en tres categorías:

REHEARSAL GRADE: 60%

Cada estudiante ensayará cada clase a menos que he/she traiga una nota de un doctor que describe una condición médica que prevendría su participación. Los puntos serán deducidos para las infracciones. Un cero será ganado si un estudiante se olvida de su instrumento.

TEST GRADE: 40%

- Asignaciones escritas
- Funcionamientos
- Jugando las pruebas - paso/fall
- Ensayos de la sección

CONSECUENCIAS DIARIAS DE LA DISCIPLINA

- Una marca - Uno mismo-corrección (cuidado)
- Reunión de dos marcas con el director después del ensayo

Cualquier interrupción SEVERA será manejada por el aislamiento inmediato y/o una remisión de la oficina. La llamada telefónica notificarán a los padres también el email y/o.

CONSECUENCIAS DE SIX-WEEKS

- Primera vez de satisfacer con a director - Uno mismo-corrección (cuidado)
- Segunda vez - contacto del padre. - Detención de la venta
- Tercera vez y épocas subsecuentes - remisión a la oficina, contacto del padre

CONCIERTOS

Requieren a todos los miembros atender a cualquier funcionamiento de las ventas de Bowie que sea requerido por los directores de la venta. Si hay un conflicto del horario, los padres deben entrar en contacto con al director en la indicación de la escritura: el nombre del estudiante, la fecha y la hora del conflicto, la razón específica del conflicto DOS SEMANAS ANTES DEL ACONTECIMIENTO. Entender por favor, apenas porque notifican a un director no significa necesariamente que la ausencia será excusada. Si un estudiante hace enfermo el día de, después una nota el día siguiente será requerida.

CONSECUENCIAS - es la política de la venta que un funcionamiento constituye como dos grados importantes de la prueba; uno para la etiqueta del concierto y uno para el funcionamiento del concierto. Cualquiera unexcused ausencia de un funcionamiento podían dar lugar a la pérdida de uno o más del siguiente:

- Dos ceros en tu grado del funcionamiento
- Las derechas futuras del funcionamiento
- Partidos de la venta
- Exclusión de viajes de la competencia (cualquier estudiante que faltaba un concierto o una competencia unexcused, no será permitido para ir en su viaje del resorte).
- Pérdida de posición de la silla
- Movido a una venta más baja
- Retiro del programa de la venta